

# Once the Student . . . Now the Master

by Alexandra Esquivel

Nick Hilton, principal, has kept his ears open since Day One, carefully noting comments and opinions from Perris High students and teachers. He often heard that people wanted to see change around the school in many areas; upon considering most suggestions, Hilton plans to lead the school on a path to becoming a better school.

Having the roamed the halls again, he noticed that the personalities of the students are much the same as before: bubbly and bright. Regarding negative comments from outsiders about Perris High (which have been circulating for many years), “If you go looking for trouble, you’re going to get trouble,” Hilton stated. With that wisdom intact, he will be working to turn the reputation of the school towards a more positive direction and to make sure that everybody sees and knows that.

Now, for the “dirt” on our new principal. He started his career at PHS as a student, a freshman in 1993; during his four years in high school, he enrolled in science club, honor society, CSF (California Scholarship Federation) and was also in Boys Track and Field for



a year out of the four. He said that his favorite memory was being able to walk on Gradua-

tion Day. While recalling that memory, he stated that he still remembers the sense of accomplishment he felt when walking up to receive his diploma.

Another “fact” for whomever might be designing a Trivial Pursuit game about PUHSD admin, not only did Hilton attend and graduate from Perris High, he also taught here for a number of years. He taught Chemistry, AP Chemistry, Physics, and Physical Science from 2002 to 2007. But it doesn’t stop there. After being a teacher for some time he became Assistant Principal at PHS in 2008 and continued to work in that capacity until 2011 when he was transferred to Paloma Valley High School. That means this year’s seniors had Hilton as an AP during their freshman year!

With the 1996 alumni running Perris High School, taking the position only a couple months ago, you can already see some changes taking place on campus. At the beginning of second semester, many students received their first

Honor Roll certificate from this school. Hilton wanted to start the Principal’s Honor Roll to celebrate the accomplishments of the students whose GPA a 3.0 or better. Hilton believes that if students feel that nobody cares about their grades, they will soon not care about their own grades either.

Happy to be back, he is excited about the challenges and opportunities ahead during the upcoming years. He plans on making more career programs available to the entire student body so they could see what could possibly be in store for them.

The PHS community has embraced the arrival of their new leader and appreciate his positivity and optimistic approach.



Hilton, 1991 PHS graduate

## Chromebook: How Far Have We Come and How Far Can We Go?

by Jos Calderon



While Chromebooks haven’t been around at our school as long as good old fashioned paper and pen have, they’ve still managed to make a place for themselves within every student’s backpack in the short time they’ve been on the scene. Throughout the year, students, teachers and staff alike have made great use of their Chromebooks and this has helped our school take one step closer to becoming a more technologically-able school that emphasizes skills that will be necessary in the workplace (aka real life) upon graduation.

In school, at home, or even after school at Starbucks, students use their Chromebooks to connect with classmates, work collaboratively with partners on projects, and find online help. Teachers have found interesting videos accessible for students and all sorts of other new online resources that can help students with their subject work.

With the new technology, new words have permeated our vocabulary. Words like drop-box, haiku, wiki-projects, scholar plus and google docs, drive, etc. have all become everyday phrases that years ago we couldn’t have imagined using.

We have different problems than we did before. ‘My offline changes didn’t save’ has replaced the outdated, ‘My dog ate my homework.’ Classmates are more likely to ask if they can borrow your charger than your notes. Wi-Fi doesn’t just affect teachers anymore, but students as well. In some classes, teachers will offer students the option of ‘Paper or Plastic?’ meaning

“Do you want to do the assignment on paper or Chromebook?” And when it comes to Chromebook mishaps such as accidentally dropping it, everyone around you is bound to have a heart attack at the sound of the awful crack.

The future seems bright for not just Chromebooks in school but other types of technology as well. No doubt you’ve seen your teacher take attendance using their I-Pad. The new social studies and foreign languages buildings are equipped with touch boards in the front of the classroom and our school offered geometry students a choice between an online textbook or hardcover.

Lots of things have changed in Perris High school because of these Chromebooks. While there is room for improvement, their benefits definitely outweigh the costs.



### Don’t put off purchasing your 2013-2014 Yearbook!

*There is a limited supply! You don’t want to miss out!!!*

**You can still upload photos to RePlay It. What is RePlay It?** ReplayIt is an upload portal (also a phone APP) where anyone can create an account and upload photos . The yearbook staff was able to access these photos and choose some of the photos to be used in the yearbook. All the rest of the photos that have been uploaded to RePlay It will be available to everybody who purchases a yearbook via the Time Capsule.

**What is the Time Capsule?** This is an access portal where all the rest of the photos that weren’t used for the 2014 yearbook are stored. They are available for access for ten years by everybody who purchases a yearbook. Awesome!

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Senior Interviews have become a tradition at Perris High School. For some, it is an opportunity to share the hours of work that went into creating a student portfolio. Staff and members of the community participated in the interview process.

For many seniors, it was their first interview. Anxiety, trepidation as well as happiness were apparent on student faces during the event. The interviews spanned three days in April after returning from Spring Break.

Despite problems with a shortage of interviews, coordinator, Lee Alfred, PHS counselor felt that the whole event was a great experience.

## The Senior Interview Experience

by Jimmy Ortiz

In order to find out how seniors actually felt about the interviews, two seniors were selected to participate in a brief survey.

Eduardo Guerrero was questioned: **Was this your first interview? How was it?**

*Yes this was my first interview. At first I was a little nervous but after the first one, the second one was a piece of cake*

**If this was a job interview do you think you would've got the job? Why?**

*Yes I believe I would have got the job due to the fact that I named all of my best qualities without being too eager.*

**What effect do you think dressing professionally has on the interviewer?**

*I think it shows that you are mature and ready to be in the real world*

**Were you nervous before the interview? If yes, how did it affect the interview?**

*I was nervous for the first interview only and the result was that I couldn't say everything I had on my mind.*

**What tip would you give someone going to an interview?**

*I would tell them it's not that bad and just act like if you were having a mature conversation with your parents.*

**How important was having your portfolio?**

*I think that it is important so that the interviewer can see exactly who you are and what you have accomplished.*



Senior, Lizeth Bautista was asked the same questions:

**Was this your first interview? How was it?**

*Yes, it was my first interview and it went great! It was a great experience; I wish I could relive it.*

**If this was a job interview do you think you would've got the job? Why?**

*Definitely, but I have a feeling the interviewers told a lot of people they would've gotten the job*

**What effect do you think dressing professionally has on the interviewer?**

*I think the fact that I dressed professionally gave a good expression although one of the interviewers*

*did tell me I should try to wear a skirt next time.*

**Were you nervous before the interview?**

**If yes, how did it affect the interview?**

*I felt somewhat nervous before my first interview, but I tried to hide it as much as I could and show confidence instead. I ended up feeling very comfortable with the interviewers in the end.*

**What tip would you give someone going to an interview?**

*Be confident, believe in yourself and be yourself! Don't feel intimidated.*

**How important was having your portfolio?**

*I think it's always important to have your portfolio no matter what; it's always good to be prepared.*



Photos above are the seniors who are dressed and ready to be called for their interviews.

## JROTC: JCLC

by Juan Carlos Morales

On April 4<sup>th</sup> through the 6<sup>th</sup>, approximately 50 JROTC cadets attended the ROTC Leadership challenge hosted by JCLC. JCLC is an annual three day camp for ROTC students, designed to test the leadership and ability of promoting leadership and teamwork and survival skills. Cadets need an average of a 2.0 GPA to attend this annual event.

On the first day of JCLC, the cadets marched an impressive five miles just to get to camp. Both day and night, cadets received hands on skills and training, such as first aid in case of any serious injuries and useful lessons on how to tie knots that might be necessary for survival. They were tested on the use of a compass and navigated their way back to camps as groups.

But JCLC isn't just about survival, cadets had fun there as well. They had a mile run for stress relief and much more. After three days of hard work and fun activities, the cadets received three ribbons for attending.



## The Next Crop

by Stephanie Solis

On April 26th, Perris Valley Dodge and Perris FFA hosted "The Next Crop" fundraiser, a fundraiser in which \$20 was donated to the FFA organization for every Dodge truck that was test driven by students, family and friends from Perris FFA. All you had to do was fill out a form and test drive the truck. A total of 100 people test drove the trucks which was exactly the top limit of test drives that Dodge had set.

Out of the \$20 donated, \$13 went to Perris FFA which meant that they received a total of \$1,300. Ag teachers, Douglas Cousins and Krystal Thomas along with students involved in FFA helped out at the Dodge dealership, making sure everything proceeded in an orderly fashion.

Cousins commented, "I'm glad to see how much students love and support our FFA program. We couldn't have done it without their support."



