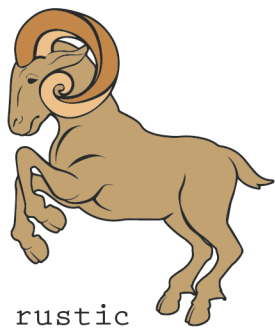


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Millikan Welcomes New Principals

Vega's Views Are Optimistic



By Charles Blanchard
Editor-In-Chief

Alejandro Vega, who graduated from Yale and previously worked at Cabrillo High School for seven years (six of which were spent as principal), said it was time

for a change. At the end of last school year he was assigned to be one of Millikan's new co-principals. He and Michael Navia are just getting settled in, but say they are exited for the new year. "I want to take a few months to get to know the staff and the community. See what we're about," Vega said. Vega says that he first wanted to be a principal in high school when he was a part of the superintendent student council, stating that he "liked how he [the superintendent] was concerned with students' issues and making learning conditions better for them." Vega says he's thankful to work with his new co principal. "I think it's great in huge schools in Long Beach -- which have close to 4,000 students -- to have a partner to talk to and make decisions with. It's best to work in teams." He added that he is also thankful for the staff, students, and parents for making him feel at home. "The staff has been warm and welcoming," he says.

Navia Offers Open Door Policy



By Britney Atkins
Webpage Editor

Meet Michael Navia, one of the new co-principals at Millikan High School. His biggest goal is helping everyone continue to be safe and successful on campus. Navia has been in the Long Beach Unified School District for 24 years. He first started off as a college aid from Cal State

Long Beach and eventually worked his way up to being principal at Cubberly Elementary School, then eventually went on to becoming principal at Marshall Middle School. Although Navia has 16 years of experience as principal, this is his first year at a high school. Navia says, he has heard nothing but positivity coming from parents and staff, and it makes him confident that this year (and years to come) will be amazing. He says there haven't been enough opportunities yet to introduce himself to everyone on campus and to know all the ins and outs of the school, but he is working on getting to know everyone, and everything, better. Navia wants the Millikan community to know that his door is always open. and that his biggest goal is to help everyone to continue to be safe and successful on campus.

Millikan Tops in Language On the CAASPP

By Sophie Morrison
Head Reporter

As many seniors remember, Millikan participated in the very first California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress test, (CAASPP), in the spring of last year.

This test, taken nationwide by the class of 2016, was the first in what will become a yearly assessment of English and math skills.

Nationally, 42 percent of testers scored at or above the set standards for English, and 31 percent scored above the math

standards. California students exceeded the national average by two percent in each category.

Millikan not only surpassed the California average, but also scored the highest in Long Beach Unified, with 65 percent of students scoring at or above in English and 35 percent scoring at or above in math. Other high scorers in Long Beach include Poly, (English: 62 percent ; math: 35 percent), Wilson, (English: 56 percent; math: 26 percent), and Lakewood (English: 42 percent; math: 26 percent).



The Corydon would like to formally thank the designer of the new banner, Yessenia Popoca, as well as Karen Dies third period Graphic Design 5-6 and 7-8 class for their participation in designing a new banner.

Millikan Keeps up With The World

By Frank Carrillo
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Flood in Japan Kills 7 People and Contaminates Water

On Sept. 10 heavy showers in Japan caused flooding. Seven people were killed and 15 people are missing. Bags of radioactive debris from the Fukushima disaster were carried into a river, contaminating the water.

United Kingdom Reveals First Self-driving Car

Milton Keynes unveiled the first self driving car in the UK, the first of three models to come. Trials with self-driving cars are being conducted to see how they operate in pedestrian areas.

Virtual Reality-Produced Movie Wins Emmy

The story of Sleepy Hollow was produced using the Oculus Rift, a virtual reality headset that puts the viewer into other worlds.

This technology gave viewers a first-hand experience with the headless horseman himself.

