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Girls basketball team strive hard to improve their skills

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The girls basketball team has started back up again. A new group of students are getting an opportunity to play basketball for their school.

Allison Miranda, 7th grader, said she is happy to be on the girls basketball team because she can learn more about teamwork and make new friends.

Allison plays shooting guard and her favorite basketball player is Stephen Curry. She stated that her team's offense is better than her team's defense because when they play defense, in her opinion, none of the players guard the person they are supposed to guard.

Kalin Brannon, a 6th member of the team, is excited to be on the girls basketball team because she can



Photo by Kon Chence Delaney

The Girls basketball team works hard to get a better score on each of their games

learn how to play better defense and offense.

Another thing she is thrilled to learn is how to use the playbook. Her favorite players are Larry Byrd and Michael Jordan because they are

really good friends and they are hard working. Kalin said that she plans to play basketball until high school.

Sahar Kazemi, an 8th grader, stated that she loves playing basketball. She has been playing basketball since elementary school and that her dad taught her how to play basketball, which is the reason that she chose to sign up. She thinks that her team's defense is better than their offense because her teammates are really good at defending and getting rebounds. She explained that she plans on taking basketball seriously until after high school.

Bay Area residents participate in the Winter Olympics 2022 in Beijing

Adriana Alonzo Reporter

A handful of people from the Bay Area have competed in the Winter Olympics 2022. The Winter Olympics took place in Beijing, China, on February 4-20, 2022. The Olympics happen every summer and winter. This was set just six months after the Tokyo Games.

24 year old Nina O'Brien, was born and raised in San Francisco. Nina O'Brien does alpine skiing. She has been skiing from a young age.

"Every weekend, my parents would pile four kids and two dogs into the car and drive the 3.5 hours up to Palisades Tahoe" O'Brien stated for ABC News.

Nina O'Brien's coach for this year is Magnus Andersson. ABC News mentioned "The situation has been great. I have a team that wants to improve. That, more than anything, has made it successful and fun." Nina O'Brien has a lot of her favorite career memories but her favorite was scoring her first points at Killington. .

22 year old Karen Chen, who was born in Fremont California. Karen Chen is an American figure skater. She is a three-time U.S. national bronze medalist. She competed in the 2018 Winter Olympics and placed 11th. Karen Chen started to learn to figure skate in 2005. Her coach Tammy Gambil has been a coach ever since she was 19.

Tammy Gambil told ABC News "I want to be in an environment that includes all of the resources that the Olympic Training Center has to offer."

Karen Chen won a gold on the national intermediate level in 2011. The 2019 U.S. championships announced that she wanted to focus on her health. She later revealed that she had been suffering from a stress fracture in her right foot.

People can watch the Olympics on NBC Universal because it's home for the Olympics. Every Winter Games are shown live and on-demand. If you want to watch a specific sport, there will be a time and date for them.

Lack of substitutes at Walters affect teachers' prep

Diara Refuerzo Reporter

Throughout the school year of 2021-2022, Walters has seen a decrease in the amount of substitute teachers. Some classes have found themselves with no substitutes at all. When a class has no substitute, teachers have to step in and substitute for a class during the time they aren't teaching.

"Usually when this happens my class is pretty good because they know it's one of the teachers that work at Walters," Isabella Ponce, a 7th grader, said. She said that one positive effect is a class that is mostly well behaved and shows respect to the teacher when they are substituting.

Though the class is usually well behaved and respectful, the teachers who have to substitute aren't a big fan of doing it.

"My mom is a teacher and she complains about the loss of free time because of substituting," 7th grader, Nyla Ahmed shared.

Mrs. Johansson, the art teacher said, "It's frustrating. I need time to prepare for next week's class. I usually do that during prep but now I got to do it over the weekend because I'm substituting."



Photo by Anika Phair

Mrs. Soto had to substitute for Mr. Kinnear's class when he was absent, as there weren't any available substitutes.

Having a lack of substitutes is challenging and hard, but at least teachers can visit their coworkers' classes and see students in different environments. Hopefully there are more substitutes available soon as teachers are experiencing burnout for subbing during their prep time.

Our new updated mural, courtesy of the Art Class!



Photo by Natalie Krause

Calendar

February 22-March 4: Lunchtime Hockey Tournament

March 2: Read Across America Day

March 3: National Anthem Day

March 17: St Patrick's Day

Oakland teachers go on a hunger strike

Amari Satchell Reporter

Oakland schools are threatening to close because of enrollment decline and funding issues. The Covid pandemic hasn't helped either, pushing some people to enroll in private or online schools.

Two teachers from Westlake Middle School in Oakland, Moses Omolade and Maurice Andre Sanchez, started a hunger strike to protest the Oakland school closures. Most of the proposed school closures would be affecting the black and brown student population.

The protest started on February 1, 2022, and two teachers didn't eat for two weeks to bring attention to the inequities of the school system and challenge the school board. They had only water, vitamins, and electrolytes.

6th grader Luke LaFramboise stated, "If schools close, students aren't going to get a good education."

7th grader Luca Randhawa added, "It could be harder for students to learn and harder for parents to get supplies."

On February 9, the Oakland School Board voted 4-2 to close seven schools within the next two years. On February 18, the two Oakland teachers ended their hunger strike.