Dodge put together this campaign to make the public aware that people need to "step up" for the next generation of farmers. Furthermore, it was their intent that the public realize how important the farmer is to our way to life. That's why the fundraising events was called "The Next Crop". The Dodge dealership included the FFA organization in this campaign because they recognized how focused PHS is on Ag education.

## SBAC Testing

by Jaime Gastelum

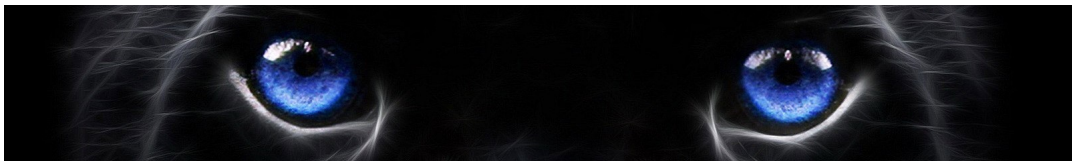
It has been a year of change for Perris High— a new principal, new buildings, new technology and the shift of standards to Common Core State Standards (CCSS). With the shift came the new SBAC, Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium, testing which replaces the CSTs. It is a totally different concept which incorporates more free response questions and minimizes the amount of multiple choice questions, and is administered online.

Junior, Evan Perez says, "The test is a lot tougher; it is more challenging. The math part was mostly all free response."

Junior, Maria Vasquez stated, "I don't like the new format. I don't like using technology to take tests. The new format is a lot harder than the CSTs and not all students are at the level of the test. Most of the test was Algebra 2 and I know many students still in Geometry and lower level courses."



# Jaws’



# Piece

When I first came here as a bright-eyed freshman, I was excited about all the things I would be doing in my upperclassmen years. Senior year especially seemed like it would be an amazing, memory and privilege-filled year. Seniors it seemed . . . ruled the school. *Everything* was about them. A man named Herff Jones seemed to take special interest in them and would visit often. Signs bearing his name would appear everywhere days before his arrival. I found out this year though that Herff Jones is actually just the name of the company in charge of senior caps, gowns, class rings, and all that a senior needs for graduation.

Seniors had so many other privileges that underclassmen had no hope of ever gaining. Seniors sat on their own side during pep rallies, seniors had their own fashion show before prom, seniors were allowed to go out for lunch as long as they were in good standing, seniors were respected more by their teachers, seniors could park in the student parking lot, and seniors had meetings throughout the year where who-knows-what-went-on-in-them. They had seniority and were usually the

first to know about something important coming up.

This year, I learned what it was like to be sitting on the seniors' side at a pep rally and I felt the enthusiastic rush of adrenaline that went through what seemed to be every senior there just before we started yelling. I could see the envious faces of the freshmen and the longing looks the sophomores gave us. I remembered how the year before, I hadn't been able to see the faces of the seniors, but how I felt excited just knowing next year it would be me.

However, there is one senior experience that I was looking forward to for every day for four years. I can definitely say it was the experience I had been waiting for and looking forward to the most as a senior. It wasn't the exhilaration of Grad Night, it wasn't the bitter-sweet farewell of Graduation, and it wasn't the nerve-racking wait for college acceptance letters, not the stress of senior interviews, nor the grandeur of Prom. In fact, the thing I was looking forward to the most this year isn't even really anything officially considered a senior activity. I was looking most forward to CSTs.

At Perris High, we had a tradition, a school norm, wherein during the week of CSTs, seniors don't show up for the testing block periods and end up coming to school until around 10 o'clock. Every year as CSTs rolled around, I could not help but feel envy towards the seniors who braggingly declared that they weren't going to wake up until 9 in the morning the same day I was scheduled to take my CSTs. Every day as I woke up that week, all I could tell myself to keep myself going was that one day, when I had earned the right and the experience to call myself a senior, I wouldn't have to take CSTs, I too would get these late mornings. I would get to brag, and most importantly, I would get to sleep in late.

This year though, with the new standardized tests being offered online and being done in a way that as a senior I have as of yet not been informed of, there are no late mornings, there are no bragging rights, there is no sleeping in.

Nothing could possibly be more disappointing.

## Our Voices.

### Life Without Social Networks.

Can you live without social networks? Sure, we've all deactivated some of our social networks to get a break from them but most of us end up going back to them. According to *eBizRank*, Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, Google Plus, Tumblr and Instagram are amongst the top 10 most popular social networking sites, with Facebook being ranked as number one.

Personally, I don't think that most of today's youth can live without some sort of social network, including myself.

No, we're not on them 24/7, but daily we're either updating our status, tweeting about our day or choosing what filter our selfie looks best in. Not saying that there's anything wrong with using our social networks but sometimes we're scrolling down our feed instead of doing important things like our homework, studying for that test or doing that chore that our mom has been bugging us about.

I think that we need to put the phone, laptop or whatever device we use down for a couple of minutes or even hours if necessary. I think it's even a bad idea for us to be multi-tasking while doing our work, scrolling down our feed as we're trying to get our homework done.

First of all, it's going to take longer to get done and most importantly you're most likely not going to understand what you're doing because your brain isn't fully focused on getting the work done. We're not going to die if we don't reply back to that tweet or if we don't thank everybody for complimenting us on our selfie on Instagram. We weren't born with a social network so why tie ourselves down to it?

How about we get our work done first and then we can reward ourselves by going on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.

*Stephanie Solis*

### Confusion about Hats.

In the beginning of the year a new principal

was introduced, Nick Hilton. The supervisors have been confused on what rules to enforce this year due to the new principal.

A current problem we have this year is dress code for hats. Every student is clueless as they ask "Are hats allowed or not?" I have personally had my hat taken by Adriana Lepe, she made me put my hat away, and told me, "If I see you with a hat again, I will confiscate it." Yet everyone walks around wearing hats showing their fandom for sports.

So, what is the actual rule with hats? I believe that we should be able to wear any hat, because a hat is an accessory to express our personality. The hats that show gang affiliation should be the only hats that should not be allowed on the school premises. School staff should not focus on the use of hats; there are bigger problems around campus that need attention, like drugs and violence.

*Jesus Perez*

### A Problem with Cafeteria Food.

I think that all of the students have been eating school food for a long time now, especially because we are in high school and we've been riding this road since kindergarten. There are those kids who get school food for free and are able to eat and than there are those kids who have to pay for food. Some however, can't manage to buy school food every single day.

In real terms, I think that the kids that don't buy the food compared to those that do have a better chance of being healthy. It might seem good and like a simple meal but I have seen expiration dates on a lot of the school food and some have already expired. Besides that, the kids who buy their food from the school for two fifty every single day can go to McDonald's and buy themselves at least two burgers rather than a half burned pizza or burger from yesterday that has been sitting in the back of the fridge all night long.

There have been a lot of things wrong with food in school and there are hard cold medical facts but there's one I have been focused on, "Nacho Cheese". I have even noticed that most of the nacho cheese is

practically a part of the mold family. The only satisfying thing I look forward to eating during lunch would be an apple. I would rather leave campus, go home and eat by myself than risk food poisoning.

*Marcos Monroy*

### Premarital Sex Too EASY

There is a saying out there that teens say in this generation that goes like this, "Boys give love to get sex and girls give sex to get love." Girls struggle nowadays to find a good, honest, responsible guy. Also guys seem to have a lack of responsibility and a lack of maturity. All that males look for in a girl these days is sex.

Why has true love become so hard to obtain and sex so easy?

Why do girls expose themselves so easily?

Why are guys lacking the affection, respect, and love a girl really deserves?

Why can't guys see how valuable it is to have a girlfriend?

Sex in marriage should be something worth waiting for. Sex should not be something girls should avail themselves to before marriage. Also, that should not be the only thing guys seek for in a girl.

Why not try seeking something long term like a true, honest and sincere relationship without that sexual intimacy?

Sex is not everything in a relationship. If a guy says he loves a girl he would never do anything to cause her any kind of pain or push her into doing things she's not comfortable with.

Girls need to start saying, NO! They have a strong say in many things. If their boyfriend only wants to spend time with her to eventually have some kind of sexual contact, she should be strong enough to let go and break up with him. Because they will not . . . from that point on, be on the same page. He will only be lusting for her and she will eventually be mistreated or hurt.

In too many cases, a girl's excuse is too often, "Oh but I love him." Try loving yourself for once and make a change in your life that will truly benefit you and really bring you happiness and love. Girls don't need the love or affection from their boyfriend to feel spe-

cial or wanted.

No matter how much your boyfriend says he loves you or he'll do anything for you, his "love" will never match the love your family has for you. Family is always above any friendship or relationship you could have. The love and affection a family pours out to us is unmatched.

