

# THE WARRIOR CHRONICLE

Walters Junior High School \*Fremont, California\* June 7, 2019

## Team captains work hard to help players improve with their skills in volleyball

*Mayley Martinez* Assistant Editor

As captains of the volleyball team, 8th graders Hendrix Leung and Benjamin Magana have to, "have a lot of communication with the team," they say.

"Communication is the key to being a thriving team. And having a good relationship with my teammates makes us a better team. And even though some of us didn't talk to each other before the season started, we all got really close. We are a family now, we win and lose as one, which makes everything much easier." said Benjamin Magana.

Being the captain also means



Photo by Mayley Martinez

Walters boys volleyball team goes against Horner.

Benjamin and Hendrix always feel the need to have a high amount of energy and cheer on the other players, when they are not doing so well in the games.

Hendrix and Benjamin were both picked to be captain by Ms. Weber, the coach.

In tryouts Ms. Weber overviewed each player to see

who was capable of being a responsible captain and is athletic.. Once Ms. Weber had made her decision as to who will be captain, she told those people personally instead of announcing it to the whole team.

Jacob Novello, a 7th grader who is also in the volleyball team said, that he

likes who the captains are. He commented that they are very optimistic and helpful.

The captain's tell the other players what position they will play that day. And also in the practices and scrimmages, the captains make themselves very useful by giving constructive criticism to other players that might need more help.

Hendrix and Benjamin are very important players who are very vital to win games. So thank you Hendrix and Benjamin for all the hard work you do for the volleyball team.

## Students show off their amazing and unique abilities in the May talent show

*Simranjit Neelam* Reporter

May 29-30 was the Talent Show. On the 30th there was an assembly for all 7th and 8th graders to see other kids' talents. It was during school time so everybody was able to see it.

Many kids have different abilities to do something cool that some may not be able to do. For example, Zachary Koller, a 7th grader, did some stunts for the

Talent Show with a chain whip. A Chain whip is part of martial arts. It is a metal chain with a piece of cloth at the end. Before the Talent Show, Zachary said, "I am doing this because it is something cool and everyone will like it."

7th grader Esperanza Bowen participated in the talent show because her friends encouraged her to do it. This is one of the many reasons why kids decide to show their talent. She sang a song called *Real Friends*.

Savanna Amaral, an 8th grader stated before the Talent Show, "I am doing a Bollywood hip hop fusion with a couple of acrobatic tricks." She danced with two songs that are mixed together called, *Rab Ne Turned All Lights On*. Savanna has been dancing for the past 10 years; she started dancing at the age of 5.

Last year she danced to the song *Ghoomar*, an Indian dance and song.

Many students



Photo by Jasmine Maung  
Participants come out to perform Finale.

should participate in the Talent Show next year to show their amazing talents they have been practicing since they were very young.

## 2 Family and friends mourn over 17-year old Armando Canales' death

Kori Zendejas Reporter

17-year-old

Armando Canales tragically passed away early Saturday morning on May 11, 2019. Armando was involved in an unfortunate car crash along with four other friends who suffered major injuries. Armando and two others were not wearing seatbelts in the vehicle. 28-year-old, Ashley Marie Oliver, was driving under the influence with two other friends when she collided with the other vehicle.

Oliver has already been assigned a hearing at the Hall of Justice in San Jose and has been set with a \$450,000 bail, according to [www.eastbaytimes.com](http://www.eastbaytimes.com).

Friends and family continue to honor Armando's wishes and memories they shared. A candlelight vigil was held on Monday, May 13, at

Washington High School. Also provided to show support for Armando's mother and help raise money for his funeral was an event held at Shaker's Pizza in Fremont. An immense amount of support was given to Armando's mother, family, and friends throughout this week.

After Armando's accident, people who knew him have learned many things and started taking safety more seriously. Taking precautions when driving is very crucial, safety comes first before anything.

