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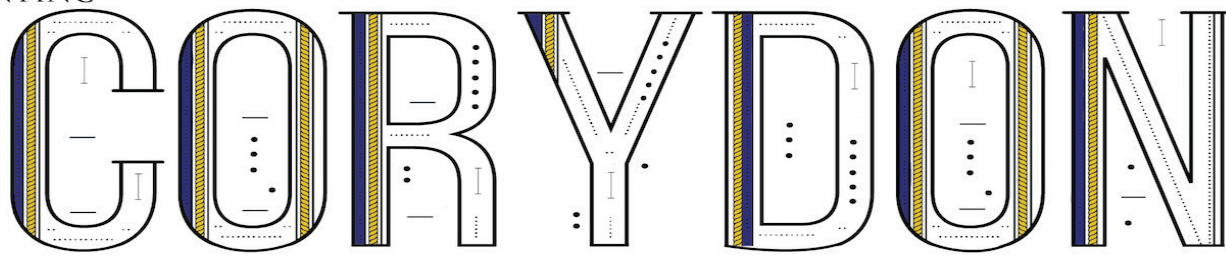
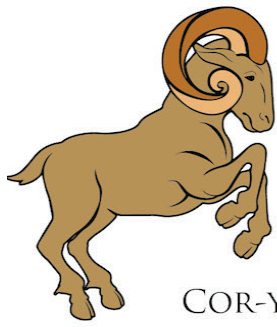
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MIT Senior Jerron Lincoln and his teammates line up as the Rams kick off their 2019 season.

By Nick DeLucca
Co-Editor-in-Chief

To kick off their season, the varsity football team pulled off a second half comeback against the Carson Colts.

MIT senior Quarterback Qeanu Caldwell Campbell's touchdown pass to PEACE junior Ezavier Staples put the Rams up 29-28 with 19 seconds left in the game.

After MIT senior Anthony Brayboy's game sealing interception, the Rams celebrated their first victory of the season. Staples, who caught the game winning touchdown, said, "I didn't play well but at the end I came through and that's all that matters. I'm happy but at the same time I know there's stuff I need to work on." Talking about their comeback, Staples responded, "We needed to focus. We made some big time adjust-

ments and we did the job."

PEACE senior Joshua Robinson Little added, "We were told the scoreboard was 0-0. We gotta come back and win the day. We fought for each other. We came back and that was a dog fight." The Rams lost to the Carlsbad Lancers the following week by a score of 52-7 and then lost against the Aquinas Falcons 14-9.

They played against the La Mirada Matadores and lost by a score of 43-36 in their last non conference game. They competed against the Jordan Panthers on September 20 for their first Moore League game and won by a score of 49-0.

The Rams will be living by their new motto "Win the Day" as they continue league play, where they will have a chance at becoming Moore League champions. Their next game will be at home against the Poly Jackrabbits on September 27th.

New Admin Arrive on Campus

By Nicolas Ramos
Front Page Editor

Freshmen aren't the only new faces on campus. This year, Millikan High School features four new administrators: Vice-principal Mrs. Irving, and assistant principals Ms. Filer, Mrs. Jelinowicz, and Mr. Yu.

Of the original administration, Mr. Vega remains the principal. Mr. Navia is now at Renaissance High School.

The assistant principals' duties include supporting both students and teachers. It is their responsibility to make sure all students are safe and curriculum is being followed.

None of them are new to LBUSD. Ms. Filer came from Poly, Mrs. Jelinowicz most recently worked at Wilson as an AP coordinator, and Mr. Yu worked as a Special Education teacher at Jordan.

Mrs. Jelinowicz states, "I want to establish positive relationships between the administrators and the students."

Mr. Yu adds, "I look forward to seeing students enjoying their day. Outside of class, being in their element. It gives a different perspective on the student."

Our new administration looks forward to working with us. Welcome them to Millikan with open arms.

Millikan Keeps up With the World

By Andrea Prado
Co-Editor-in-Chief

President of Zimbabwe Passed Away at 95

Robert Mugabe, the former President of Zimbabwe, died on September 6 at Singapore's Gleneagles Hospital. The cause of death has yet to be released, but the 95-year-old had been receiving treatment since last April.

The former leader had ruled the country for nearly four decades since its independence from Britain until he was ousted by the military in 2017.