Texas Freshman Mistakenly Arrested for Bringing a "Bomb" to School

In Irving, Texas a ninth grader, Ahmed Mohamed, was arrested on accusations of bringing a home-made bomb to his high school. The charges were dropped, however, when officials found out that the "bomb" was a clock that Mohmaed made for his engineering class project.

17 Dead and 4 Missing after Flood in France

Violent storms and floods hit the French Riviera on October 3. Authorities report seventeen deaths and four missing people. "Some cars were carried off into the sea," said Cannes mayor, David Lisnard. The floods have been described as "terrifying" and "apocalyptic" by locals.



Video: First
Football Game



Video: Meet the
New Principals



ROVING REPORTER

What Advice Would You Give to Freshmen?



“Don’t get off task. Do your work.”
Javier Arroyo
Grade 10



“Don’t procrastinate. And do not stop in the hallway. Keep walking!”
Alix Anderson
Grade 11



“Have a supportive group of friends who you can count on when you’re feeling stressed.”
Elena Perry
Grade 12



“Visit Room 832 with a \$20 Starbucks gift card.”
Timothy Mulvehill
AP World History Teacher

Get It While It’s Free

By Dayquan Moeller
Staff Reporter

If you ask your parents when the last time they used the Pythagorean Theorem or had to write a persuasive essay, you probably won’t get an answer. Instead they might ask, “What’s a Pythagorean essay?” It’s a well-known fact that not all the skills we learn in school will be necessary when we’re adults. So why do we learn them?

Many students and parents debate that some standards in school should be dropped in exchange for lessons that teach practical skills, such as filling out a resume. Though I agree that school should prepare students for the outside world, I also believe that we should keep the five core classes of English, science, math, history, and P.E. And I assure you there is a reason for it.

Even though brains retain most of the information we learn in school, learning new things is an important part of developing our minds. Scientists know that through learning we increase our brain capacity. For students this means that paying attention in class is crucial for the growth and expansion of our minds.

Additionally, in the process of learning academic skills, we are learning practical skills, too. There are many techniques you learn in the classroom that carry over into the real world. Group work models social interaction skills, limited class periods require time management skills, taking lecture notes demands listening skills. Nearly all the skills you use to keep your grades up can be used to keep you from being fired by your boss.

Paying attention in class isn’t the easiest thing to do, especially if the subject doesn’t interest you. It may feel like you’re being forced to learn something that really doesn’t matter. This kind of thinking may lead to regrets in the future.

My older sister once said that when you go to school, don’t think of it as being forced to learn, but rather see it as the opportunity to explore new topics and ideas.

When you begin to grow tired of school it’s easy to take it for granted. Many Americans don’t realize what a privilege it is to have a free education. The education system isn’t perfect, but it is an opportunity you should take full advantage of.

Practical Knowledge Taught in Schools

By Mia McCain
Staff Reporter

School is a very important part of life and your future, but I

feel that we don’t need to learn what we really need to know. Cramming in algebra formulas and useless history trivia just to pass some test isn’t going to help

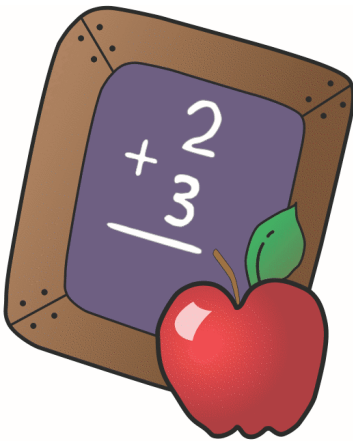
us 20 years from now. First of all, I believe that we should learn more adult skills, such as how to pay bills and more household stuff. High school students are going to graduate in a few years, which isn’t that far away from adulthood. They should at least have some basic knowledge of more practical things. Sometimes parents are too busy and don’t have the time to teach their children these skills. A class in politics would be a good idea. We could learn information about all of the political