Mrs. McClintock commented, "I hope the students learn from this tragedy, especially the ones who knew him. They can remember to put on their seatbelt every time they get into the car and never drink and drive."

Armando Canales is

still being remembered all around the country. His friends have already dedicated songs, posters, news articles, and many more things to him.

Citlally Banda, a senior from Washington High School stated, "Armando was my friend. I knew him since the 6th grade. He always managed to always keep a smile on his face and support those around him. I couldn't even be at school the Monday after the accident, the halls were quiet. You could hear people crying as you walked past an open class. I really believe Armando changed the way students take safety when driving now, everything happens for a reason." She added, her and her friends would forever honor Armando.

Armando was a very hard-working and humble person. He will never be forgotten among all his

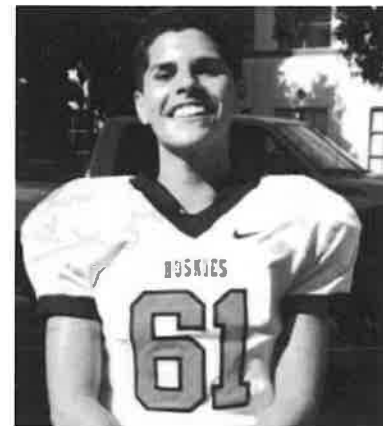


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Armando Canales' tragic death brings Washington High School's community together.

classmates and peers. His fire fighter uniform has been set up for display in one of his seats, as a reminder of his kindness and joyful personality. No person is truly alone. Those who don't live anymore, who we loved, echo still within our thoughts, our words, and our hearts. Rest Easy Armando.

## Mr. Cumpian's new American Popular Music elective drums up excitement

Esmeralda Espinoza  
Yearbook Staff

Have you heard about the new elective that will be starting this fall? Mr. Cumpian, 8<sup>th</sup> grade history teacher, created the American Popular Music or APM elective, exclusive at Walters.

"I wanted the name to have a catch to it," Mr. Cumpian said. The elective is about how music influences American culture and how American culture influences music. Mr.

Cumpian wants students to have a better appreciation of music in American culture.

He has had experience in the past teaching electives, for example, AVID, Study Skills, Media and Technology. With his new elective, he is very excited because it's something that he is really into.

When Mr. Cumpian was at a workshop, a teacher was discussing about music and that's how he got inspired to start the

new elective.

Mr. Weems is excited about Mr. Cumpian's new elective. He believes it will bring history, music, and cultures together. Mr. Weems

thinks that it is a good opportunity for students to take this class. He added, "It will help students understand more about the music they listen to."

### June Calendar

<b>June 7</b>	<b>Aloha Party &amp; Yearbook Distribution; 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Party</b>
<b>June 10</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip</b>
<b>June 11-12</b>	<b>Minimum Days</b>
<b>June 12</b>	<b>Last day of school</b>
<b>August 20</b>	<b>Maze Day 8am-3pm</b>
<b>August 28</b>	<b>First day of school</b>

# Mrs. McCallum retires after 14 dedicated years of teaching Foods at Walters 3

*Jasmine Maung* Assistant Editor

While students are leaving school, and one teacher is too. Mrs. McCallum is retiring from teaching 7th and 8th grade Foods. Before her current job, she worked at a daycare for 19 years.

In class, she cooks many things such as pie, kung pow chicken, scrambled egg pizza, Rice Krispies treats and much more. She has many enthusiastic students and teacher friends.

After her retirement, she and her husband are going to buy a boat and cruise around the canals in Europe. Mrs. McCallum states that the reason why she is retiring is because they're taking out the cooking class, and she doesn't



Photo by Jasmine Maung

After retiring, Mrs. McCallum plans to purchase a boat and have fun exploring the canals in Europe with her husband.

want to die before she does fun activities.

Her favorite lesson was the pies because she got to watch her students make the crust and the pie from scratch.

