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Epic Hollywood Homecoming

KHS Brings Back Viking Spirit Post-Covid



Photo submitted by Mary Palmer

By Scarlett Laita
Staff Writer

Vikings here at KHS have all participated in making this Homecoming memorable. KHS 2021 Homecoming King and Queen are Lily Wilkins and Daniel Weathers.

Senior Lily Wilkins exclaimed "I was very surprised when I heard my name both during nominations and announced as the queen! Obviously, I was much more surprised and excited when realizing I had won the Homecoming Queen title though! I was very excited for Daniel and I. We have been very blessed in the support we have received from this school!"

The court consisted of the top boy and girl in each class. Voted in by their peers, the senior nominees were cut to the top six. Senior female nominees were Emma Jimenez, Emily Lo, Cassandra Martinez, Kaydence Nieblas, McKenzie Tiger, and Lily Wilkins.

Male senior attendants were Chase Dias, Andre Castellanos Esquivel, Gavin Gonzales, Edward Maldonado, Jason Navarro, Daniel Weathers.

Voted in by their peers, Junior Homecoming Court attendants were Katelynn Benitez and Jakob Garcia.

The Sophomore attendants, Rylee Jones and Teddy Lehn.

Freshman attendants were Sarah Carver and Hunter Hurtado. Freshman Hunter Hurtado announced "I am very excited to participate in this Homecoming game on the field and walking out to be an attendant. I was very surprised to be nominated. I did it for fun and was not expecting to be an attendant."

Before the court was announced, each class had inventive floats that all fell under the given theme, Film dramas. The freshman theme was "Animation". The Sophomore theme was "Western".

The Junior's theme was "Musical" and the seniors Theme was "Adventure Films".

After each class performed, the judges had to decide who would win. Judges here at KHS chose the class of 2022 to win.

Senior Lexi Maxfield who participated in the float stated "I choreographed the dance, and yes we were surprised we won because we pulled it all together so quickly! However, we all knew we had a high chance of winning because the dance was so interactive and fun!"

Senior President Emma Jimenez exclaimed, "The week before Homecoming is always so busy. Everyone is scrambling to get everything done! The theme the seniors got was action/ adventure. We were conflicted between either picking Marvel or Jumanji. We finally settled on Jumanji because we felt like it was more practical and original. Overall, the float is coming along nicely and I think that it will look fantastic along with our choreographed dance!"

Students here at KHS have all participated in Homecoming week, each day having a unique theme, Monday being Movie star day, Tuesday as Disney Day, Wednesday as Western Day, Thursday as Superhero Day and Friday as class colors.

The Vikings ended up winning both Jv and Varsity games. Varsity won 42-41, the Jv team won 42-0. The varsity boys came back the last seconds of the game, as it was lead into overtime.

After a touchdown was scored, a kickoff allowed them to get ahead and win.

Senior Seth Carender, commented "The atmosphere of the team was very energetic, everyone was ready to go and play. We were down by two touchdowns and there was a moment of lost hope for a second but I knew I had to have faith In my team until the end".

Hollywood Gone Wild



SPIRIT WEEK

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**MONDAY MOVIE
STAR DAY**

**TUESDAY
DISNEY DAY**

**WENESDAY
WESTERN DAY**

**THURSDAY
SUPER HERO DAY**

**FRIDAY
SPIRIT DAY**



Mrs. Warkentien, Mrs. Wilsom, Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Marriott

Priscilla Maldonado, Brianna Corona

Kydence Nieblas, Gavin Gonzales

Bella Ekizian, Brooklyn Miller, Mirjana Quattrin, Mackenzie Wilson

Kelcey Brett, Danielle Jackson, Rylee Jones

September Student Vikings Honored



Edgar Zaragosa



Kayleigh Reyes



Xander Delgado



Michael Garcia



Lily Dias

Evelyn Maldonado
Ceballos

Kaylynn Fridolfs



Shamus McFadden



Drew Johnston



Joshua Wyatt



Nathaniel Aguilera



Katelynn Benitez



Alejandra Arellano-Gutierrez



Ethan Harrison



Ivan Arellano



Sophia Quintana



Lorne Rogers



Summer Mejia



Zhenhong Li

Angie
Hernandez-Ramirez

Jesus Arceo Casillas

By Odell Garza
Staff Writer

This Sept., 23 remarkable students were honored as Vikings of the Month, which is an award given to students that exemplify kindness, honor, success, and determination.