Protests in South Africa Over Gender-Based Violence

Women in South Africa marched to Parliament on September 5 to protest against gender-based violence. South African Minister of International Relations, Maite Nkoana-Mashabane, said more than 30 women were killed by their spouses during the month of August.

Thousands of people have taken to social media to express their anger at the killings under the hashtags #NotInMyName#AmINext and #SAShutDown.

Fires Destroy Over 4.2 Million Acres in Bolivia

Fires in Bolivia have destroyed over 4.2 million acres since August 26. According to Bolivia's environmental secretary Cynthia Asin, the majority of fires are in protected natural areas and in forests.

The fires have claimed two lives so far, and other state and department officials are pressuring the Bolivian government to declare a national disaster. Countries like Argentina, Peru, and the United States have aided with resources to help put out these fires.

Letters to the Editor

“The Myth of the AP’s”

In volume LXII, Issue 8, Hannah Torres wrote an article titled, “The Myth of The AP’s.” A lot of my friends take an overload of AP’s each year. It’s a bummer knowing that not all colleges take a passing score of three. Any student who has the opportunity to take an AP should know the depth of the test.

Elena Arroyo
Grade 12

“What do you want a cookie?”

In Issue 8, Nick Delucca wrote an article called “What do you want a cookie?” that tells societies’ obsession with participation awards. I like the fact the author wrote an unapologetic piece that put his controversial opinion on a display.

Rhiannin O’Brien
Grade 12

“Unfiltered Unveiled”

In Issue 8, Elena Lopez wrote an article titled “Unfiltered Unveiled” The article features the dance team and the dance show. There are quite a few errors in this article, such as the number of dancers is wrong. I am thankful the article is in the corydon. Overall, great way to get the word out.

Callie Crumpler
Grade 12

“Attempted Terror Attack in Long Beach”

In Issue 8, Chance Paxton wrote an article titled “Attempted Terror Attack in Long Beach” which talked about a white supremacist rally that attempted to take place in Long Beach. I appreciated this article because though it involves unfortunate information, it allows the Millikan community to know what’s going on in their community.

Makaila Nhan
Grade 12

“Millikan Keeps Up With The World.”

Issue 8, Michael Malinski wrote an article titled “Millikan Keeps Up With The World.” I found it quite interesting that we now incorporate world news into our local school newspaper.

Kalin Phan Nyguen
Grade 12

Do You Really Know Why the Amazon is Burning?

By Emma Sharman
Feature Editor

The Amazon rainforest occupies 2.1 million square miles of earth’s surface, and is home to the most immense concentration of biodiversity on the planet. As of today, over 17% of it has burned.

It has recently been confirmed that the fires were started by humans.

The so-called “natural” disaster is a result of intentional deforestation to clear valuable land that can be used for farming, logging, construction, and especially cattle ranching.

Clearing land to raise cattle promises big bucks for Brazil, as it is currently the world’s largest exporter of beef.

The Amazon also contains deposits of gold, alu-

minum, and oil, which are motives for illegal mining and digging, according to the Amazon Georeferenced Socio-Environmental Information Network.

The National Institute for Space Research stated that the deforestation rate has risen by 88% throughout the past year.

While the Brazilian government has used the law to protect the Amazon in the past, much of the destruction was actually endorsed behind-the-scenes.

Environmental Minister Ricardo Salles was proven guilty of tampering with maps that belong to an environmental protection program for the benefit of mining companies.

According to The BBC, Brazilian Environmental Ministry Enforcement has issued 30% fewer fines in

defense of the Amazon this year than they did last year.

Such efforts have been occurring ever since Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff took office in 2011, placing the preservation of Brazil’s environment lower on her list of priorities than any of her predecessors.

The circumstances have only worsened since President Jair Bolsonaro took office on the first of January, 2019.

He campaigned on exploiting the forest.

In fact, recent leaked documents detail plans for the construction of dams, bridges, and roads in the Amazon.

This is a huge issue for a variety of reasons, the largest of which concern climate and economy.

The Amazon is a massive, dense forest. As such,

it absorbs carbon, which is a huge factor in preventing atmospheric damage.