Her students enjoy many of her foods. Some favorites include the pies, chocolate chip cookies, and the fettuccine alfredo.

"My favorite food I cooked was the apple pie because it was my first time making the crust which was really interesting although I could've done a better job," 8th grader Jonah Gemaru Lintag said. Many of the students also enjoyed cooking and then eating the food afterwards.

Thanks, Mrs. McCallum, for spending 14 years teaching many memorable cooking lessons that could help students in the future.

## From the Eyes of the Editors: The students behind Walters' 2019 Yearbook

*Breana Wu and Isabelle Cole* Yearbook Editors

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The yearbook staff proudly look over the newly arrived yearbooks for the 2018-2019 school year.

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The position of being the editors of the Walters yearbook takes a lot of hard work, commitment and passion to lead the yearbook staff and produce a year worth of memories.

Not only does it take good writing and interviewing skills, but also leadership abilities. The responsibilities and endless nights of hard work always pay off when we get to see the printed copy of the yearbook we produced for the school and everyone's enjoyment.

Esmeralda Espinoza, an 8th grader who's a part of the yearbook staff, commented, "Unlike most electives, being on the yearbook staff has a purpose to the school. The yearbook we made will be remembered by our staff and students when they look back on this year."

7th grader Bhairavi Senthilkumar, is also in the yearbook staff and is grateful for the experience. She said, "I learned to continually edit all the spreads until they're

perfected, as well as use and navigate a new yearbook program." Bhairavi also added that being part of yearbook has helped her get out of her comfort zone and become more social.

As editors, we enjoyed the responsibilities of teaching our staff how to edit, making executive decisions, and ensuring that a great book is produced after all this.

The adventure of joining the yearbook staff has been a fun and educational experience. Every skill we learned being on the yearbook team will help us out for the rest of our lives.

This year's yearbook is different from anything else our staff has ever produced. We've created 64 beautifully designed pages that include every student from Walters.

Our staff has worked long and hard to create a book for all students and teachers to enjoy. So go get your 2019 yearbook now, look over all the pictures, get signatures from your friends, and look back on your time at Walters!