This reward is given to a handful of extraordinary students who have given their all on campus. Throughout our first few months of school they have shown time and time again the extraordinary traits that their teachers have noticed.

There are many remarkable students at Kingsburg High School. Unfortunately, not all students can get this award. The students that do get this award are determined by nominations from teachers. Each department recommends a student from each grade level to receive the Viking of the Month Award. Along with certificates, the Viking of the Month nominees, receive a unique message from the teacher that nominated them.

The way that the Viking of the Month works is, each department will get together weekly. They discuss and make their decision on who should be nominated. The department chair will proceed to fill out a form and give it to Assistant Principal Michelle Warkentin for who they nominated.

They meet weekly to discuss who should be nominated. However, they nominate students every month. The final step is a little get together for the parents every December and May. From the English department only Michele Schil-

ler nominated students. Michele Schiller nominated Salvador Arceo Casillas, Alejandra Arellano-Gutierrez, Angie Hernandez-Ramirez, and Jesus Arceo Casillas.

The way that Schiller chose who to nominate for the Viking of the Month is determined by efforts shown in her class. Schiller said one way that she chose who to nominate was by noting “the promise they were showing both in character and academics so early in the school year.”

Schiller says this isn’t the way she will always determine who she will be nominating. Later on in the school year this could change because some students can “show significant improvement” through the school year. However, for the September nominations she chose these astonishing students by how much potential they showed and how much effort they gave.

The teachers from the Science department that nominated students for the Viking of the Month Award are Amanda Manuszak, Satinder Klair, Scott Hodges, and Leigh-Ann Olsen.

From the science department Manuszak nominated Zhenhong Li. She presented Li with the honor of being Viking of the Month because “he is a very hard worker.” She continued to say that Li was nominated because, “he has one of the best grades in my class and English isn’t even his native language”.

Also, from the science Department Klair nominated Evelyn Maldonado Ceballos, Hodges nominated Drew Johnston and Olsen nominated Summer Mejia.

Academic Counselor, Stephanie Marri-

ott nominated Nathaniel Aguilera for Viking of the Month. Coach Jim Cranford recommended Ivan Arellano and Shanna McDonald from Social Studies nominated Kayleigh Reyes.

From the Spanish department, Martha Gudino recommended Katelynn Benitez for the Viking of the Month. Yanairy Bravo-Reyna decided to nominate Junior Lorne Rogers and Jim Contreras suggested Kaylynn Fridolfs for the award. Finally, Ana Parra nominated Michael Garcia for the Viking of the Month.

The Special Ed/RSP department, Nicole Comstock nominated Shamus McFadden. Elizabeth VanderVelde suggested Aaliyah Murrieta Trujillo and Xander Delgado. Finally, Robert Hernandez recommended Joshua Wyatt for the Viking of the Month.

From the Math department Sarah Alvarado nominated Sophia Quintana. According to Alvarado she suggested Quintana for the Viking of the Month honor because “she’s always striving to improve.” Alvarado also states that she is looking “for the ones that are constantly looking to be their best and acknowledge that they can always be better and learn more.”

From the math department Mike Manley nominated Ethan Harrison and Ingrid Morris nominated Edgar Zaragosa.

Finally, from the math department Ken Havey nominated Lily Dias.



Salvador Arceo Casillas

KHS Drama Department Resumes Production After Covid Hiatus

By Gracie Davis
Staff Writer

KHS presents its very first drama production since Covid, *The One-Act Play That Goes Wrong*, a humorous comedy about a group of theatre students putting on a play, where everything that one could possibly imagine goes wrong, directed by the school's librarian, Laura

Vallenari, and co-directed by choir and drama teacher, Richard Mynderup.

In this 75 minute play, The Cornley Polytechnic Drama Society performs *The Murder At Haversham Manor*, a classic murder mystery story, when everything goes awfully wrong! From falling props to missed lines, these accident-prone thespians are just trying to make it through their final curtain call. The audience will

find themselves unable to control their laughter in this performance!