Valuable Lesson Learned During Summer Tournament

By Taylor Ichikawa
Staff Reporter

For me, a lot doesn’t happen over the summer. I don’t usually watch the news unless my favorite band or an awards show is on. So I’m going to say that the biggest event happened to me in Las Vegas. No, I didn’t gamble and win the jackpot. It started with my grandma. My parents and I left our dog, Lady, at home in Long Beach in August with my grandma. Honestly, we wouldn’t have even gone to Las Vegas had my Hollywood Dodgers basketball tournament not been there. Yes, it was great. We stayed at the Red Rock Hotel, and played at Spring Valley High School. My whole team was there. After my first game on Saturday, my mother received a phone call from my grandma. She reported that she had fallen while walking the dog. Needless to say, my mom was alarmed, especially upon hearing that a lady had walked by her and refused to help her up. But after a while, someone else finally helped her

up and got her home. My parents called my uncle to get her to the hospital. While I was at my second game, my parents waited for a phone call to hear how she was. My teammates, meanwhile, decided to go watch ‘Paper Towns’ after the game in the hotel theater. I was supposed to go, too, so we went downstairs to wait. But then my mom and dad got the call from my uncle that my grandmother had dislocated her shoulder. We drove home that night. Obviously she’s better now, but she’s still unable to move her shoulder. But it’s okay. She’s alive, and while my mom is still searching for the “lady with two dogs who didn’t help her up,” it’s all good. I guess that weekend I learned how much family meant: it’s more important than winning the championship t-shirt. While teamwork and winning is pretty cool, family is more important than anything else. You have to be there for them when the strings break, no matter what.



parties (and I mean not just the Democratic and Republican parties--every party) and it would be up to students to decide where they fit. In my experience, a lot of millennials don’t really know what’s going on in the world of politics, so they aren’t really involved. This isn’t good because we depend on them to decide the future of our country. If students were more educated in how politics works, they would feel compelled to form an opinion and to make changes instead of sitting on the fence. We need everyone’s input to function.

Give Equal Publicity to All Candidates

Jamar Moore
Feature Editor

All over social media, we see plenty of posts criticizing Republican candidate Donald Trump, and somehow it gives the impression that a lot of people don’t like him. I’m not going to say anything specific about Donald Trump; you’ll have to catch me outside of work for that). However, it did make me wonder: If people despise this guy so much, why are we giving him so much attention? If people simply denounced Trump as some whackjob when he first announced he was running for president, he wouldn’t be nearly as popular and talked about as he is now. Chances are, if you support Democratic candidates, then you denounce Trump’s ideas as ridiculous. And that’s fine. But support your own candidate instead of roasting the other. As hilarious as all the Trump roasting is, it’s not a good thing for Democrats. All it’s doing is giving him more attention, and giving the people who do support Donald Trump more momentum. People should focus on making sure Bernie Sanders, Hillary Clinton, or whatever Democratic candidate you want to vote for is recognized. You may think making jokes about Donald Trump is funny. And you’d be right. That stuff is hilarious. But it just gives him more publicity.

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Scholar or Slacker?

By Sean Isma
Staff Reporter

School is a pathway to success in the future, yet today’s generation views the concept as ludicrous and inessential. The student body considers school to be a waste of time, effort, and money. They think there are alternatives to success other than through education. However, their beliefs about the system are merely influenced by either peers, laziness disinterest, or pop culture.

Past generations used found school beneficial and amusing, however with access pop culture and technology on the rise, today’s generation has discovered alternatives to attaining money and notoriety.

Yet, students of today are incorrect when it comes to which path will ensure great success. Without education in schools, the world would be thrown into chaos as the human race became illiterate and unintelligent.

Although some students will say, “I would be a better person if I did not have to attend school” they do not realize the perks of attending school and obtaining an education.

Some of school’s basic subjects like math, science, history, and especially English, provide knowledge that can assist individuals both in the classroom environment and also the outside world.

Without learning the concepts of math, humans would be unable to calculate votes for presidential elections or keep track of their countries’ finances.

Without the education of science, great advances in medicine and construction would not continue and cities would collapse.

Not studying history would lead us to making the same mistakes of the past.

And what about the sweet sound of the English language? Without it, we wouldn’t be able to communicate clearly with each other and discuss important matters.