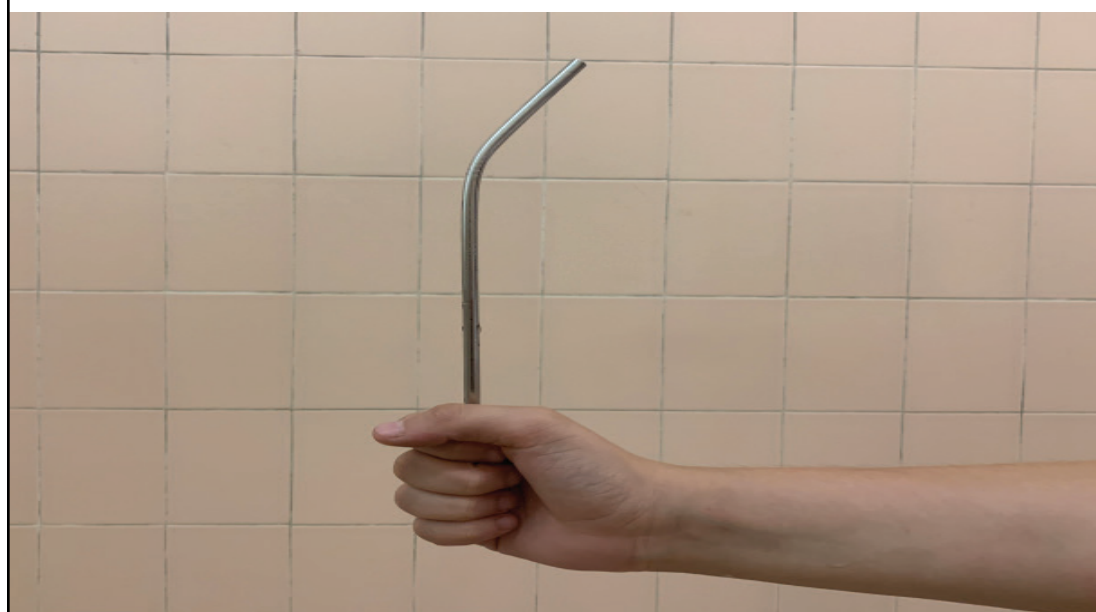
Despite this, if it becomes degraded enough, the Amazon will become an emitter of carbon, which will cause it to have the opposite effect on the atmosphere.

If 25% or more of the Amazon is demolished, it will no longer possess the amount of vegetation necessary to circulate moisture through its ecosystem, which will cause it to degrade into a savanna.

Burning just a ¼ of the Amazon will cause \$3.6 trillion in losses for the Brazilian economy in just the first 30 years due to declining tourism and sudden resource shortages.

When you put it that way, the extra cows don’t sound worth it, do they?

Metal Straws: Eco-Friendly or Not?



By Paris Blanco
Editorial Editor

For the most part, it is common knowledge that metal straws are meant to reduce waste.

They are portable, easy to clean, and are overall a good investment. If they are used consistently and correctly.

The whole point of the metal straw is to reduce the production and usage of plastic straws. However, buying a metal straw adds to Earth’s increasing landfill.

According to news site asiaone.com, buying a metal straw contributes to, “2.8 billion pounds of toxic waste from mining metal,

20 percent of marine litter from international shipping and over 2 million tons of waste from packaging.”

Despite this overflow of waste, consistent usage can make up for this. However, it would take a very large amount of the population consistently using metal straws to do this.

If you want to contribute to reducing waste, a specific mindset to changing your lifestyle over time is needed.

Now, if metal straws may not seem like such a good idea after all, bamboo straws may be the better bet.

First off, they are biodegradable. Bamboo straws typically last a few years

before they need to be replaced. So, if you lose it before then or are planning to get a new one, they will naturally breakdown in soil.

As one of the fastest growing plants on Earth, bamboo is a sustainable material.

Additionally, bamboo is grown pesticide free; they do not contain any harmful ingredients.

Spending unnecessary amounts of money on eco friendly products is not the answer.

It is making conscious and mindful decisions about consistently using your metal straw or bringing reusable bags grocery shopping that matters.

In Defense of Uniform

By Nicolas Ramos
Front Page Editor

At Millikan, the uniform policy has been subject to controversy because not all students want to wear uniform.

Whatever you believe on the issue, there is ample material to support the implementation of a uniform policy.

