

# THE WARRIOR CHRONICLE

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## Mr. Cain and students film life at Walters for FUSD elementary schools

Jasmine Maung Reporter

Mr. Cain and his team of student volunteers have been making a Walters introduction video for incoming 5th and 6th graders. This video will be shown at almost all FUSD schools to show students what our school is like. This is a very exciting project for Mr. Cain and his team.

Mr. Cain created this project and stated that this would be a good idea to help promote Walters and ease some of the elementary students' tension about making the jump to Walters next year. They started this



Photo by Isabelle Cole

Former Walters student, Jake Wendland, films Mr. Cumpian's class for a video to show incoming students how middle school will be like.

student from Kennedy: Anthony Vasquez, Jack Pesek, Isabelle Cole, Zach Koller, Siyar Pir, and Jake Wendland.

They filmed in different classes for every subject, including Mr. Nicholson's math class. They finished filming on April 4th and now they're doing the editing.

The video will be shown at elementary schools. It is important to have a smooth transition to middle school and decrease any anxiety that current 5th and 6th graders may have.

project in January, and they meet up almost once a week. They're hoping that it will show incoming students that coming to middle school isn't much of a difference to what they're used to. It can also help them find various

opportunities to help and participate in Walters activities.

Six students are helping with this project. There is one 7th grade student, four 8th grade students, and one 12th grade

## Student athletes give their all at Boys Volleyball tryouts

Celeste Nunez Reporter

Boys volleyball has begun with a hit! This year's tryouts for boys' volleyball was held on April 1st and 2nd after school in the multi-purpose room. This seasons' coach is Ms. Weber. Players waited eagerly on Thursday to see who made the team.

During tryouts, the students had to do 90 second drills with various exercises to warm up. Then, Ms. Weber had students demonstrate their ability to bump, hit, serve, and what they would do in game-like situations.

Jacob Noke, a 7th grader, commented, "I'd say serving was the hardest task because you did it in front of everyone and it was nerve-racking. I would think 'What

if I mess up' so I was really anxious about serving."

Besides the difficulties, players played in a safe, fun, and motivational environment. Girls from the A team in volleyball were also helping. Sofia Oros, an 8th grader, who volunteered to help Ms. Weber in the tryouts, describes the tryouts as a fun place where students got to give their all and play the game they love.

Andrew Vandell, an 8th grader, explains, "Tryouts were a fun experience, you worked hard and had a fun time doing each drill. You worked hard but it pays off, so far it's a great experience and I recommend to try out."

Ms. Weber is looking forward to seeing how well the team works with each other. She explains, "I expect that we will improve in many aspects of the game and have fun playing! Practices and games are way more fun with a team that always tries their best and has positive, fun attitude."

For any upcoming students who'd like to try out next year, Ms. Weber is looking for people with a good attitude and who work hard. Some tips she has is to play during lunch, learn the rules in PE, and lastly show up to tryouts with determination!

Congratulations to the students who made the team!

## MESA wins 1<sup>st</sup> place at CSU East Bay



Photo by Mr. Bae  
Hailey Aung and Melody Myae receive medals for winning 1<sup>st</sup> place for the Math Escape Room challenge.

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## 2 Irvington hosts a day of fun, games, and food to share Hispanic traditions

Kori Zendejas Reporter

On April 2, 2019, Irvington High School held an event for a junior high's Spanish 1, 2, and 3 students. Approximately 1,000 attended this field trip and were required to only speak Spanish or they would be taken to "jail" and had to do fun activities to be released.

This event started as a free day for students, since learning a new language is very stressful. Mexican food was provided including tacos, tamales, raspados (shaved ice), Mexican candy, and many drinks such as horchata and hibiscus tea. Around the gym, stations were set up with different games and booths where you had to answer a question to play.

These days learning new languages and cultures is something very useful and inspiring for your peers. Mrs. Z, a Spanish teacher at Irvington commented, "I love being



Photo by Kori Zendejas  
Students could go to various stations to play games, but only if they could answer a question in Spanish first.

involved in these events since more students can understand and respect other cultures and traditions. The students also have the opportunity to compare their own traditions to the Hispanic community."

She added organizing this type of event was a very tough job and she was proud of all the students that put time and effort into making everyone have a smile

on their face.