So girls—don't seek happiness or love in a guy unless it's your father or God.

*Brayan Rios*

### About JROTC.

May 5th was the JROTC 30th Annual Awards Night; the purpose for this event is to highlight achievements. 50 cadets received academic medals for many reasons - either for participation or for their outstanding work. Seniors received their diploma for completing a year in JROTC. The seniors who have been in the program for four years received a plaque for being so motivated and going the distance - a whole four years. The plaque is recognition, a big thank you for being in the program and being helpful, motivated, a team player, someone who had to obey the rules without question.

As a former member of the ROTC program, I have been very proud to meet every last one of the cadets; they all do as they have been taught to do: 1. follow the rules and obey every order; 2. be proud and obedient as in complying or willing to comply with orders or requests; 3. always try to succeed and get a higher rank.

I have seen them grow over the last few years. I have seen them be very friendly and kind to other students, reaching out for a hand to help others. I am proud to say I was once an ROTC cadet and that program has truly changed the lives of many - for the better.

*Juan Carlos Chicas*

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## Ask Sally

### The Advice Guru

Hello, staff and students I am Sally the P-Town Press advice guru. For the past week some of the newspaper staff went out during lunch and asked students to submit questions. The questions submitted will stay anonymous to ensure student privacy. If you would like to submit questions look for the big green box labeled "Advice Column".

Now it is time to answer some of the questions submitted for this section:

**"My boyfriend cheated and had sex with another girl and he is trying to get back with me. What should I do?"**

I want to start off by saying that I am sorry that your boyfriend did that to you. What

you should do is ditch the guy. He obviously did not appreciate your company since he cheated on you. What you should do now is just ignore him and get him out of your life. You have to remember that this is high school; you should not have it be a bad experience because of this one guy. Also focus on yourself for a while, do things that you could not do when you were with him. Hope it helps.

**"My boyfriend is kind of ignoring me. What do I do?"**

The best thing to do in this situation is go and talk to your boyfriend, and ask him why he is acting like this. Guys are just as compli-

cated as girls, so conversing with him will make you get all these ideas out your head. Do not think ahead of the situation, your mind will come up with all these scenarios that are not true. If he does not want to talk to you than stay away for a while and if the neglect intensifies, than that's it. End it with the guy.

**The responses expressed here are from a classmate who wants to help with the typical problems faced by students. This is not professional advice.**

**You may submit your questions to "the box" in room 5202.**



# Need New, FREE Apps for Your Apple Device?

by Karina Mosqueda

**Duolingo:** A great, interactive app that offers you the chance to learn the languages of French, Italian, Spanish, German or Portuguese. The app allows you start at the basics of the language and you must learn how to spell it, pronounce it, use it in a sentence and distinguish it from similar words. First, you start in Basics 1, followed by Basics 2, then Phrases and you finish the course at the level Food. You're sure to master the words since you can't continue learning until you pass each test or level. Duolingo also gives you the chance to duel against other users or a programmed bot. If you master the pre-installed courses you can head over the in-app store to purchase courses like 'Idioms' or 'Flirty' because you never know when you'll have to use a pick-up line in Italian.

**VSCOcam:** An amazing editing application that offers you a bigger variety of filters. You receive pre-installed filters and if you want more, you can go to their in app store to buy more or if you're lucky, you'll find one you like for free. VSCOcam even allows you to create your own profile and upload your pictures. Head over to your Grid and see popular pictures that have been uploaded or search for someone! The app requires you to do some exploring in order to reap the benefits but once you see how cool your pictures look, you'll be happy you

did.

**Studio:** A super cute photo app that allows you to add frames, texts, textures, doodles, cut-outs and much more. There are pre-installed decorations but once you sign up and make a profile you can purchase more. And here's a hint: there are always free packets at least once every two weeks! Sometimes adding a filter just isn't enough, you have to decorate your picture as well! And if you feel you're lacking a bit of inspiration you can check out the home page and see what the editors have uploaded.

**RetailMeNot:** Now, I know a lot of you guys are fashion savvy and love to shop so I'm sure you all will appreciate this app, whose motto is "Spend Less, Shop More". RetailMeNot allows you to search stores either by name or category and thus, you can see if they have any in-store or online deals. The categories are wide, you can search anything from accessories, automotive, electronics, food, musical instruments, to travel! Once you download it and check it out you will notice that they will allow you to choose your favorite stores which will be the first thing you see when you go on the app later on. This makes finding out about deals at your favorite stores super easy!



## Sizzler Meet & Greet

PHS ASB, Cheer and Band were invited to a Meet & Greet event at Sizzler on Tuesday, May 13th. Excitement was in the air, as band members carried instruments and music stands to the recently renovated Sizzler Restaurant. Three of our cheerleaders greeted guest at front door while ASB greeted guests inside the newly renovated restaurant. The PHS Band played background music before and after the event. On a delicious note, Sizzler treated all of the PHS students who helped at the event to a steak and shrimp lunch. Checks were presented to Band for \$1000 and to ASB, Cheer, ROTC for \$500. Jose Rodriguez, ASB Adviser, shared, "The Myers were incredibly appreciative, kind, and treated all the students, Mr. Cerchia, and I like VIPs."

## Off to the L.A. Pavilion!

by Marcos Monroy

The Perris High School Drama Department had the chance to go see the Broadway production of "Porgy and Bess The Musical" in the Los Angeles Performing Arts Pavilion. The cast from "West Side Story the Musical" performed a quick song "Officer Krupke" while in line. While waiting—in line—the drama group got introduced to some people that gave out pamphlets, buttons, asked questions about what kind of music they listen to and told them about summer workshops for any kind of actor, dancer, singer, etc.

The show, "Porgy and Bess", takes place in the 1930s when there was a lot of discrimination and racism; it involved choosing between love or a community. We were introduced to Porgy the protagonist, Crown the antagonist and Bess the girl in between the loving grasp of porgy and crown. In the beginning, Porgy gets introduced to the deceiving eyes of Bess, through the flaws that Porgy oversees of Bess he gives her a chance

to change her ways from the day' that she was with Crown.

In act two, you get to see how Bess has to choose to live a happy life with Porgy or a wealthy life with a man in New York; we see how Porgy take all of this in when they tell him what she has done.

At the end of the musical, the students got a chance to ask some questions and get to know how the actor's life is and how much hard work and dedication they put into the production. The PHS Drama Department loved it so much that the play received a



<https://www.google.com/search?q=Los+Angeles%E2%8099+performing+Arts+Pavilion>



Pictured above is the city of Perris mayor, Gary Myers, with the National Anthem vocalist, Estefani Buenrostro, who attended the Meet & Greet Ribbon-cutting ceremony for Sizzler.

## BAND PLANS: Spring Concert and Catalina Island Trip

by Karina Mosqueda

This year, the Perris High Band is organizing a Spring Concert with music ranging from The Simpson's theme song to The United States Victory March. The band has been continuously working on this concert since January and they are excited to show the school how their work has paid off. The Innovative Horizons Charter School at Nan Sanders Band will also be accompanying the Perris High Band in a song that will be performed at the end of the concert.

Brandon Castelan, Band President, feels this is a great way to encourage kids to keep playing and to join the Perris High Band. "Getting to mentor these kids is rewarding

and I can only hope that they see how great being in band is and that they decide to join once they enter high school."

This concert will be held in the school's MPR on May 27, be sure to put that on your calendar!

But before the concert, the band will be taking their Annual Band Trip. This year their destination is Catalina Island! They will be leaving the Friday before their concert and staying at the Atwater Hotel.

The goal of their trip is to perform in a different city so they can expand their horizons and get Perris High's name out there. The band director, Donald Cerchia, attended similar trips during his high school and college days

and he wants to give our band kids a similar experience while also teaching them the responsibility of having to

wisely spend their money and manage their time.



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# Man on the Street

Thomas Macias & Stephanie Solis, reporters on prowl...