This cast includes Daniella Cacace, Elena Dorrough, Elli Ambriz, Emily Fedor, Emma Berry, Katie Bishop, Kristen Pacheco, Olivia Hale, Ragan Boen, Thomas Roman, and Jackie Diaz. They have been working since October 11 to put on this performance.

The showing of *The One-Act Play That Goes Wrong* will be from November 17th to the 20th in the Little Theater, so everyone should be sure to buy tickets when they become available! Plays take hard work and dedication, and it is amazing that these students will perform with just about a month of rehearsals.

When asked why this play was chosen, Mynderup said, "insert quote here".

Students are excited about this performance as many of them will be able to try a new genre to them, comedy. Students say they love being in theatre as they get to become a part of something big. At the end of the shows, these students "have a bond like no other", says Freshman Elli Ambriz. She also says, "Mrs. Vallenari is a great director and let's us have ideas on what we should do for the play. She gives us a lot of room for creativity!"

The One-Act Play That Goes Wrong was written by Henry Lewis, Henry Shields, and Jonathan Sayer. It was first shown in 2012 and has won the Olivier Award for Best New Comedy in 2015, the 2014 Whatsonstage Best New Comedy, and the 2015 UK Broadway World Best New Play Awards. Entertainment Weekly has called the show, "Hilarious! Non-stop pandemonium." The Huffington Post says, "The funniest play Broadway has ever seen!" And the New York Post says it is, "Broadway's funniest and longest-running play! Nothing is as fall down funny!"

ONE-ACT
**THE PLAY
THAT GOES
WRONG**

NOVEMBER 17-20, 2021

**DOORS OPEN 6:30 PM
SHOWTIME 7:00 PM**

IN THE KHS LITTLE THEATER

\$5.00 FOR STUDENTS & SENIORS

\$10 GENERAL ADMISSION

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR
AND IN THE KHS OFFICE**

CRIME SCENE DO NOT CROSS

KHS 2021 Wellness Fair Expands

Twenty-five Organizations offer support to Vikings



By Kalaya Schreiber
Editor-in-Chief

On Thursday the 21st, KHS put on their annual Wellness Fair.

The idea behind it is to allow students a place to find resources, refuge, and opportunities. The event was hosted on campus, right in front of the new gym.

All students were assigned a time slot to attend the fair, and were even given the opportunity to earn a five minute early release if they received 10 stickers from different booths that were present.

In attendance this year, KHS had 25 service organizations, which included Fresno PD, Fresno EOC Sanctuary LGBTQ+ Resource Center, and Teen Challenge.

As students approached a booth, they were greeted and introduced to the meaning behind that particular group. Some representatives handed out flyers, pamphlets, and business cards or just chatted with students to explain the benefits each organization offers students.

Junior Olivia Hale said, “The Wellness Fair made me feel better about certain things. I know there are people there for me that won’t judge the decisions I make.”

Students were encouraged to find resources

that could potentially help them out of a bad situation, or lead them on the path to a bright future.



This was the first time KHS had introduced the “Stickers for Early Release” concept. The idea was meant to encourage students to discover the various resources made available to them by these groups.

Some of the booths had stickers laying out and up for grabs, essentially allowing students to

take what they needed and move on, without ever engaging them in a conversation. Other booths had people handing them out only after a student had been talked to, or even answered a question.

Hale observed, “I feel that people weren’t actually trying to learn from the tables and only wanted the stickers. Also, I felt that people weren’t trying to listen to the table and that made me feel bad for them.”

Hale stated, “I feel that I could use the information I learned for future things.”

Continuing from her original statement, she said she now feels better equipped to understand healthy relationships, and how to remove herself from a relationship that may grow potentially unhealthy.

She continued to praise the good works of the fair by saying, “...The organizations about mental health would be good too, not just for me, but also so I could help my friends with that information as well.”

The Wellness Fair is a safe space for KHS students to visit and get the help they deserve, and the resources they might come to need. It continues to make a positive impact on Vikings today, and students can’t wait to see what they have in store for future years.

Vikings Show Halloween Spirit

By Mary Palmer
Editor-in-Chief

KHS held a costume contest during break on October 29, 2021. The winners were split into three categories. The categories were; best group, most original, and best single costume.