Crochet Club opens for students who want to try a new skill

Geothshana Vishnuvardhini Reporter

The club started when Salem Zitzmann, a 6th grader, had a love for crocheting. She quietly crocheted a lot in her free time and during lunch in the library. She found it calming so she did it whenever she could. Her friends found it interesting and wanted to learn it too. So after teaching them a bit, news spread about it, gathering more people. "I wanted to have an official place for people that are interested," Salem stated. Hence the start of the unique club.

Crocheting is much like knitting with a needle-like tool and the yarn or thread-like materials, but it uses one hook instead of two needles. Salem added that it was recommended for fidgety and creative people since it helps with stress.

Two other 6th grade members, Shanvi Gupta and Omera Islam, were attracted to crocheting after they watched other people learn from Salem. They both admitted it looked complicated at first but took it slow and little by little, practiced making it easier for them. Salem suggested it's a bit confusing at first but gets easier.

Mrs. Goodfellow, a 6th grade math/science teacher, supervises the club in Room 40 every other Friday during lunch. The passes are available in room 40 and can be collected from Mrs. Goodfellow or Salem Zitzmann.



Photo by Kushi Aravinda

Students practice crocheting cool things at lunch every other Friday.

Wrestling club returns after a full year

Camden Phillips Reporter

The Walters Wrestling Club has not been available since 2020, now it is back and is welcoming 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. The Wrestling Club participants and coaches are excited as ever to get back on the mat and wrestle.

An 8th grader and returning wrestler, Cameron Jackson, stated, "I would highly recommend wrestling to anyone who wants to become tough or in shape... Wrestling is also a good motivation to be active."

Cameron started wrestling because of his dad, Jay Jackson, who is also the coach of the wrestling team. Coach Jay Jackson is also excited to be returning to the mat this year. "My dad made me start wrestling when I was young. I immediately loved doing it," Cameron said. Cameron is returning because he loves to meet new people and see them grow.

Another 8th grade wrestler, Antonio Alvarez, is also returning to the mat this year. "It feels amazing to be wrestling again," Antonio said. "Wrestling is a great way to relieve your nerves and have some fun."

Antonio started wrestling because he wanted to try a physical sport. "I wanted to try it because you don't really get hurt and once I tried it, I loved it," he added.

The Wrestling Club is available at John F. Kennedy High School, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The club is being held from 5pm-6:30pm. If you would like to sign up, flyers are being given out in the office. Go Warriors!

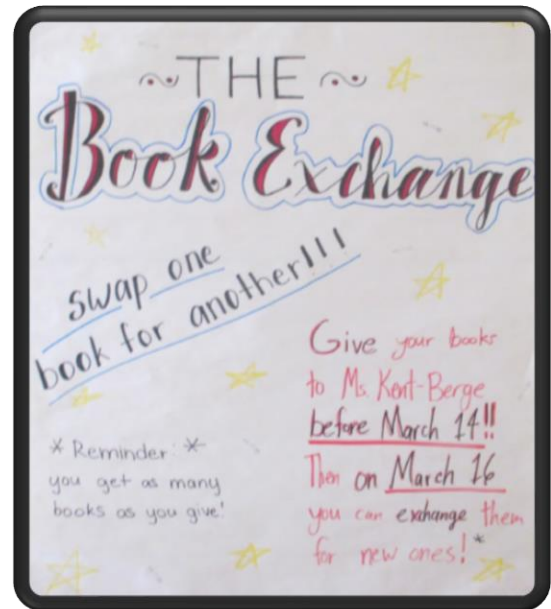


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Wrestling Club is open for students who wants to enjoy a fun and active sport.

Facebook changes its name to start venturing into the Metaverse

Daksh Bains Reporter

Recently, the social media platform, *Facebook Inc.*, changed its name to *Meta Platforms Inc.* Facebook, which has over 1 billion daily active users, decided to change its name on October 28, 2021.

According to *Inc. Magazine*, they have changed the name of the company in order to usher in the Metaverse. A Metaverse is where people can interact, collaborate, and engage in a virtual environment. Mark Zuckerberg (CEO of Meta), has ambitious aspirations to transform people's perceptions of what social media can do and he believes that updating the company's name would be a knowledgeable place to start.

Michael Jenkins, an 8th grader, explained, "I don't think it was necessary to change their name. I think that Meta doesn't need to change their name in order to make a statement."

Michael added, "I like the new name of the company because the name goes with the idea Zuckerberg is looking for."

Antonio Martinez, an 8th grader, said that he initially did not believe that changing Facebook's name to Meta was essential because the name Facebook is iconic and has been recognized for years.

Inc. Magazine mentioned that Zuckerberg stated, "Over time, I hope we are seen as a Metaverse company, and I want to anchor our work and our identity on what we're building towards," Zuckerberg didn't simply just change the name of the company. He changed the direction of the company.

The outbreak of Covid-19 has expanded the need for technology as an entertainment source. Future variants raise the potential of future lockdowns and prohibitions of travel. The Metaverse's potential becomes much more valuable as a result of all of this. That is why changing the company's trajectory was a wise decision.

Adam Jackson, a 6th grader, commented, "I think it is a good business move because it could impact the company's bottom line."

Lastly, Meta isn't the only business that has immersed itself in the Metaverse. Alphabet Inc. (Google), has moderately launched its own ventures into the Metaverse. However, Facebook has dedicated its whole brand to the metaverse, whereas Alphabet has not.

In conclusion, Facebook made the decision to change its Meta to get a fresh start as they venture into the Metaverse.



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In late October, Facebook decided to change its name as they step into the Metaverse.

Remember to Celebrate



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