To begin with, the addition of a uniform policy allows more focus to go into education, the purpose of school. People have always been concerned with the way that they look, and without uniforms, students tend to want expensive designer clothing to wear for school. The desire to wear expensive clothes then places a burden on student’s families, but by having a uniform policy, this issue is removed.

Additionally, to go along with the theme of “Ram Pride”, uniform gives a sense of school identity and unity.

The overarching point is, without a uniforms policy, the focus at school is elsewhere: appearance.

The Corydon would like to congratulate Ashley Brach on winning the Letter to the Editor raffle. Stop by room 328 to receive your prize.

The Corydon encourages its readers to submit letters of commentary on any school issue. We reserve the right to edit letters for content or space. All letters must be completed on the Google form sent to all students by Mrs. Pircher.

Letters to the Editor

“Procrastination Poses Health Peril”

This article backs up its claims by using the NCBI to build credibility as well as the Association for Psychological Science to strengthen the idea that we shouldn't feel bad for procrastinating as it is natural. Really well made article.

Jesse Moreno
Grade 12

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Makaila Nhan
Grade 12

“In Memory of Amy Schwarz”

“Dear Corydon Editors, In issue 8, Dayquan Moeller wrote a very well composed article about the late Ms. Schwarz. The article gives an insight on who she was to people who have never had the pleasure of being her student.”

Walker Buck
Grade 11

Freshman Survival Guide

By Chance Paxton
Web Editor

As a freshman, high school might seem like the scariest place in the world. There are tons of kids around you, most of which are upperclassmen.

You've been going to new and different classes, which sound daunting with all of the homework that might be involved.

You're starting a new part of your life, so it's understandable if you're terrified of what's ahead.

Well, here are some tips to make high school life a little bit easier and somewhat less intimidating.

First off, one of the best ways to manage your workload and be the best student you can be is **organization**.

Organization is key to getting good grades. Having a binder, planner, or notebook that you are able to constantly update will allow all your homework, classwork, and tests to be neatly organized. This will greatly minimize the number of lost assignments. By the end of the semester, you won't have any zeros in your gradebook.

Secondly, avoid distractions when doing work, both in and out of the classroom. Since we have so many devices at our disposal, each holding a plethora of different distractions, it's hard for us to not look at what's new. Because of this, we have to work harder to stay focused on school, but doing so will be greatly beneficial.

Try to avoid using your phone in the classroom, either by turning it off or putting it on mute and in your backpack. Pay attention to the lecture, or to your homework when you are at home. By doing this, you are allowing your brain to properly retain the information, and thus, you will be better prepared for the test. Even checking your phone once in class or at home during homework can make you completely lost, and can doom you as a result.

Third, join extracurricular activities. Joining a sport, club, or music class is opening yourself up to a tight knit community.

By joining one of these activities, you will be having meaningful interac-

tions with others that outside the classroom. It's always good to have more friends in high school, and participating in a myriad of activities also looks great on college applications.

Lastly, **try to participate in as many school activities as you can.** Go to football games, dances, start clubs, and participate in activities. You are only in high school once, the prime of your youth, and you have only four years to make the most of it. Make sure to experience as much as you can, and have fun while you're at it. During your teenage years, and don't enter adulthood with any regrets of wanting to do more in your high school career.

Sony Vs. Disney: Who Gets Spider-Man?

By Isabella Talavera
Copy Editor

Ever since it was announced that Spider-Man would be leaving the Marvel Cinematic Universe, Marvel fans have been in an uproar across the Internet.

The announcement was made after a disagreement between Disney and Sony. According to Newsweek, Sony, as the owner of Spider-Man, gains a higher percentage of the profits Spider-Man movies make in the box office. Disney received five percent of these profits, including money from merchandise. Disney wanted to split the profits equally between the two companies. If that had

happened, Disney would be gaining 45% more. Sony did not agree with this arrangement, and both companies were unable to come to an agreement.

Sony then concluded that director Jon Watts, who directed Spider-Man Homecoming and Far From Home; actor Tom Holland, portrayed Peter Parker in the MCU; and producer Amy Pascal, who produced movies like Venom and Into the Spider-Verse; would be enough to keep Spider-Man successful, even without Marvel's help. Without Marvel, Spider-Man will no longer have any relation to the MCU and Avengers.

Tom Holland has shared his thoughts on the dilemma.