Halloween. Everyone loves Halloween, well...most people do. Halloween takes place on October 31.

Freshman Ava Sloan won our halloween contest. She dressed up at Beetle Juice.

Around two thousand years ago, Halloween was created as a holiday. Halloween originated from another holiday known as Samhain, which was held on November 1. People believed that the souls of the dead returned to their homes on this day, so people dressed up and celebrated.

Over the years, the holiday has been celebrated on October 31 instead, and the meaning has changed in different places. Some believe this holiday began as a celebration for the end of the harvest season and the start of a new one.

Approximately 65 percent of Americans celebrate Halloween or participate in Halloween activities such as decorating, handing out candy, carving pumpkins, and even trick-or-treating. Nowadays, Halloween is a time to spend time with friends and family and dress-up and go out to

have fun. It includes some people going trick-or-treating, going to parties during this time. Others spend the month going to haunted houses, fairs, and even pumpkin patches.

An interesting fact about a popular halloween candy known as candy corn is that in 1880 it was originally known as Chicken Feed. Men in factories noticed that while making chicken feed that it was more of a kernel shape. That's how Candy Corn then got its name.

A very well-known event in California around the month of October is Hobbs Grove. Hobbs Grove is mostly known for its haunted corn maze located in Sanger, California.

Senior Randi Griffin greatly appreciates the entire month of October because it's a closer step to fall. Griffin went to an event located in Visalia, California, called Vosslers Pumpkin Farm. This pumpkin farm has a hayride, corn maze, and a pumpkin patch during the day, and at night the maze is called Field of Screams.

When asked what her favorite thing about the event was, Griffin replied with, "My favorite thing about it was walking around the patch and picking out pumpkins to be carved at a later date." She enjoyed her time there because of the family-friendly environment the pumpkin patch offers.



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Link Crew Offers Support, Community, Mentoring to Incoming Freshman



By Mary Palmer
Editor-in-Chief

Link Crew is a new program this year at Kingsburg High School. This program involves 80 upperclassmen that are assigned to a group of incoming freshmen. The upperclassmen help and support their freshmen both academically as well as socially.

This program was brought to KHS by Technology Director Mr. Doug Davis. Four years ago, Mr. Davis and former VP Mr. Nunez were sent to Link Crew training. Due to unfortunate circumstances such as COVID, they were unable to officially bring Link Crew to KHS until this year.

Mr. Davis is the leader of this program with the amazing help of his co-leaders Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Johnston.

When asked about the students chosen to be in this program, Mr. Davis responded with, "I feel so blessed to have the crew we have."

The leaders chosen to be in this program are students that show honor and kindness to their peers and teachers on campus. These students are reliable and have a good reputation here at KHS. These students are considered reliable because they show great leadership in and out of the classroom.

To create Link Crew, upperclassmen teachers chose students whom they thought would be

great leaders. History teacher Mrs. Shanna McDonald feels that the teachers did an amazing job with the students chosen.

Over the summer, these leaders spent hours a day preparing for freshman orientation. This was the main event Link Crew participated in; which was when they were assigned to their group

of freshmen.

Current Junior at KHS Ethan Guerrero looks forward to building relationships with his group of freshmen that'll help them enjoy their first year of high school. "My opinion on being a link crew member is it's a good experience to help freshmen transition into high school," claims Guerrero.