Fremont is known to be a very diverse city, filled with all types of nationalities. All races coming together make Fremont a very welcoming community for all. Kingston Gardere, an 8th grader stated, "I like when people stop thinking about themselves and try to learn other's traditions for fun. Everyone can share their own culture and maybe you can pick up a new one."

Everyone is born with their own honorable customs, but you should try to get involved and learn from your peers. Being able to connect and relate with others is a good way of sharing your ideas and inspiring others to learn more about your traditions. Kennedy should try to organize these events to show students the diversity on campus and in neighboring schools too.

## New WEB recruits prepare for incoming 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders

Simranjit Neelam Reporter

This summer, Mrs. Staley and Mr. Kinnear are going to be organizing the new WEB team. This is a group of future 8th graders who are going to help the new 6th and 7th graders adjust to middle school. The WEB leaders who are participating are going to meet up in early August.

Mrs. Staley said, "WEB stands for Where

Everybody Belongs." WEB is a place where everyone is treated fair and is an anti-bullying program that helps new students feel more comfortable and turns 8<sup>th</sup> graders into leaders. Mrs. Staley believes that "it [WEB] is great way to show the new 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders

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### April-May Calendar

<b>April 17-18</b>	<b>Talent Show Tryouts</b>
<b>April 22-26</b>	<b>Spring Break</b>
<b>May 1-2</b>	<b>Soccer Tournament Sign-Ups</b>
<b>May 6-10</b>	<b>Soccer Tournament</b>
<b>May 8</b>	<b>Bike to School Day</b>
<b>May 29</b>	<b>Talent Show</b>
<b>May 30</b>	<b>Talent Show Assembly</b>

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Photo by Mr. Bae Walters students relax on the CSU Easy Bay campus after the MESA competition.

Mayely Gonzalez-Martinez Reporter

### CONGRATS TO

Amber Suthaharan, Subha Eranki, Valeria Valdez, Bhairavi Senthilkumar, Sarmila Jagadeesan, Ayesha Salman, Prachiti Sabnis, Erin Banchieri, Archita Rajesh, Alexander Lupoiu, Mathew Gougler, and Bryan Daza

### FOR MAKING IT TO MESA REGIONALS!

The MESA preliminary competition took place on March 23, 2019. The MESA Club attended and was able to win in multiple categories.

On the way, a ball launcher was broken down. Luckily, they fixed the problem right when they got to the university. On their first try the ball launcher didn't work, but the second one was a total success. In the end Amber Suthaharan, Subha Eranki, and Valeria Valdez did an excellent job!

Melody Myae, an 8th grader, competed in the Math Escape Room challenge and won 1st place with her partner, Hailey Aung, 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Melody commented that the Math Escape Room worked on the first try.

The 1<sup>st</sup> place winners advanced to Regional competitions at Google headquarters on April 13, 2019.

Ella Wang      Editorialist

I really want to get into a good college, but it's often very expensive and it would be quite hard to make that much money.

Many smart people never follow their dreams or use their talents for the sole reason that they can't afford it and don't wish to burden their parents, which I find really unfair. So many bright minds that could have been contributing were too poor to afford it!

Many underprivileged students are unable to go to the college they want, or even go to college at all, and are stuck in the vicious cycle of poverty. I happen to know people who come from low income families and often times it's heartbreaking to see your friends not be able to

experience something with you because it is too expensive.

Quite a few people have complained about the cost of private colleges, and some progress has been made. However, Stanford still costs \$69,109 alone, regardless of if you have a dorm there. Berkeley costs \$24,782 at the cheapest while living at home.

According to Student Loan Hero Americans have \$1.56 trillion in student debt, which is \$521 billion more than the total U.S credit card debt. The number of people in the U.S is 327.2 million alone, so that means that if the loan was divided evenly everyone would be paying \$4767.73!

My mom is still working and paying off her

student loans while taking care of my brother and me, getting a good home for us, and taking care of two pets, which is quite expensive.

I think that one of the main issues is that some professors get far too much of that money. The average salary of a Stanford professor according to GlassDoor is around \$192,641! The average income for most people is only ¼ of that number. My family happens to have a decent amount of money, but my parents don't make that much for sure.

Additionally, around 45 million people are trying to pay off their student loans in America, while others are spending grands on fake scholarships for their children who don't really care about what they are doing.



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In total, college graduates in America have a total of over a trillion dollars in student debt.

8<sup>th</sup> grader Kingston Gardere said that trying to find your way into scholarships and putting your time into activities while others buy their way in is "messed up."