“It's been a crazy week, and I love you all from the bottom of my heart, and I love you 3000,” Holland said at the convention D23, referencing the words Morgan Stark lovingly said to her father Tony Stark. He will continue playing Spider-Man in future films.

People on social media reacted by posting pictures of Spider-Man, tweeting their thoughts, and spreading the hashtag #savespiderman.

“I understand Disney's position. However, I think they make enough [money] year round,” PEACE junior Sienna Ramirez shared. “But so far, Sony has done a fine job [with Spider-Man]. I have confidence in them.”

As of September 12, Sony has offered Disney 30% of Spider-Man if it means Marvel will include the character Venom in the MCU. As of now, the two companies are still negotiating agreeable terms.

Personally, I feel that Sony is justified refusing Marvel half of their profits because Marvel is already a multi-billion dollar company that profits from merchandising Spider-Man.

Like many fans, I'm concerned about the path Sony will take with Spider-Man. For now, we'll just have to wait and see what the companies have in store for our hero. As we know, with great power comes great responsibility.

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MILLIKAN HIGH SCHOOL

OCTOBER SPORTS SCHEDULE



7:00 P.M.

BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL

AWAY LAKEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL FRI, OCT 4

HOME COMPTON HIGH SCHOOL FRI, OCT 11

AWAY CABRILLO HIGH SCHOOL FRI, OCT 25



3:00 P.M.

GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS

HOME LAKEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL THU OCT 3

HOME COMPTON HIGH SCHOOL TUE OCT 8

AWAY C.A.M.S. HIGH SCHOOL THU OCT 10

AWAY POLY HIGH SCHOOL MON OCT 14

HOME CABRILLO HIGH SCHOOL TUE OCT 15

AWAY WILSON HIGH SCHOOL THU OCT 17

AWAY JORDAN HIGH SCHOOL TUE OCT 22

AWAY LAKEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL THU OCT 24



3:00 P.M.

BOYS VARSITY WATER POLO

AWAY SOUTH BAY TOURNAMENT FRI OCT 4

AWAY LAKEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL WED OCT 9

HOME EL DORADO THU OCT 10

HOME POLY HIGH SCHOOL WED OCT 16

AWAY WILSON HIGH SCHOOL WED OCT 23

AWAY CABRILLO HIGH SCHOOL WED OCT 30



4:30 P.M.

GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

HOME LAKEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL TUE OCT 3

AWAY CYPRESS HIGH SCHOOL MON OCT 7

AWAY JORDAN HIGH SCHOOL THU OCT 10

HOME T.B.D. FRI OCT 11

HOME T.B.D. SAT OCT 12

AWAY WILSON HIGH SCHOOL MON OCT 14

HOME COMPTON HIGH SCHOOL WED OCT 16



3:00 P.M.

BOYS JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL

HOME LAKEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL THU OCT 3

AWAY T.B.D. THU OCT 10

HOME TRABUCO HILLS HIGH SCHOOL THU OCT 24

HOME WILSON HIGH SCHOOL THU OCT 31



3:00 P.M.

BOYS VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY

HOME MOORE LEAGUE RACE #1 WED OCT 2

AWAY CENTRAL PARK INVITE SAT OCT 5

HOME CIF PREVIEW SAT OCT 26

Student Section Themes Fortifying School Spirit

By Emma Sharman
Feature Editor

Millikan's themed football games never fail to start the year off with a bang. Millikan's Associate Student Body (ASB) ensures that the themes are fresh and inventive every year.

Millikan ASB encourages students to dress up for football games every year, as it adds an extra layer of amusement and boosts morale in the student section by creating a sense of unity.

COMPASS junior Camille Larsen states, "I think dressing up is super fun. It's the best part of football games because it lifts everyone's spirits."

The order of football game themes for the 2019-2020 school year goes as follows:

The game that took place on August 23 was blue and gold themed.

The theme for the sec-

ond game on August 30 was "Ram Rodeo." Attendees showed up decked out with cowboy hats, belts, and denim of all kinds.

The theme for the game on September 20 was "power prints." Students were encouraged to show up in their favorite patterned and printed clothing.

The game on September 27 was the "Pink Out" game. Students were prompted to dress in all-pink in honor of breast cancer awareness.

Homecoming week is '90's themed this year. Monday is "90's trends," Tuesday is "90's Workout gear," Wednesday is "Clueless," Thursday is "90's Grunge," and Friday is "90's Neon."