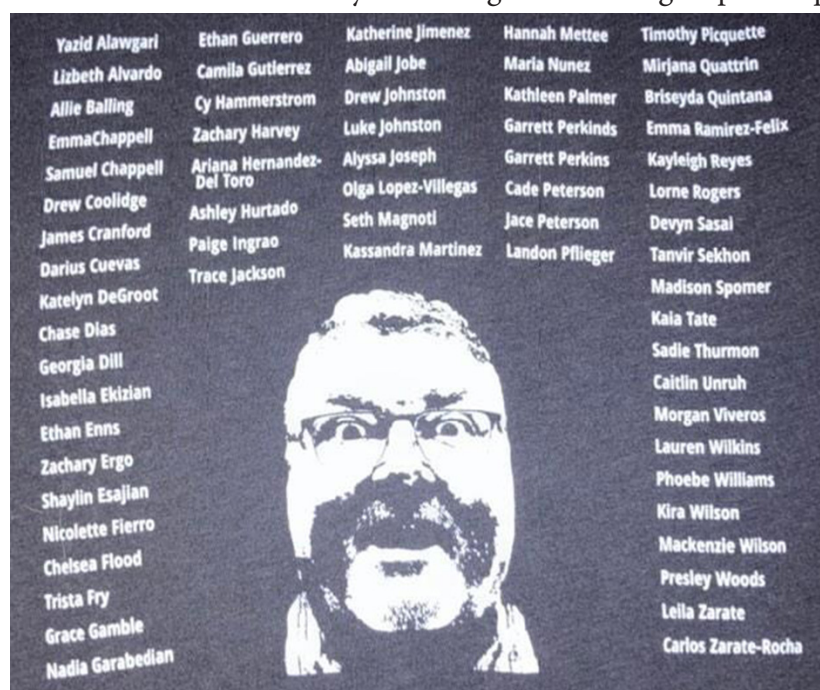
Freshman Sophia Quintana had a great experience with her link crew members. Quintana had two senior leaders; Emma Ramirez and Maria Nunez.

Quintana's leaders were extremely nice to her and her fellow freshman in that group. "You can tell they actually cared and they even bought us pizza and soda for lunch one day," stated Quintana.

Senior Kathleen Palmer was one of the chosen Link Crew members. Palmer looks forward to being that senior mentor to her freshman group. "I would like to be the example and person a freshman can text or call anytime they have questions or concerns throughout freshman year," explains Palmer.

These link crew members meet almost once every week to discuss their progression they've made with their assigned freshmen throughout the year. They're trying their best to get freshman involved with our school.

KHS is excited and looking forward to this year with the new Link Crew program and all the opportunities it gives to the high school.



On freshman orientation day, Link Crew members did many activities with the freshmen to make them feel welcomed to KHS and excited to start high school. An example would be playing a series of games that would allow the freshman to get comfortable with one another and know each other's names.

KHS Welcomes New Staff Members



By Lilliana Cortez
Staff Writer

Amanda Manuszak brings new dynamics to 9th Grade Earth Science

Science teacher Amanda Manuszak has been teaching for a total of 13 years including this year as KHS' new Earth science teacher.

Before her very first teaching job she worked for the US Forest Service as an assistant. Eventually, she began her teaching experience in Visalia where she taught Earth Science and Biology.

Moving to Rafer Johnson Junior High School in 2016, she taught science to both 7th and 8th graders. It was such a big switch from junior high to high school for Manuszak because of the different levels of understanding the students have.

Manuszak started off with a different major. Initially, she didn't want to study for a teaching degree. Attending Fresno State University, she began to major in Molecular Science.

Mrs. Manuszak is a Kingsburg High School graduate from the class of 2004 and was a student who had some of the teachers who are still here today. Her love for science was one of the reasons she became a teacher. "I enjoy teaching about Earth Science and Biology. My degree was in Molecular Biology so that is always fun to teach," Manuszak stated.

"I'm really enjoying high school. It's been fun to see a lot of my old students again. Some have even had me for a 3rd year in a row now," spoke Manuszak.

One of her colleagues, 9th grade Earth Science teacher, Darin Peterson, noted, "I am happy to have Mrs. Manuszak as our new Earth Science teacher as she brings knowledge, experience, and enthusiasm to the subject and to our Science Department. She is great to work with and she has embraced the challenges and responsibilities that teaching at the high school level requires. She is doing a good job!"

When teaching her Earth Science classes, it's clear to all her students that she keeps a very positive attitude. Freshman Dennis Fan explained, "I've had her for both 7th and 8th grade. I'm very familiar with her teaching style, so it's really nice to have her for science again this year."

Freshman Jaslyn Polania responded, "I'd say her teaching style is more beneficial to me than, say, a more abrupt or blunt style of teaching. So yes, to put it shortly, I do enjoy her style of teaching and it helps me."



By Maria Escoto
Staff Writer

Mr. Rosales, our new Intervention Specialist

The Intervention Specialist Albert Rosales is new to KHS. His career has revolved around helping kids with problems with school and having relationships with the kids to help with their learning experience.