# Debate: Should voting be mandatory by law for all U.S. citizens? 4

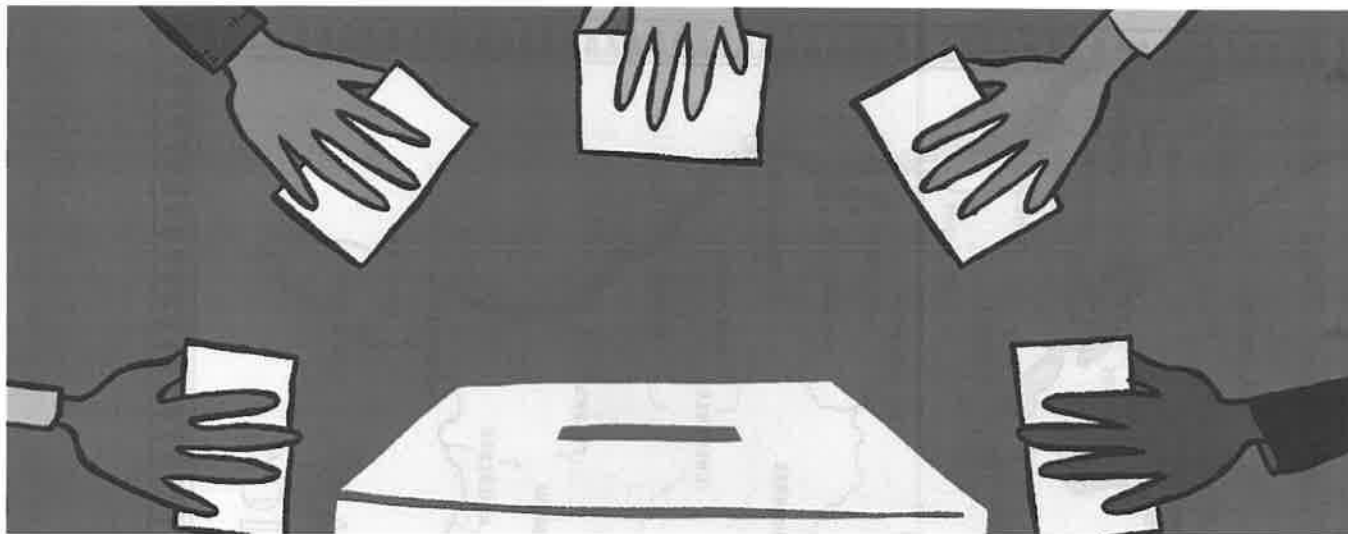
*Bhairavi Senthilkumar* Yearbook Staff

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*Ella Wang* Reporter

**B=** Bhairavi Senthilkumar

**E=** Ella Wang



**B:** Don't you think that voting should be mandatory?

**E:** No, not really.

**B:** Why not?

**E:** It could cause a lot of negative results, like imagine that you don't want to vote, but you're forced to, so you decide to choose someone random. Not only would this cause resentment with people who don't want to vote, but it could cause someone who doesn't deserve to be in office to have an extra vote, or more.

**B:** Well yes, of course, but doesn't the amount of informed voters who watch live presidential debates, campaigns, or read the news outnumber those who aren't as informed? The average American would definitely at least hear some information on the running candidates.

**B:** Also, mandatory voting comes with a lot of positives; such as how there would be a higher voter turnout. For example, before Australia's compulsory voting law in 1924, the voter rate was only 47% of registered voters. But after the law of mandatory voting, turnout rates soared, with the current level coming up at over 90% of registered voters. Compare this to the U.S., where only 58% of all eligible voters went to the polls during the 2016 election.

**E:** Higher voting turnout looks good on paper, and it could help increase productivity, but that would be irrelevant if someone voted to spite someone else, and

they would just have more reason to if they are forced to. America is literally called the land of the Free; we made it so with laws and amendments.

**E:** In the 26th amendment, it is stated that, "The right of citizens of the United States, who are eighteen years of age or older, to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of age." This also means that it is legally allowed to *not vote*.

**B:** Sure, but that doesn't have to do with the actual subject at hand. The amendment was passed over two hundred years ago, and times have definitely changed. Back then, only land owning men had the ability to vote in most states in the country, but now almost everyone can vote. So, why not?

**B:** Plus, the reason many Americans don't vote is because they don't like any of the choices put out. But one of those runners will have to be in office. Thus, not voting just doesn't make a difference. It's not like you can just change the candidates or make one of them not win. Oh wait, you can. If everyone was required to vote, at least they could make sure a candidate that they definitely don't want in office, won't be in office.

**E:** That seems fair, but I still stand by my opinion. I don't think that mandatory voting would be beneficial.

**B:** Okay, that's fine. We could both have differing opinions.

Who do you agree with? Or are you somewhere in the middle?  
What's **your** opinion on mandatory voting?

## 8<sup>th</sup> graders end the school year off with a trip to Hurricane Harbor

Celeste Nunez Reporter

8th grade students are in for a treat this year! Students have the chance to attend Six Flags Hurricane Harbor in Concord as one of the activities for the end of the school year. Many students are very eager for June 10<sup>th</sup> to come along, but others aren't really thrilled for the trip.

Mandy Zheng, 8th grade, remarked, "I always had my mind straight on not going to the water park. When people ask me 'Are you going?' I laugh and say no. People think I'm crazy! But I just don't see the point

in wasting \$60." Zheng also stated she'd rather go to Great America instead of a waterpark.

Last years' students went to Aqua Adventure in Fremont. The other previous place 8th graders went was Raging Waters in San Jose. Students have food included and the park admission paid, as well as transportation.