Nelson Mandela one expressed his opinion on school and the education to the next generations, said, “Education is the most powerful tool which you can use to change the world.” I am very much convinced that statement still holds true today. Long live the education system.

Food Prices Increase

By Benjamin Leon
Front Editor

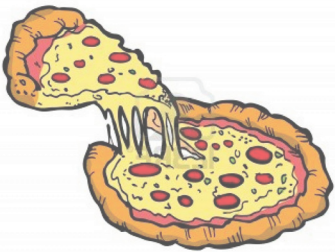
As the new school year commences there are many changes we must become accustomed to.

Starting this year the delicious popsicles sold by ASB, which used to cost \$1.50, are now \$2 a piece or \$3 for two.

In addition, this year pizza is no longer \$1.75. The price has now increased to \$2.50 for a single slice.

QUEST senior, Isaac Palacios said, “The quality of the pizza pie does not merit the increase in price.”

All other food prices have remained the same this year. These are just some of the many changes happening around Millikan.



The Struggle Is Real

By Jamar Moore



Changes to New SAT

By Charles Blanchard
Editor in Chief

The SAT has been an extremely popular test, taken by tens of thousands of students each year. It allows colleges to standardize students and has helped with final decisions for college admission and scholarships. The test however is changing its format.

The new test will be first administered on March 5, 2016.

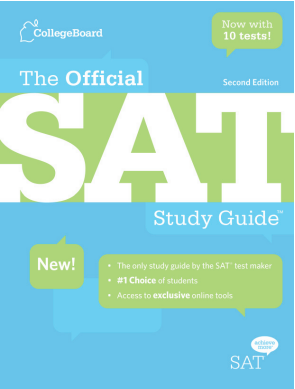
Changes to the test include a max score of 1600 instead of the current 2400-point test (which is still being administered this fall). The new test will also have a completely new essay, which will be optional.

The test will take only three hours to complete without the essay (which adds another 50 minutes).

Students are relieved that they will no longer be penalized for guessing, a new addition to the test. Questions will also only have four answers, different from the typical five choices.

The College Board says they will not require students to learn obscure vocabulary terms, which has been a complaint from students in the past.

The new SAT will be introduced in its beta version this year. Juniors who are signed up to take the PSAT will be the first to experience the new format.



California Faces Sharks

By Melissa Sahlin
Staff Reporter

When summer rolls around, most people don’t think about the dangers of the beach. However a true Californian knows to shuffle their feet as they enter the warm waters in case they meet a stingray.

But what happens when you’re faced with a shark?

Global warming has caused sharks to migrate closer to the

shore. Beachgoers and surfers have become more aware because of the increase in shark encounters.

One event occurred near Newport Beach and another in Oceanside during August. Earlier this past summer shark sightings caused San Clemente State Beach to close.

Next time you enter the warm Southern Californian waters, make sure to watch out for sharks. And don’t make the fatal error of mistaking it for a dolphin.



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Music in the Air

Music in the Air is a performance from all the music groups at Millikan, and on Tuesday, September 29th, Millikans musicians showcased their talents from 4 p.m to sundown. Parent and teacher Thomas Lind says, “I really enjoyed it, It’s a really exciting year for the music program”

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Homecoming Queens Nominated

QUEST senior Sara Manangon (center) walks with PEACE senior Kyle Moses to stand with the other nominees for the Millikan Homecoming Pageant. The event took place on September 25 in the gym. Voting will take place on October 8.

ASB and FOCUS Hope to Promote Student Spirit at Games

By Vincent Ngo
Sports Editor

At every football and basketball game you can find the Millikan student section hyping the crowd up with cheers.

The cheer directors in ASB and FOCUS lead students in chants that they have created.

“This year I really want all the boys and girls in the crowd to participate in the cheers, instead of just the student section leaders,” says

PEACE senior Lauren Anderson. COMPASS sophomore Jack Dixon says, “I think the student section is good this year. We make and use lots of cheers to

“I do wish we would get more participation from the crowd.”

help the football team. Although I do wish we would get more participation from the crowd.”