## Who is the Cutest Teacher at Perris High School?



*Mr. Vasquez is my man crush. He's just so nerdy and handsome.*  
Lucy Duarte, senior



*Ms. Brusca. She's a goddess. She's one of the most perfect women in the world.*  
Eric Lim, senior



*Mr. Johnson because he has so much wisdom. I find that very attractive.*  
Minh Tran, junior



*I feel Mr. Wise is the cutest. I'd like to have him as my teacher all day.*  
Natalia Vasquez, sophomore



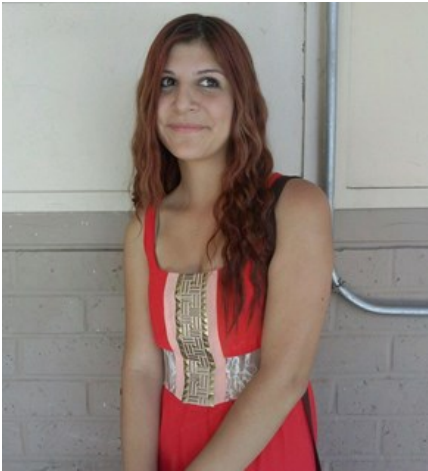
*Ms. Woodard—she makes me want to take notes.*  
Emanuel Herrera, senior



*Ms. Woodard. She has amazing eyes.*  
Carlos Rivera, junior



*Mr. Cerchia, without a doubt! The way he moves his hands to conduct is just . . . WOW!*  
Abdiel Rodriguez, sophomore



*Mr. Waters. He's so dramatic with all of us. I love it!*  
Yvette Rodriguez, freshman

## CALDERON RECEIVES QUESTBRIDGE SCHOLARSHIP

by Karina Mosqueda

Few make it to college., Fewer make it to an Ivy League. And fewer still manage to get a full ride scholarship. And... only the elite receive a Questbridge scholarship. Senior, Joselyn Calderon defied the odds and is the proud recipient of the honor. For those who know her, it did not come as a surprise. Calderon will be attending the University of Pennsylvania in the fall thanks to the scholarship. She graciously answered the following questions during her interview.

You obviously must have had some confidence in yourself to go through with the application process, so what was your level of certainty that you'd get the scholarship?

Confidence? What the heck? No. I have no idea why I even bothered. I mean, there were a lot of amazing people who were incredibly amazing and they didn't get it. I gue4ss I just must've done it because Diana Vasquez did it and she had encouraged me to apply when I was a sophomore. I was very impressionable back then and so I did it. I honestly didn't think I'd make it to the first round and when I did—I felt like maybe I could do this. Maybe I could win. Being a finalist really increased my confidence about it.

How did you react? Most importantly, how did your family react?

Well, I got kind of mad. I started tearing up—I wanted to go to Stanford so darn bad. But then I started freaking out. I got really excited. I wanted to go tell Hays and Gartel right away. They were the first people. Then I met Mr. Hilton that same day and he congratulated me. When I told my friends, they were really happy for me. My mom was so happy she didn't even care that I was going to Philadelphia. Then, like an hour later., she realized that Philly is across America.

Moving across the country is a huge step. How do you think you'll cope?

I' excited to be leaving my house. I'm tired of looking things up for my parents. It's my brother's turn now. I'll miss my friends. Of course, I'll miss my brother and my parents and I'll miss when my brother get a girlfriend. That would suck. But I'm really excited about going somewhere where I an finally build a snowman. Also, my mom says I should do fine alone since I lock myself up in my room to be alone at home anyway.

A lot of the work and accomplishments are yours alone, but is there anyone you would like to thank?

No one more than Diana Vasquez, thank God she me to apply. Also, Ms. Brusca for her help on my essays. And for my recommendations—Mr. Vasquez and Dr. Gartel, and coffee and my bestie Karina.



So, once again, a Panther has claimed the golden Questbridge scholarship and will be able to realize her dreams. The Perris High community is proud of her and supports her as she goes off to make her mark in the world.





# PANTHER SPORTS



## Boys Volleyball: Season in Review

by,Jaime Gastelum

The boys opened the season strong, alongside their new head coach Jose Vera, winning their first two games and defeating the school rival, Heritage High School in their first match 3-1. This win kicked off a four game win streak, defeating Tahquitz, Nuviev Bridge and San Jacinto. During this great run the boys outscored their rivals 12-2, shutting out two of the four.

The guys had a great season finishing fourth in

the Sunbelt League, making new friendships and memories along the way. Second year player senior, Juan Chavez says ,“It was a fun, and exciting season, it was great to hang out with my friends on the court.”



## WINDING UP... OR DOWN

by Jesus Perez

Baseball is the one spring sport that everyone looks forward to. Presidents go out to Opening Day to throw out the first pitch. You don't see presidents going to the Superbowl for the first tackle, do you? No, you don't because there is nothing more

American than baseball. It is the most anticipated season of the year all throughout the United States! At Perris High, our baseball season is quickly wrapping up—only a couple of games left to wind up the end of the best time of the year. Even though there have been stumbles with a few challenges at the beginning of the season, the team remained strong, giving their all and improving significantly.

Senior, John Mendoza, shares, “My most memorable moment this year would have to be that I was able to play side by side with my brother—freshman, Giovanne Mendoza.” Varsity pitcher and senior, Victor Bustamante, also shared that he plays with his brothers, Moses Bustamante and Adrian Bustamante, making it one of his favorite seasons yet.



## Fourth Annual Panther Sports Challenge

by Jesus Perez

The Perris Union High School District hosted its Fourth Annual Panther Sports Challenge, a Special-Olympics type event for our Special Education students. The Sports Challenge was a suc-



cess this year. Several clubs, sports, and schools came to participate with and cheer for the Special Education students. Heritage High School and Paloma Valley High School were a part of this year's event. The sporting events offered throughout the day consisted of a football toss, softball homerun derby, soccer kicking contest, relay race, and basketball free-throw competition. The winning competitors were awarded medals, in other words reenacting the Olympics. Actually, all athletes received a medal for participation.



The student mentors from Perris, Heritage, and Paloma were student athletes who volunteered their time on early Saturday morning, March 29th. Their reward for their time and sacrifice were the boundless smiles of all the wonderful Special Education students. The Sports Challenge is an event the district hosts every year. It started with just Perris High School and has grown every year since.



## PHS Athletic Director Receives Award!

The Citrus Belt Area Athletic Directors Association has announced that Athletic Director Ken Cohen at Perris High School, David Drake, Athletic Director/Dean at Heritage High School, and Michael Pfeiffer, Athletic Director at Paloma Valley High School are all recipients of the CBAASA Sportsmanship Award. This award is given to "recognize schools that emphasize sportsmanship and conduct their athletic programs with honor".

Kenneth Cohen, PHS Athletic Director, humbly commented, “I have really good coaches that are doing an amazing job.”

Dr. Jonathan Greenberg, PUHSD superintendent, shared in an email, “As a District, we naturally want our athletic teams to compete at the highest level and win championships and league titles. That being said, competing with honor extends the lessons of the classroom to the athletic fields.

I want to congratulate Ken Cohen, David Drake, and Michael Pfeiffer for leading great athletic programs at their respective schools. Also, I want to than all of our coaches for setting great examples for all of our student athletes, their families and the communities we serve!”





Top Row, L to R: Heidi Valdez, senior; Israel De Moulin, senior; Heliodoro Rivas, senior; Bottom Row: Andres Mendoza, senior; Ignacio Barrios, sophomore

“The Perris High Swim team started from the bottom and now we are here,” describes Isaiah De Moulin, junior.

ous individual accomplishments, including Heidi Valdez’s qualification for CIF for the 200 yard Individual Medley, 100 yard

## PANTHERS SWIM

by Joseph Figueroa

The team started off strong with Cathedral City having been overcome by our Varsity Boys by over a hundred points. The boys have had an outstanding year, leading the season with a 10 straight victory record, making it the first one for the books in Perris High Swim history. Within the first Swim Meet at Cathedral City High School, all three of the Boys Relay teams made Consideration time for the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) criteria. The Girls Swim Team had various individual accomplishments, including Heidi Valdez’s qualification for CIF for the 200 yard Individual Medley, 100 yard

backstroke, and 100 yard breaststroke. Valdez, senior, describes her season this, “I feel like it was an extra push to test my limits. I gave it my all and saw how much I had left in me. I accomplished what I wanted to.” The Girls CIF Relay Team consists of Heidi Valdez, Melinda Medina, Marilyn Rios and Karina Rodriguez, all of them seniors except for incoming first-year varsity and freshman, Medina.

One of the most intense matches that De Moulin remembers is Senior Night against Elsinore High School. He recalls, “I felt intimidated.”

For the seniors, this has been a successful season and ‘One to Remember.’ The guys beat Elsinore with a score of 96-71. With this victory, they retained an undefeated record of 9-0.

Overall this year’s Swim Season has been a blockbuster!

## Editor’s Pick MVP

by Jimmy Ortiz

Every year student athletes give everything they have on the field or court for their respective sport. They work hard not only on their sport, but also in the classroom. These students have to figure out ways to balance school work with practice and games and sometimes put in extra work on the weekends. The sports editors want to recognize these student athletes and motivate them to NEVER GIVE UP and let them know they have the full support of the whole school.

Football: Devin Mitchell- A lockdown corner, “Mitchell’s Island” a place receiver on the opposite side of the line from him fear, he committed to playing football at UAPB in the fall.