While some students opted out, others have made plans with their friends and are thrilled for the event! Some 7th graders like Zachary Koller, are now excited for this same trip



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8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be attending Six Flags Hurricane Harbor in Concord next

next year.

Stephanie Silva, 8th grade, said, "I'm going because I want memories with my friends before the school ends. It's important to me to make every last day count with my friends before we're off to high

school. So yeah, I'm super excited to go to Six Flags."

Like others who agree with Silva's remark, students just want to hang out with their buddies and have a fun time! The trip will be one to remember!

## 8<sup>th</sup> graders promote and prepare for high school

Kendall Wendland  
Yearbook Staff

As they are nearing the end of the two-year-road at Walters Junior High School, lots of 8th graders are being asked, "Are you ready for high school?" For some of the 8th graders, they never really thought about it and just wanted to start fresh at a new and much larger school.

For the rest of the 8th graders, they are either ready or not, and some maybes in between.

8<sup>th</sup> grader Evan Harris commented, "I think I'm ready for high school. I know what my teachers taught me is going to help me out."

Others weren't ready like Evan, such as Jackelyn Gonzalez, who replied, "No, I'm not ready. I'm really scared because everything will change and it's all never going to be the same."

But before the 8<sup>th</sup> graders get their promotion certificate and move onto high school, they will celebrate their two years of completion at a dinner in Swiss Park on June 7<sup>th</sup>, sponsored by PTSA.

They also go to Hurricane Harbor at Six Flags on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Lastly, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students get their Certificate of Completion and the school



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8<sup>th</sup> graders will celebrate at a dinner party at Swiss Park on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

year officially ends on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

Even though students may or may not be ready for a new chapter in their lives, they're still excited and a little nervous to see what a new and bigger school will have in store for them.

### Mrs. Carey spreads inspiration with wing mural



Photo by Dorothy Nguyen

The theme of the wing mural on the side of Room 16 is "learning gives me wings to fly."

# 6 Summer is finally here and students are making plans!

Francine Capati

Yearbook Staff

It's the time of year again where everyone is glad for summer to start. With testing finished, summer plans are being made.

Students of Fremont are excited that school will finally be over, and students can relax.

And with only a few more days of school left, many students are planning fun summer activities or traveling around the world.

America Loaiza, 7<sup>th</sup> grade, stated, "I'm going to many different places for summer. I'm going to Los Angeles, Mexico, and Reno. The rest are a surprise. We've been saving up for a while, so I'm really excited for when summer starts."

And it's not only

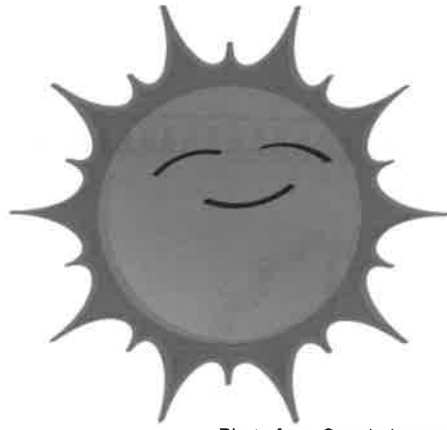


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Summer vacation begins on June 13, and school begins on August 28<sup>th</sup>. Wear sunscreen!

students planning things for summer.

John Lang, the campus supervisor, said, "For summer, I'm going to my birthplace Oregon, where I will stay with my family. I hope to see most of my family members, because it's been awhile since I've seen them. I will also be trying to keep

myself in shape, like working out."

Some students may participate in fun activities like sports, camping, and going to water parks.

Xavier McBride, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, commented, "Some fun things to do during summer, is going places to eat with friends, or going outside."

Students and staff of Walters are more than excited for summer to start, with no more homework and classwork to worry about.

With everyone getting ready to pack up and jump into summer, make sure to stay safe and have fun! What fun plans do you have for summer?

## Bear?

Ella Wang