The Homecoming game and dance will take place on Friday, October 11. This year the theme is

"In Living Color," so students are encouraged to show up looking like they jumped straight into the era!

Remembering Ms. Davis



PHOTO COURTESY OF MILLIKAN'S FACEBOOK PAGE

By Paris Blanco
Editorial Editor

On August 12, beloved Algebra II teacher, Jean Davis, passed away.

Ms. Davis was known for her kindness, patience, and willingness to help others.

QUEST junior Ashley Celada states, "I love how she always waited outside of her classroom with a big smile on her face and said 'Hi' to all of the students passing by."

QUEST junior Ruby Alvarez says, "Ms. Davis inspired me to keep on going and try my hardest to achieve my goals, no mat-

ter what gets in my way. She was always such a sweet and positive person."

Her celebration of life service was held on Saturday, September 14, at McKenzie Mortuary Services. QUEST junior Jacob Bower, who attended the service, states, "It was extremely touching to hear more about how much of an impact she had on so many people and how great of a person she was."

Although Ms. Davis is gone, she will never be forgotten. She will always be remembered for her unconditional love for her students and her inspiration to others.

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PRESIDENTIAL
ELECTION

BY EMMA SHARMAN
Feature Editor

CANDIDATES



DEMOCRATS

All information taken from each individual's campaign website.

MICHAEL BENNET

Aims to restore integrity to the government.

JOE BIDEN

Values community building, integrity, and science.

BILL DE BLASIO

Believes in putting working people first.

CORY BOOKER

Aims to unite people and create a more fair and just country.

STEVE BULLOCK

Believes everyone deserves a fair shot.

PETE BUTTIGIEG

Believes it's time for a new generation of American leadership.

JULIAN CASTRO

Aims to build an America where everyone can thrive.

JOHN DELANY

Adamant about focusing on the future.

TULSI GABBARD

Aims to restore a government that is of, by, and for the people.

KAMALA HARRIS

Believes in defending American values.

AMY KLOBUCHAR

Aims to heal the heart of America's Democracy.

WAYNE MESSAM

Values unique leadership opportunities.

BETO O'ROURKE

Stands against Trump's immigration policies and P.A.C. money.

TIM RYAN

Aims to support the working class.

BERNIE SANDERS

Advocate for unity and community building.

JOE SESTAK

Aims to restore American leadership and promote economic growth and accountability.

TOM STEYER

Believes there's nothing more powerful than the unified voice of the American people.

ELIZABETH WARREN

Believes in the importance of rebuilding the middle class.

ANDREW YANG

Supports equality, Medicare, and human-centered capitalism.

MARIANNE WILLIAMSON

Believes in the importance of education.

REPUBLICANS

All information taken from each individual's campaign website OR The New York Times.

DONALD TRUMP

Aims to "make America once again a shining city on the hill" by putting America first and saving the economy.

BILL WELD

He is "an active member of the Council on Foreign Relations in New York," and served about five years as a member of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, as he was appointed to do so by President George W. Bush.

JOE WALSH

Supports Vetsaid, the Simms/Mann Center, Facing Addiction, and the Santa Cruz Island Foundation.

MARK SANFORD

Focused on American spending and debt.

WITHDRAWALS

All information taken from Ballotpedia.org

KIRSTEN GILLIBRAND

New York Senator, withdrew on August twenty-eighth, 2019.

MIKE GRAVEL

Former Senator of Alaska, withdrew on August sixth, 2019.

JOHN HICKENLOOPER

Former Governor of Colorado, withdrew on August nineteenth, 2019.

JAY INSLEE

Governor of Washington, withdrew on August twenty-first, 2019.

RICHARD OJEDA

State Senator of West Virginia, withdrew on January twenty-fifth, 2019.

SETH MOULTON

Representative of Massachusetts, withdrew on August twenty-third, 2019.

ERIC SWALWELL

Representative of California, withdrew on July eighth, 2018.

Students Demand Action Club

By Chloe Pullman
Athletics Editor

As the school year unfolds, Club Rush was a chance to get more involved in on campus activities.

Clubs can be a great way to meet people with the same kinds of interests and be involved in a community of like-minded people.