Isabella De La Mater, commented, "It's terrible, because how can you fake it when you graduate? You can't just fake it to be in it, it's just not right."

## Walters' school nurse advises on methods to prevent sickness on school campus

Richard Flores      Reporter

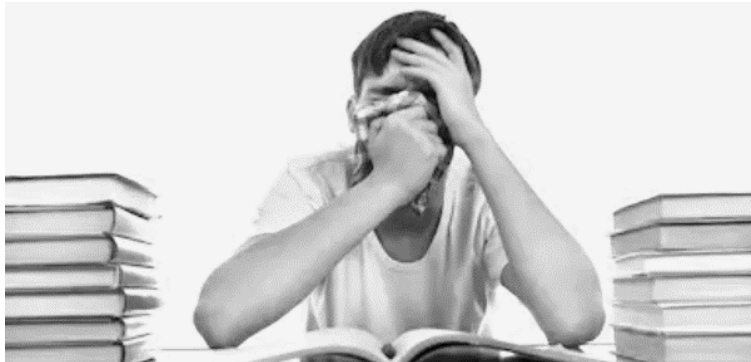


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Washing your hands can be one of the easiest ways to stay sanitary at school that students won't get sick.

ACHOOO!!! Students can look tired, with runny eyes, and runny noses in class. If you don't stay healthy, you could get the class and everyone else sick too.

Ms. Greer is our school nurse, so it's her job to help students who get hurt or sick in school. She decided to be nurse because she "likes to be around the school environment to give students with medical needs the same chance to do everything we can do."

Ms. Greer said, "Kids most commonly get sick in November and March. The most common places to get sick are public places like the airport and park." Ms. Greer advises students "to wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds." When kids get

sick, they should go to the office, so the rest of the class does not get sick. Ms. Greer believes a mandatory health class would be a great idea.

When you see someone in class who's sick, tell them to cough or sneeze into their elbow or into their clothes, so you don't get sick too. Because students share desks, computers, and supplies in class, you should keep your germs to yourself. It's ideal if all the classes have hand sanitizer, tissues, and a sink too.

Overall, be safe and careful when you are sick at school. If you are, go to the office so the nurse can take care of you.

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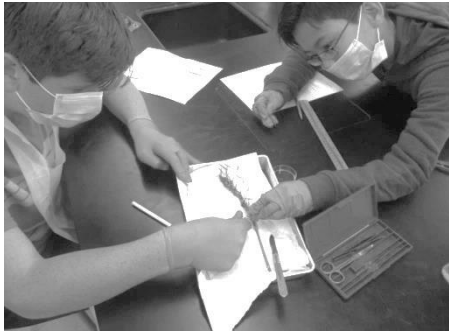
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that the 8th graders are kind.”

Some kids might participate in this program because they want to help others, just like current 7<sup>th</sup> grader Natalie Luong. She stated, “I want to help others, since a new grade is coming. I think it is a good way to let the new 6th and 7th graders feel welcome to middle school.”

She also added that she’s very excited about interacting with the new students who are coming to Walters.

In summary, WEB is a great way to show the new 6th and 7th graders to be less intimidated by the 8th graders, help them feel more comfortable at middle school, and make it easier for them to find their classes.



Photos by Esmeralda Espinoza  
Chase Johnson, Brian Nguyen, and Riyu Reyes dissect a worm in a 5<sup>th</sup> period Science class .

## 7<sup>th</sup> graders learn how to dissect in Science

*Mayely G.M* Assistant Editor

The science teachers have done frog and worm dissection for the past years. Mr. Del Carpio stated, “The dissection is made to try and help kids understand the similarities between animals. We do the dissections every year because it gives us hands-on experience and lets us practice lab safety rules and helps to promote interest in science in a fun environment.”

The school orders buckets of dead frogs to dissect and that are about 35 centimeters long. Students used tools such as a scalpel, scissors, tweezers, and a

probe. They also have to use gloves, aprons, and goggles to protect their face, clothing, and hands from the substances they are dealing with.

Then the fun beings! They start by turning the frog on its belly so all the blood and liquids wouldn’t squirt on their faces. Then they get a scalpel to cut through the skin vertically. The first thing they see are organs and the multiple hearts the frogs had. Overall dissections are a one of a kind learning experience that most students tend to enjoy.

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