Boys Water Polo: Andy Mendoza, team captain and goalie had a team high for assist and was a great leader for the team.

Cross Country: Eddie Jamie with his blazing speed. Eddie blasts off the line and gives it his all during the race showing no mercy to his opponents.

Girls Golf: Victoria Morales. Eagle, birdie, or bogey, Victoria keeps golfing hard for the win.

Girls Tennis: Melissa Sanchez. Melissa’s powerful serve leaves her opponent standing still not knowing where to hit.

Girls Volleyball: Jennifer Quinonez. As varsity setter she always encourages the girls and never gives up. She goes to practice every day with a positive attitude.

Boys Soccer: Daniel Juarez, a four year varsity player who has always been the creator on the team with his attacking abilities.

Girls Soccer: Summer Traylor has played varsity for four years and has made sure each year the team gets better and stays united.

Girls wrestling: Margarita Sanchez. This was her first year wrestling and she did great in all of her matches.

Boys wrestling: Dayvon Joseph was the only PHS wrestler to make it to CIF.

Girls Basketball: Kelsey Howgard. The star point guard, a leader on and off the court.

Boys Basketball: Elishua Jackson was a beast in the paint and led the team in points per game.

Girls Water Polo: Heidi Valdez. Team captain and goalie, she broke a school record for most saves!

Swim: Israel De Moulin & Heidi Valdez. Israel has been a leader since the season started; he’s stepped up big by qualifying for CIF in three events. Heidi has been a great captain by inspiring her swim teammates to be the best they can be.

Track: Michelle Mendivil, A spectacular runner who leaves her opponents in the dust while keeping her cool.

Boys Golf: Daniel Juarez, the two sport specialist— he putts for days.

Boys Tennis: The twins, Jeremy and Josh. Don’t mess with twins—they have twin telepathy after all.

Boys Volleyball: Cesar Godoy, a junior captain of a varsity team. He handles the team marvelously offering a leadership role and a never give up mentality.

Baseball: John “Hermie” Mendoza” is an excellent pitcher; he shut down Heritage and any other school he’s faced. He’s been Perris High’s Mariano Rivera. “Bring the heat”!

## Two Years & Going Strong

by Joseph Figueroa

This is the second year that Perris High has had a Tennis team with Lan Noble, English teacher, returning yet again for another great season. Prior to these last two years, there hadn’t been a tennis team in over two decades. Asked about coaching, Noble responded, “It is fun as a great sport throughout your life. I’m excited to be a tennis coach next year because we have great athletes here who need to be exposed to a sport.”

The PHS Tennis team competed in every match and won two league matches, both against Lakeside High School. The first meet against Lakeside was a narrow victory, nearly winning them 10-8. The most notable part of this is when the Boys Tennis team beat Lakeside again, this time



L to R: Jeremy Pagtalunan & Josh Pagtalunan

soundly defeating them with a score of 12-6.

Noble recapped the season, “This was a successful year as in baseline and improvement. We showcased our skills when we were on the road. Even with a record of 2-

8, the boys had never lost in a complete blowout. Most of our matches have been close calls.”

Two dynamic players who returned this season are twins, Josh and Jeremy Pagtalunan, both juniors. They won their match in the semi-finals for the Sunbelt League and made it to CIF and making history for PHS Tennis.

“It’s fun bro, but it’s really stressing because you have to rely on your partner... but at

the same time you don’t want to screw up,” Jeremy confided about playing doubles with his brother.

Josh stated, “I think it’s been the best so far. I think I’ve played my best tennis this season!”

## A Day in the Life of a Track Start: Berry Style and Mendivil Style

by Jimmy Ortiz

Track stars, Aaron Berry and Michelle Mendivil were interviewed and here’s the scoop:

**Q:** A day before the race what do you usually do sleep early stay up all night?  
**AB:** I sleep because it helps your body rest and I dream on how I need to run my race.  
**MM:** The day before a meet I try to sleep early to get rest and have enough energy the next day.



**Q:**When you wake up for game day what does your breakfast consist of?  
**AB:** I eat oatmeal because it’s healthy and it fills me up.  
**MM:** I try to stay on the healthy side on meet

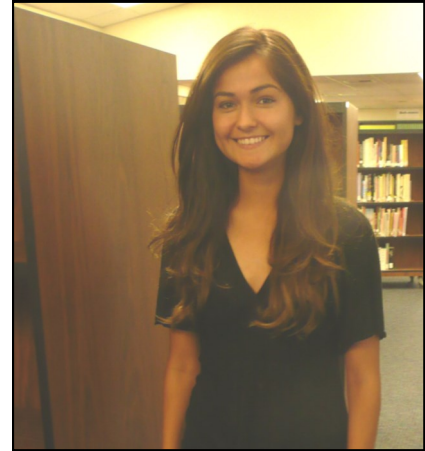
days so I’ll eat yogurt with granola and fruits, especially bananas. It is also important to stay hydrated and drink A LOT of water!

**Q:** Now for gear—what are you favorite track shoes?  
**AB:** I like to wear Nike track shoes because they’re lighter and I love bright colors.  
**MM:** The spikes I have right now are called “Spider spikes”. I’ve purchased the same 2 years in a row now since they are very comfortable and light when running. They are also very simple which I like.

**Q:** Do you have any pregame rituals?  
**AB:** One thing I do is pray and thank God for giving me the abilities to run again and bless me on my race. Also before my race, I eat Skittles because it’s good luck to me.  
**MM:** Music.

**Q:** What event do you do? Any tips for people trying to run that event?  
**AB:** I do the 4 by 100, long jump, 100 meters, and the triple jump.  
You have to really stretch your muscles and get warm because you want to feel flexible and run faster.  
**MM:** My main event is the 400 meters which is

known as the hardest event in track. My advice would be to learn to pace yourself and try to keep your form around the entire lap no matter how



hard it gets. The last 100 meters are the hardest and pumping your arms will be what saves you. Something I noticed that helps me during that event is choosing an inner lane such as 2 or 3 because it helps me push myself to catch the other girls since the lanes are staggered causing the outside lanes start off ahead of me.

**Q:** Do you have a pre-game playlist?  
**AB:** I listen to clam music to get my mind right.  
**MM:** Lana Del Rey keeps me calm before racing!



## P-Town Artists

by Jaime Gastelum

Through the years, Glynette Baldwin’s Art class has produced, created, and brought to light the many bright young



artists at Perris High School. It is the perfect place for students to discover a new talent, for students to express themselves, for students to create beautiful pieces of art.

One recent project this semester that Art 1 students worked on was a collage. Students created a work of art out of many small pieces of paper cut out of magazines. One in particular really stood out.

The collage was created by Randy Tapia, a senior who is well known for his artistic work. Tapia work on a variety of different art endeavors for Perris High School; he is currently involved in creating many of the school musical’s background paintings and recently created the winning shirt design for the Journalism shirt contest.

Tapia’s collage is a recreation of one of Mexico’s famous magazines “Vogue” which had Frieda Kalo on the cover (one of Tapia’s favorite artists).

When asked why he chose to create this in particular, he replied, “The fact that Frieda was not so conventionally beautiful but yet she was on the cover of a magazine, inspired me to recreate it.”

Tapia shared that he likes painting and drawing because it is a great way to express himself and finds it very liberating.

Another one of Perris High’s great artists is senior, Summer Traylor. Traylor is an artist who loves to paint in a styled called Pointillism which is a style of painting in which a picture is constructed from dots of pure color that blend, at a distance, into recognizable shapes and various color tones; her latest work is a painting which depicts a beautiful scenery image of a river running through a forest.

Traylor has been painting since she was twelve years old, and says she is inspired by Mrs. Baldwin’s great personality to



do the best she can on all assignments. She also confided that she loves to paint because it is fun and it relaxes her.

## WEST SIDE STORY TO OPEN AT PERRIS HIGH SCHOOL

by Alexandra Esquivel

The Perris High Drama Club is busily rehearsing and preparing sets for the popular musical, *West Side Story*. Actors and dancers have been seen practicing after school for weeks now and opening night is fast approaching.

Performances begin on Thursday night, May 15, and run through Saturday, May 17th. You can purchase a ticket from the ASB accountant, Lori Hays, located in the admin building (you know—the open door in the a.m.) for \$5 or you can purchase a ticket for \$7 at the door.

The musical has many entertaining, suspenseful, romantic and tragic moments all rolled into one production. It is well known as a contemporary version of Shakespeare’s *Romeo and Juliet*. The setting is in the 1950s in New York City with tensions between two rival teen gangs—the Jets and the Sharks.