One brand new club on campus is the Students

Demand Action Club. This club is centered around gun sense in America and prioritizes turning outrage into action. The club is a partner of the Students Demand Action Group, a nationwide organization that supports local chapters of their larger movement.

One way to support the Students Demand Action movement is to be more involved in the community,

to spread the common message. The Students Demand Action home page states, "Firearms are the second leading cause of death for young people. And 100 Americans die by gun violence everyday-hundreds more wounded. We've grown up in the midst of the gun violence crisis and are demanding action. That's why we're rising up and organizing amongst

our schools, universities, community centers, and more across the country to call on our leaders to pass laws which will keep our communities safe."

Kate Brown and Sasha Pullman, both QUEST junior students at Millikan, have taken initiative by opening their own chapter of Students Demand Action in the Millikan school community.

Co-president Sasha Pullman says, "We started this club because we want to raise awareness [at Millikan] for the issue of gun violence in our schools."

If you are interested in joining Millikan's brand new Students Demand Action club, follow @mhsstudentsdemandaction. The club will be meeting on Tuesdays at lunch in room 403.

Say "Namaste" to New Yoga Club

By Paris Blanco
Editorial Editor

Among the new clubs coming to Millikan is Yoga Club, founded by dance and P.E. teacher Kathryn Lung.

Ms. Lung's hope for Yoga Club is to "[Allow] students to gain a better understanding of self respect by participating in an activity that strengthens both their mental and physical health."

She wants to give students "time to take out of their week to take care of themselves by being able to break away from their worries, stress, and obstacles they may be dealing with."

The Yoga Club will be meeting after school on Wednesdays from 3-4 pm. The locations for club meetings vary.

According to Ms. Lung, "Everyone is welcome regardless of experience or age. Teachers are welcome too!"

Rowdy Rams Ramp Up the Volume



PHOTO BY NICK DELUCCA

Seniors Ashley Davy, Jackson White, Zach Seidel, and junior Nicholas Sommerauer hype up the crowd during a Varsity football game against Carson on August 23. Davy and company led several chants to the student center as the Rams completed their comeback, winning the game 29-28.

Why Does School Start in August?

By Andrea Prado
Co-Editor-in-Chief

For the 2019-2020 school year in Long Beach, the start date was August 28. School used to begin during the first week of September, so why does the first day keep being pushed back?

For one, by starting school in August, students and teachers are

able to complete the first semester before leaving for winter break, rather than taking tests or turning in big projects after two weeks of vacation.

When school starts earlier, it makes it so that teachers are able to start new lessons in January as opposed to reviewing the previous semesters' material. This gives them more

instructional time before statewide assessments and AP exams in the spring.

Additionally, starting early allows for breaks around Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. Learning and teaching requires a lot of attention and effort, so getting that extra time off promotes happiness and positive behavior in the classroom.

When the school year starts after Labor Day and ends in mid to late June, there is a notable dip in test scores.

According to a study conducted by Harvard Kennedy School, students who take their final exams in mid to late June tend to do worse than those who take their finals earlier in the year because the heat of

summer disrupts instruction and homework time. Heat can also lead to heat exhaustion, which can cause students to miss school.

Although it is true that an earlier start in school puts extra pressure on a school's air-conditioning system (or lack thereof), there would be minimal, if any, savings if school districts shifted the start date to September.

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FUTURE EVENTS

By Chance Paxton
Video Editor



OCTOBER 25TH:
BLOOD DRIVE



OCTOBER 31ST:
HALLOWEEN



OCTOBER 2ND: BACK
TO SCHOOL NIGHT



OCTOBER 4TH: MUSIC
IN THE AIR



NOVEMBER 3RD:
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
TIME ENDS



NOVEMBER 4TH:
HONOR BAND
AUDITIONS. 3:30-8:30
IN THE BAND ROOM



OCTOBER 9TH: NIGHT
RALLY FROM 7-9 @
THE BIG GYM



OCTOBER 11TH:
HOMECOMING
CARNIVAL, GAME AND
DANCE



OCTOBER 16TH:
PSAT AND SAT DAY



OCTOBER 17TH:
IMPROV NIGHT.
6:30-8:30 IN THE
CHOIR ROOM

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This year in marching band, drum major duties will be taken over by QUEST senior Daniel Schettini and COMPASS junior Sierra Allen. Consisting of 150 members, the band will be performing their new show “The Fear That Binds Us”, which portrays four fears and the struggles to overcome them.