QUEST senior Sabria Harper adds, “A good place to start would be to make the crowd think that they are not ‘too coo’

to participate in the cheers. I think when we do that the activity will increase within the crowd.”

Anderson tells us, “To improve participation within the

student section, I think we should have bet-

ter communication with every student in the crowd.”

The student section at the Millikan games encourages the entire crowd to get up and cheer for Millikan and to participate with the student section leaders.

Rams Marching Band Rocks Out With New Instructor

By Alyssa Newkirk
Editorial Editor

“There will never be another night like tonight,” the new marching band instructor Rudolf Picanco announces before every performance.

Some may say there will never be another instructor like Mr. Picanco.

There is a stereotype about marching band and the people spending a majority of their high school lives at school performing music, even in the summer.

Whether it’s onlookers smirking as the band walks down the hall or the mutters of “band geeks”, the stereotype is present in some form.

In the 2015 season, Millikan’s students aim to visually and emotionally break this stereotype, a goal that wouldn’t be achievable without the instructor.

Picanco is not only experienced in the highest level of competitive marching band—Drum Corps International: Santa Clara Vanguard—but is also dedicated to his students and this sport.

Picanco walked into the position at Millikan last summer. Most students didn’t quite know what to expect.

Kai Bauer, COMPASS senior and drum major, says, “Mr. P actually exceeded my expectations. He has tightened down on discipline—something the band truly needs now.

“He also has the competitive edge that lights a fire in us, something that hasn’t happened in the past three years. What we’re doing this year is the start of something great, and I’m

proud to be at the helm of it [along with the field technicians].”

The normal day-to-day routine of band camp was shaken but students quickly jumped up to speed.

Picanco says, “My favorite aspect of teaching marching band is seeing students begin to enjoy it as much as I do, [and] the emotional aspect [they] put into performances.”

Picanco, although only teaching in a classroom for two years, has been teaching the art of music for the last 10.

“I want my students to take away from marching band the idea that it’s not just about what you do at football games, it’s what you put into the show that makes audiences feel something,” he says.

“I want them to take away the essential skills needed throughout life, both on the field and off. Whether it’s coping with stress or a valuable work ethic. I get to watch each student grow as a person and the band grow as a unit.”

So far, Picanco is enjoying his time at Millikan.

Picanco says, “I really enjoy how much excitement the band puts forth. I also think the familial aspect of the band is something to strive for, the community of students standing up for each other.”

The band, as a whole, is excited for the 2015 season with Picanco and show what we are capable of.

“To anybody reading this, I want you to watch us this year. See us perform in September and watch us develop as a whole. Keep the image of us now, and then watch us break the stereotype people have about marching band,” says Picanco.

Millikans Varsity Football Season

By Frank Carrillo
Co-Editor-in-Chief

The Rams clashed against the Lancers on Sept. 25. The Rams fought hard, but the game ended in defeat as Lakewood gained the upperhand and bested the Rams with an end score of 14-34.

There was an incident dur-

ing the game, where a Millikan player kicked a Lancer in the head. After the game, retaliating parents attacked Millikan athletes. An investigation is underway.

Millikan played against Mission Hills High School on Sept. 11 and lost 48-7. They triumphed against Aliso Niguel with a score of 41-21.

Girl’s Tennis Season Starts off Swinging

Sophie Morrison
Head Reporter

Girls tennis is literally the hottest sport right now. Stuck in the unfortunate fall sport’s slot, Millikan’s girl’s tennis team has endured temperatures in the high 90s during their practices. Several of the preseason games were even canceled due to the unbearable heat.

Despite their setbacks, both varsity and JV have started out strong, with both teams recently beating Cabrillo.

After finishing second in the division last year, varsity is eager to return to CIF.

Senior, and Varsity Captain Elena Perry, thinks this a realistic goal, saying, “The whole team has been working really hard this year and we are confident going into this season.”

Senior doubles player Madison McNerney echoes this, saying, “This season is bittersweet because for many of us, this is our last, but the prospect of getting further in CIF has motivated us to work even harder.”

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