The Sharks are from Puerto Rico while the Jets are the Polish-American working-class. The male lead, Tony, will be played by Thomas Macias. Tony is a proud member of the Jets who falls in love with Maria, sister to the leader of the Sharks. This female lead will be acted by Angel Allen.



You’ve read *Romeo and Juliet*, but are you read for it New York style—*West Side Story*?

Don’t miss out. Buy your tickets before they sell out. And we’ll see you . . . at the theatre!

## Movie Review: *Captain America: The Winter Soldier*

by Thomas Macias

After the cataclysmic events that happened in New York with the Avengers, Captain America is back for the third time on the big screen. In *Captain America: The Winter Soldier*, Steve Rogers, portrayed by Chris Evans, is back and quietly living in Washington D.C. trying to live a normal life after everything that happened in the 2012 blockbuster film *The Avengers*. Suddenly in the film, a S.H.I.E.L.D. colleague of Captain America’s goes under attack.

The Captain gets involved. The entire world is in danger and it’s up to him to save it. He joins forces with the very attractive Black Widow, played by Scarlett Johansson and they work together to expose the “truth” of everything going on in S.H.I.E.L.D.

This has to be one of the most exciting Marvel Films released to date. You will undoubtedly, be on the edge of your seat the whole time. I recommend this film and so far, it has to be the best film of 2014.

Remember to stay until the end of the credits because there you get a glimpse of Quicksilver: Aaron Taylor Johnson and Scarlet Witch: Elizabeth Olsen. This scene leads and will connect this film with The Avengers: Age of Ultron.



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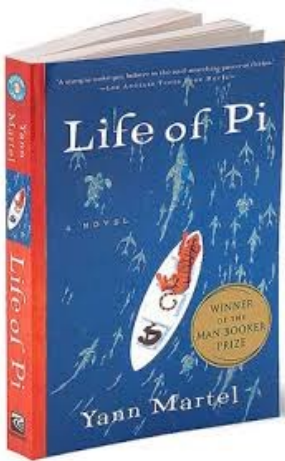


Book Review: *Life of Pi*

by Joselyn Calderon

Perhaps you've seen the movie *Life of Pi*, or heard of it. Not surprisingly, the book is much, much better than the movie (although the movie is pretty great too).

In it you follow the struggle of Piscine Patel, who is stranded on a lifeboat in the middle of the Pacific Ocean with only an adult Bengal Tiger to keep him company.



Piscine, who implores others to call him Pi, has led an interesting life in India. He follows Hinduism, Christianity, and Islam all at the same time and his family owns a zoo. They are on their way to Canada to start a new life when their ship mysteriously sinks over the Mariana Trench. Pi and the tiger, named Richard Parker, must cooperate to stay alive if they hope to ever see land again.

The novel can get pretty gory and depressing, but it's also beautiful and poignant. It make even make you look at the world in a new way. Life of Pi is definitely a book worth reading.

**The 2014 Perris High School Year-book is due to arrive by Friday, May 23rd**

***Don't be left with tears on your face because you didn't buy the book. There are a limited number of books coming to us.***

**Pay your balance if you had a lay-away—no later than May 31st, or pay the going cost now of \$85—to Lori Hays, ASB Accountant.**



WHAT? NO HAND HOLDING?

It's disturbing—hearing teens say, “He/She broke up with me because I wouldn't sleep with them”, or “We're friends with benefits” - hearing the saucy and at times ballsy stories teens having one night stands. These types of comments are always “in the air” around campus and it makes me wonder if teens have lost touch with what it really means to be in a relationship with someone. Now a days, seeing couple who have some elements of courtship is rare. For those who don't know what a courtship is it's a period in a couple's relationship which precedes their engagement and marriage. The most common misunderstanding people have about “courtship” is that it is basically just dating someone. However, Courtship isn't simply dating. A courtship is a relationship between a man and a women in which they seek to determine if it's in God's will for them to marry each other. As for dating, it's a man and women who choose to date yet often have no

thought to consider marrying the other person. Now, more about courtship: within the time period a couple is courting, the couple, usual teens, are not allowed to hold hands or kiss—only a side hug is permitted. All dates are ALWAYS chaperoned, including phone call and video calls. Depending upon the distance between the couple, they are allowed to text one another only if the text is being monitored. So, group chat! Lastly, once engaged—you are permitted to hold hands. Courting was introduced when two girls named Jill and Jessica Duggar for a television show on TLC called “19 Kids and Counting,” announced that they were both in a courtship with their partners Derick Dillard and Ben Seewald. Jill and Jessa Duggar say, “I feel out of this experience, we can focus on getting to know each more and not being distracted by physical contact that may lead up to a physical relationship.” As soon as courting caught the atten-

tion of teens around the country, teens their idea of a relationship with scorn rather than applause or even respect for these couples. The whole point of being with someone is to get to know the person on a deeper level. If the solid foundation of your relationship is to perform physical acts, than you aren't really ready to be dating. Whether you agree or disagree with this style, you have no right to judge their relationship. Instead, learn from it. That's not to say that you should bring your parents to your next date or you shouldn't hug or kiss your partner. Instead, try to see the innocence, the modesty and most

importantly, the respect that courting has. When teens are dating it should be something innocent. It shouldn't be about making out in the middle of the hallways, in classrooms and at lunch. If that is your relationship is about than that's your issue, but have respect for the people around you and don't do it out in public (the PDA). The intention of this article is not intended to insult anyone on campus. This is to share the opinions heard of what other teens say about courting and teen relationships. While there are far too many PDA relationships on campus, there's actually many relationships on campus that actually have strong and meaningful relationships. So for- respect and applause is deserved. Reserve judgment on this resurrected idea of “courtship”. Keep this article in mind and foster respect for relationships that may be different and might, hopefully, opened your eyes to a new way of building a meaningful and lasting relationship.

**Sakura Latte**  
from Starbucks International  
*by Valerie Esquivel*

Every coffee lover know that fall is around the corner (admittedly a “far corner”). A VST (very special time) when Starbucks comes out with their very famous Pumpkin Spiced Latte.

The Sakura “latte” is the Japanese equivalent of the cultural forces that is the pumpkin spice latte in the U.S. This seasonal drink is in high demand and has achieved iconic status.

The main difference, I would say, is that in the U.S., there is little change in the Starbuck’s offerings from year to year: the “PSL” is a coffee latte with pumpkin-spice syrup. In Japan, however, the Sakura drink changes yearly. This year, the chain offers two new drinks: Sakura Chocolate Latte with Strawberry-Flavored Topping

[whipped cream with strawberry crunch].

For those who are green with envy, here’s a recipe that will help you understand the trend in Japan.

1 Small cup of Ice  
3 Tablespoons of Cherry Flavoring (This can be a syrup, a jam, or a preserve just as long as it doesn't have any lumps of cherry in it.)  
3 Tablespoons of White chocolate mocha mix  
2 Small tubs of Vanilla ice cream

Topping:  
Whipped cream  
Pink sprinkles or created strawberry chocolate

Cherries with Ricotta and Toasted Almonds

Shared by Joseph Figueroa



**PREPARATION**  
Place the cherries in a small, circular container with it being at least five inches of diameter  
Heat cherries in the microwave on High until warm, 1 to 2 minutes.  
Top the cherries with ricotta and almonds.

Eating Well. Cherries with Ricotta & Toasted Almonds. [www.eatingwell.com](http://www.eatingwell.com). The EatingWell Diet (2007). Web. 1 May, 2014.

**INGREDIENTS**  
3/4 cup frozen pitted cherries  
2 tablespoons part-skim ricotta  
1 tablespoon toasted slivered almonds

[www.eatingwell.com/recipes/cherries\\_with\\_ricotta\\_toasted\\_almonds.html](http://www.eatingwell.com/recipes/cherries_with_ricotta_toasted_almonds.html)

GREEK FRAPPE

shared by Veronica Alvarez, from Taste Made on YouTube

One Serving -  
**INGREDIENTS:**  
1.5 Tbl. Nescafe classic instant coffee  
1 Tbl. sugar or more to your taste  
water  
ice  
evaporated milk or cream (optional)

Also needed for preparation:  
Frappe shaker (could be cocktail shaker or electric milk-frother)  
tall glasses  
straw

**Procedure:**  
Add coffee to a shaker or cup;  
Now add sugar and enough water to cover both;  
Shake vigorously for 15 - 30 seconds, the drink will become airy and foamy;  
Pour into a tall glass;  
Add ice cubes to the glass;  
Add a bit more water into the shaker and shake to get out the rest of the coffee. Pour into your glass.  
(Optional) Fill up the rest of the glass with milk or cream





LOOKING BACK . . .