Schettini, who began playing the sousaphone, said, “The best part is be-

ing able to see the group grow and I get to meet new people. The conflict and resolution aspect has been challenging but I’m looking forward to competitions and the awards we’re gonna win.”

Schettini’s fellow drum major Allen stated, “I’m looking forward to competing this season, especially since we had a pretty good start to the season already and I believe we can only get better from here.

The best part so far has been watching our product come together and watch-

ing the group get better.” Band member and COMPASS junior Devin Hemmings, added, “The best part so far has been seeing the potential of our group and how much we’ve improved since last year. I’m looking forward to Saturday competitions and bus rides.” The marching band and color guard will begin competing in competitions on October 5.

In the meantime, they will perform their show at the halftime of all home football games. Come to the halftime show to support!

Color Guard Swings Into the New Year

By Isabella Talavera
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The Millikan Color Guard has been flashing their colors since the middle of this summer. New and old members returned this summer to strengthen their skills and team bonds. There are 30 members for the 2019-2020 school year, with 15 returning members and 15 new members. “The color guard team is very welcoming,” says MBA freshman Xanna Palafox-Rosas. “In less than a month, they feel like family.” Their first performance of the year was at the football game on August 23 against the Carson Colts.

They performed as the pregame show with marching band. Other

performances were on August 30 at the first rally and home game of the school year. Additionally, they performed at the first spirit assembly of the year on August 13 and at the football games on September 20 and 27. “The performances so far at the football games have been good. I feel like the new members on the team have a good attitude and are happy to perform in front of the school,” says COMPASS sophomore Isabelle Morales.

PEACE sophomore Citlali Garcia adds, “I think the new members are doing really well and showing commitment. Something we need to work on is counting and remembering what we are doing.” Show your support!

Girls Tennis Starts Off Strong

By Chloe Pullman
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During the summer, Millikan Girls Tennis was still in play, practicing. Working hard to perfect their skills. Millikan girls tennis held team try-outs and practices as well.

Their season is looking bright as the team has so much dedication into their sport throughout the school and additionally during the summer.

The girls tennis coach, Torie Frapwell says, “We are starting out the season strong, undefeated so far. We just beat the team that beat us in our last CIF tournament.”

Girls tennis will hopefully continue to keep their streak, and finish their season strong, winning Moore League and finishing the season with their hard work paying off, their season ending with a bang!

Boys Cross Country Get a Steady Start

By Nicolas Ramos
Front Editor

It’s the middle of cross country season, and a new team rises to replace the seniors that graduated last year. Coach Pedro Ramirez continues to coach Cross Country, and the plan is to improve with this new set of varsity runners. The boys cross country team trains Monday through Friday, from 1:20 to 3:30, on the track. “My expectation for this year is for our team to be more competitive than last year,” says Coach Ramirez.

“The goal is to reach CIF, and in order to reach that goal more work must be put into producing athletes that will be more fit by training harder. Two of nine races have been completed, both of which went well. When talking about the completed races, Coach Ramirez said, “I was pleased but not yet satisfied because we have a lot of work to do to get to where we want to go.” The boys Cross Country team trains Monday through Friday, from 1:20 to 3:30, on the track though training is slightly longer for varsity athletes.



The 2019 Rams Volleyball team stand readily to take their position as champions.

Serving Up a Solid Season

By Andrea Prado
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Millikan’s girls varsity volleyball team has been working hard to do well this season. The girls have played four games so far. They won against Cabrillo, but they lost to Lakewood, St. Anthony, and most recently, Poly.

“We lost the first two sets,” says volleyball player and QUEST senior Cecilia Medina. “Then we won the next two sets. However, we lost the last set by a close margin [15-13].”

The girls have practice on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Tuesdays and Thursdays are reserved for games.

“We need to work on consistent positive communication, especially when we’re feeling down,” Medina says. “We should work on encouraging and pumping each other up.”

On the week of September 16, the girls played against Jordan and Wilson and won both.

“I feel like we really pulled together,” says Medina. “Each and every one of us was there for the team.”

The team also had a home game rematch against Poly High School on October 1, and Lakewood on October 3. The team continues to play this season with drive, as they take on the rest of their season this school year.