# A Bittersweet Farewell

by Valeria Esquivel

After working at Perris High School for 15 years, Gabriel Tesoriero decided to make the change from classified staff to certificated staff as a Spanish teacher. Tesoriero stated that out of all the fifteen years she has spent here, her last day was the most memorable.

“When I told everyone I was leaving is when I felt the love and appreciation that everyone had for me. I received innumerable amounts of good wishes which have turned to blessings in my life,” she shared.

At the end of the day, Tesoriero had a clear understanding of what she means to the Perris High School Community. This popular staff member received numerous hugs and best wishes, not to mention the party that was thrown in her honor by her fifth period TA’s.

Tesoriero always wanted to be a Spanish teacher. She loves the idea of working with students and after 15 years of being around them, she confirmed it. “Making

the decision to become a teacher wasn’t hard; but having to quit my job to accomplish my dream, has been one of the hardest decisions I have ever made.”

Tesoriero takes many wonderful memories of people she has come to know well during her tenure at PHS. As soon as she finishes her student teaching at Canyon Springs High School, she plans on applying for a full-time job. While she will be willing to go wherever the Lord takes her, she confided, “If it is His will I return to Perris High. I would be more than happy to teach our students Spanish,” said Tesoriero.

“Even though I have just meet Gabby this year, I feel like I have known her my whole entire life,” said Jessica Mosque, senior.

Yesenia Moreno, senior, added, “She was the light in the room that would always brighten our day.”



# Chromebook Rollout

by Jaws Calderon

Chromebooks are the newest technology being introduced to Perris High School. Chromebook rollout day started with every English class headed over to the library to have students check out their shiny new Chromebooks. When they got back to class, staff from the technology department taught the classes how to set up their Chromebooks and start them up.

Although many students and staff believed a few problems would occur during checkout, thanks to informative videos made by Video Production Club and the team of librarians, JROTC cadets, and administrators, checkout went as smoothly as could have been hoped for. Wires ran along the floors of the classrooms as students charged their Chromebooks for the very first time. Reactions among students and staff were varied but all were positive.

Senior, Jonathan Sosa said, “It’ll be a good change, no more paper.” When asked how it would affect relationships with his friends, he shared, “Without friends it’ll stay the same I think. We’ll just be online during lunch showing each other things like videos or playing music. I know we’ll be taking more pictures and posing with them.”



website where students are taking it to the next level when it comes to technology and through online assessments, projects (called ‘wikiprojects’), and assignments. Walters continued, “It really helps also with class work because now the students can turn things in in a collaborate spot.”

When asked about what websites would most likely be frequented on the Chromebooks, student responses were overwhelmingly in favor of “YouTube”. Senior, Stephanie Johnson said she’d be on YouTube for all the funny videos and stuff.

English and Drama teacher William Walters said he was enthusiastic about what having Chromebooks could mean for his classes. “I believe they truly prepare students for the future, even in a kind of class like Drama, for example when they’re doing character research.” One feature on the Chromebooks if ‘Haiku Learning’, a

Chromebooks have really changed things around campus, but students and staff are sure that it’s a good thing. Physics teacher, Ryan Hays said, “I think that they have a great potential to allow for students to learn at their own pace, at their own level whatever it may be in our diverse school.”

# Relay for Life

by Thomas Macias

On April 26th, numerous FFA students from Perris High School held the 24 hour Relay for Life event at Perris High School. The American Cancer Society’s **Relay For Life** is a life-changing event that gives everyone in communities across the globe a chance to Celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer; to remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease.

This year at the Perris Relay for Life over \$40,000 was raised. Many companies and other clubs participated including Wal-Mart, Food for Less, and the Perris Auto Speedway which helped contribute to the fundraiser for the American Cancer Society.

Brandon Lopez, senior, participated in the Relay for Life Event and remained for the whole 24 hour period. He stated, “Participating in this event was life-changing. The most memorable moment that day was Zumba dancing with the Crunch Fitness instructor at midnight and the Luminaria lighting which made everyone cry.”

The Luminaria event is a nighttime event; Many small bags are placed around the track and are lit in order to represent the lives of



friends and family lost to cancer. Among the many students who participated were Daisy Lopez and Emily Hamblin. Hamblin stated, “We cannot wait to participate in next year’s Relay for Life.”

# Summer Dreams

by Juan Carlos Chicas

It’s that time a year again when students are looking around, checking with friends and family, walking into businesses - asking if there’s a job opening . . . job applications. . . or interview opportunities. Summer is filled with these opportunities; once summer starts, students want to do everything! And it takes money – which they don’t have. They have plans for every day of vacation to assure that not one day is wasted. One of the first questions students get asked as they leave for vacation is, “What do you have planned this summer?”

To make their plans happen, students need to get a job. Of course with jobs comes less time for fun, but the freedoms your own paycheck gives you are worth it. Having your own paycheck means you choose where you go and what to buy. It’s a smart decision that helps you keep control of your own money. You don’t have to ask for loans from friends or money from your parents.

There are tons of websites out there that put up job applications or available positions up for students to search. They include snagajob.com, get-me-jobs.com,

simplyhired.com and jobs.monster.com. These sites are great for students. Not only this but if you are looking for specific jobs, you can go directly to the company’s website and look for their careers tab. Usually after clicking past a few tabs, you’ll find available positions.

Finding a job might seem like a huge task, but once you get started, you’ll find that applying isn’t that hard. Don’t put it off – start today to secure that summer job that will make your summer dreams a reality.





# Promposals—Gone Viral...

by Valeria Esquivel

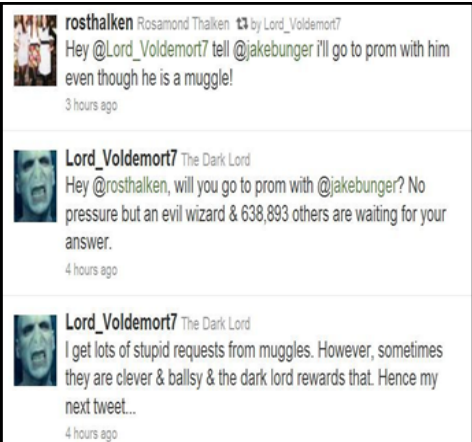
No longer are teenagers inviting their dates to prom over the phone, between classes or in the lunchroom. They are coming up with creative ways to make a *prom-proposal*.

It's a trend that's not only popular with several students at various high schools in small towns, but also across the country. These clever and insane prom proposals have captured so much attention that news stations like Fox, ABC, and E! have been producing features about them. I guess you could say, teens have become pretty determined to take the necessary steps to ensure that their ideal date will say yes and take them to the biggest school function of the year.

Social media has taken a bigger role than years pass. On Twitter, hashtag #Promposals has been trending on Twitter for over a three weeks now. One of the biggest risks with asking someone to prom is the *rejection*, with huge prom-posals though, the time and effort put into it is considered and the person being asking can't seem to help but say "yes".

You name it, everyone has somehow participated in someone's proposals. Even the Dark Lord, Lord Voldemort joined in on the action.

Most prom proposals are sweet, heartwarm-



ing, romantic, funny and occasionally weird. It is safe to say that Thomas Macias' promposal for senior, Monica Gonzalez, was *unforgettable*. It all started with a heart-touching serenade to the song, "I Can't Take my Eyes Off You" by Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons at the Prom Fashion Assembly. He had videotaped a production in which he was in detention with Drama teacher, Steve Walters. He escaped from the room and ran through campus until, in person, he made an entrance into the large gym where the Assembly was in session. He walked/danced up the bleachers to Monica, grabbed her hand and led her to the middle of the gym floor. After he has finished the song, he then briefly left her side and came back

with roses in one hand and in the other a baby pig. A huge banner behind him asked "Monica Prom?" Yes. She said yes.

Senior Ana Isabel Romero got surprised by her long-distance boyfriend Jose Velasquez. "I had no idea he was going to propose. He was on his Spring Break and came over for the week. He had been telling me he had a surprise but I never thought it would be that. I went to the Senior Quad on a Friday after school, like always, to hang out with friends and all and it was a bit odd how a lot of my friends were there. Sooner or later he came around the corner with his saxophone in hand and with other of our friends with him. Once he got there, everyone just kinda split in half and pushed me towards him. He started to play be our song and at the end of it all, he got the poster and asked the question. It was a moment I would never forget. "

Other popular prom-posals that have captured many hearts were popular enough this prom season to be immortalized include:



Dressing up like a zombie and holding a sign saying "\_\_\_\_\_, use your brains and go to prom with me."

Finding a Nike box with a letter saying, "*It's been running through my mind, so prom?*"

Going to the movies with your boyfriend and you notice that your movie tickets say "\_\_\_\_\_, Prom?"

You're swimming a 500 and you notice at the end of pool a poster saying Prom.

Someone surprisingly twerking in front of you. . . very close. . . while wearing short shorts saying "*Prom?*" on the back.

Lastly, my personal favorite was watching a music video from your boyfriend that he and his friends had made together.

See the possibilities are endless! No matter how you were asked, just remember to post your proposal on Twitter and Instagram (to help someone else next year!).

# An Escape to India

by Alexandra Esquivel

This year's prom was held on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 on this beautiful venue in Silverado, CA. The venue was an open range where, if you got there early, you would have been able to see beautiful exotic animals. They had zebras, white and orange Bengal Tigers, macaws, and more. You could take a lovely walk passing through all the animals before going to prom. The scenery was impeccable; the location was on the mountain side so you were able to capture the panoramic view without being interrupted by the busy city. "They had fountains all over the place, even one in their pool," stated Karina Mosqueda.

In the beginning, you see students coming out of limousines, party buses, luxury cars; you name it, they brought it! Regardless of who they came with (either with an amazing date or with their astonishing friends) everybody dressed to impress that night, leaving some people speechless as they walked by. For those who wanted to capture the moment, they had the opinions from a photo booth, professional cameramen, and cartoonists to help make that happen.

The senior class made their last dance at Perris High an unforgettable experience. With so many of those



Antonio Gonzalez, Ivan Gonzalez, Juan Pablo Vasquez, Casandra Gonzalez and Jessica Campos pose for the camera.

people spent it dancing, laughing, and simply just having fun before June 13<sup>th</sup>. Everybody did look beautiful that day but when it was time everybody had their eyes on the nominees for prom royalty. With all the possible choices that were offered that day people were not 100 percent positive on who was going to win. But in the end, everyone was cheering in celebration for this year's prom king and queen: Jose Cervantes and Maria Munoz! ALL HAIL THE ROYALS!!!



Vivian Garcia and Anthony Gonzalez smile for the camera.

Far left: Maria Munoz and Jose "Joey" Cervantes proudly show their royalty status.

Left: Maria & Joey upon being announced the winners of Prom Royalty honors.




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### BLOOD MOON

by Brayan Rios

The Moon is a cold, rocky body about 2,160 miles (3,476 km) in diameter. It has no light of its own but shines by sunlight reflected from its surface. The Moon orbits Earth about once every 29 and half days. On the chart below are upcoming dates in case you missed the amazing “blood moon” lunar eclipse:



Eclipse Type	Eclipse Duration	Geographic Location of Eclipse Visibility
April 15, 2014	03h 35m <b>01h18m</b>	Australia, Pacific, Americas
October 8, 2014	03h20m <b>00h59m</b>	Asia, Australia, Pacific, Americas
April 4, 2015	03h29m	Asia, Australia,
September 28, 2015	03h20m <b>01h12m</b>	E. Pacific, Americas, Europe, Africa, W. Asia

A lunar eclipse occurs every time the moon passes behind the Earth into its umbra (shadow). This can only occur when the Earth, Sun, and Moon are all aligned. Several weeks ago, on April 15, 2014 we witnessed a lunar eclipse. Many people were fascinated yet, there were still a lot of people who were scared. Why were they scared? They based this eclipse on the bible verse of Joel 2:31 which reads like this, “The sun shall be changed into darkness, and the moon will be as red as blood, before then the great and fearful day of the Lord will come.”

You may have heard the term “blood moon” before. Whenever the moon passes into Earth’s shadow, it takes on a reddish color- it can be anywhere from a bright copper to a darker hue, like the color of dried blood. But what causes this?

Well, even when the Earth is between the sun and the moon, some of the light from all of the sunsets and sunrises happening

around the rim of the Earth makes it to the moon’s surface. Here’s Alan MacRobert of Sky and Telescope magazine:

*“If you were standing on the moon during a total lunar eclipse you would see the Earth as a black disk with a brilliant orange ring around it. And this brilliant ring would be bright enough to dimly light up the lunar landscape.”*

It’s this ring of light which gives the moon its blood red color. The April 2014 eclipse was the first total lunar eclipse since December of 2011.

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lunar\_eclipse

http://thehigherlearning.com/2014/04/14/what-is-a-blood-moon-and-why-is-it-happening-tonight-during-the-total-lunar-eclipse/

### A Tasty Review of: Urth Caffe

by Valeria Esquivel

Urth Caffe is an organic coffee company that carries its own exclusive brand of premium, fresh roasted whole bean organic coffee and hand selected fine teas sold under strict quality and ethical standards. All Urth products are grown 100% chemical free. Only a handful of the world’s premiere, certified organically grown coffee beans can produce the flavor, richness, and aroma that make Urth Caff  ’s organic coffees stand out from traditionally grown coffees.

Urth Caffe currently has five different locations: West Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Santa Monica, Downtown L.A. and Pasadena. For those who plan on Instagraming their experience at Urth, make sure you get a latte so show off the latte art.

As for my experience there, it was amazing. They had so many selections, it was hard to pick. My mother and I have gone to Urth two times, (We loved it that much); we had an early lunch and a late dinner. I

had the Veggie Panini and Green Tea Latte and my mom had the Prosciutto breakfast panini with a Spanish latte.

Overall, the food was outstanding. Definitely worth the wait.

The biggest complaint most customers have is that the food is a little overpriced and the lines are long. However, considering that all the food is organic and fresh, we didn’t mind.

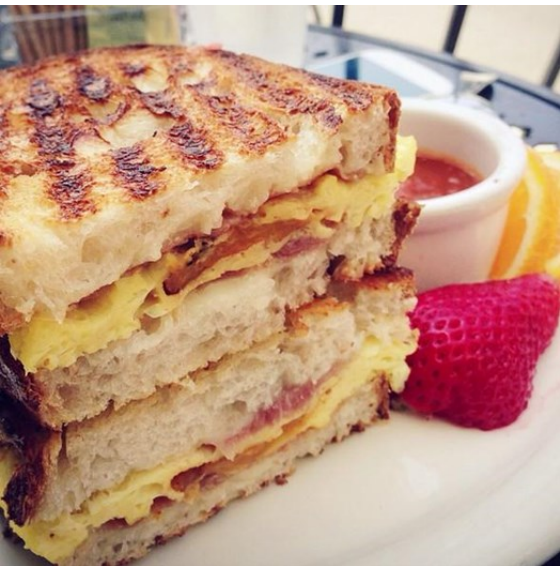
After my second visit, I noticed that for newcomers, Urth Caffe can be challenging. They have so many different lines.

Here are some tips that will make your experience better.

Coffee: When ordering coffee Mild, it is actually strong and strong is mild. *Confusing Right?*

When picking up an order, head to your far left upon entering the cafe.

Time-wise, personally avoid arriving at noon, when Urth Pasadena first opens. It is a complete mad house but things tend to set-



## News That’s Hits Too Close: Humboldt Bus Crash

by Veronica Alvarez



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Every year, AVID students from Perris High School participate in a trip that takes them to northern California to take a first hand look at what the colleges from that part of the state offer. Recently, there was a terrible accident that took the lives of students on a similar trip—news of the tragedy hit too close to home; it affected many on our campus.

On April 10, a FedEx trailer-truck collided head on with a Silverado Stages Charter bus. The bus was filled with southern California students who were going to the spring preview of Humboldt State University. The accident happened on I-5; the truck crashed into the body of the bus and instantly caught on fire. Some witnesses say that the FedEx truck was already in flames before it hit the bus. A total of ten people were killed on impact: the two drivers, three chaperones and five students.

The spring preview at Humboldt was going to last three day; it was intended to give future students an idea of how it was going to

be like. A total of three buses were going to make their trip up to Eureka that Friday. Each bus was carried high school students from different regions of California; Fresno, Sacramento, and Los Angeles.

The Los Angles bus left early that morning to make the ten hour drive to Humboldt State. It was around 5:00 pm when the bus was past Sacramento that the accident happened. Moments before that accident a student on the bus had tweeted a picture of the bus and after the accident had tweeted, “I was asleep and the next thing you know I was jumping gout for my life”.

Nine people were reported dead on the spot, the tenth person had died on their way to the hospital.

A day that started with anticipation and excitement ended in heart-wrenching tragedy.

The PHS community mourns the loss of lives cut short.

**SENIORS. MAKE SURE THAT ALL YOUR FINES ARE PAID SO THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO GRADUATE. LOOK FOR ALL YOUR LOST BOOKS - CHECK UNDER THE BED & IN THE SCARY CLOSET. DON’T BE FORCED TO PAY FOR A TEXTBOOK THAT’S HIDING FROM YOU!!!**

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