For the last 12 years, Rosales has worked with kids with mental health issues. He said the experience has helped him a lot with learning how to communicate better with students.

Rosales is 40 years old and went to KHS when he was in high school and he graduated in 1998 while his wife graduated in 2001. He went to college at Fresno City after high school. He is still in school going to National University online while working at KHS. He has been in school for several years and is planning to keep going until he reaches his goal to graduate to get his maters and PPS credential.

He loves kids, he said. Rosales wanted to pursue a career at KHS because, "I'm part of this community and I went to KHS. I love working with students and I want to be as much of a support as possible."

He sees as many students as possible a day, and he helps them with whatever they need from him. Mostly he says it's with academic concerns and behavioral concerns as well. Rosales was also a youth pastor for four years in Kingsburg and Kerman. He did that before he worked in mental health. He then worked as a teacher's aid from 2005-2009 at a Hanford elementary school.

He and his wife have 3 kids together. They have been together for 22 years, and married for 18. He met his wife in high school when they became high school sweethearts. His two oldest children go to school at KHS. His oldest boy is a senior and is 17 years old.

His daughter goes to school at KHS as well. She is a sophomore. She is 15. His youngest is only 4 years old. He goes to school at the preschool in Washington Elementary.

When asked how the school has been treating him and how he has liked KHS, Rosales said, "It feels like I've come back home." Albert Rosales is officially a part of the KHS staff, and is here to help any kid that needs it.



By Kalaya Schreiber
Editor-in-Chief

This year KHS welcomes our new Vice Principal Michelle Warkentin to campus!

Warkentin is a Fresno State University graduate, with a degree in business marketing. She believes it is important to portray the school in a way that really allows it to shine.

Warkentin shared, "I have really loved being able to market the schools I have worked at and highlight great things students and staff are doing. I am really loving the position I am in because I get to help students in so many different ways and at the same time create new systems to help better the school."

Before becoming an administrator for KHS, Warkentin worked as head secretary for Dinuba High School. She went back to school in order to earn her teaching credentials and became a teacher for both high school and junior high, for some time.

During her time at her previous school, she taught both Computer Applications and Business Math.

In addition to being an in-class educator, she was also the Director of Leadership and Activities. She also managed an on-campus suspension room, ranging from grades 7 through grade 12. Following her time as a teacher, she once again decided to further herself, and went back to school to get her administrative credentials.

Warkentin added that working with students is her favorite part of her job. She continued, "Even when I am working with kids who may not have made the best choices for themselves, I still love helping them see their full potential and helping them grow. A goal of mine for the school is to help all students see each other for who they really are. I think once students really see each other's hearts and backgrounds they would realize they have a lot more in common than what they think."

Warkentin also remarked on the welcoming environment Viking staff and students have provided her. She said, "It has been a really great experience. I love how our Kingsburg students say 'good morning' or pause in the middle of the hallways to salute our flag and greet me every morning with smiles."

"It's been amazing to also go to some of the sporting events, FFA, and watch our band perform. Kingsburg High is full of amazing talent," she stated in her interview.

Marching Through The Setbacks

By Sophia Quintana
Staff Writer



Band Director, Michael Schofield

After the hapless events of last year, the Kingsburg High Marching Band came out of quarantine strong and anxious to get back onto the field. Now, they're preparing for what could

be their most impressive field show yet, titled "The Road To You" under the strong leadership of Band Director Mike Schofield.

"The Road to You" is all about "Getting on the road and going to see someone that you haven't seen in a long time," as Schofield described. With COVID causing the world to shut down last year, all of society went a long time without seeing loved ones. This show is harnessing that sense of loneliness, and isolation, turning it into the joy of going back to the way it used to be.

With the marching band's season being cancelled last year, they had a whole season off, having almost no ways to improve or practice together as a band, but that hasn't stopped them as they head into their swiftly approaching competitions.

"The pressure has been just to get us back to where we were before Covid," Schofield explained, "but knowing that we get to do it again, that's the first emotion. There's like this sense of joy to be able to go back out there."

Instead of just taking it easy this year to get back into their groove, the band decided to do something just as, or perhaps even more powerful as their previous years. "I think it shows our students' ability to be really resilient and to accomplish something even though they've had this huge setback," Schofield elaborated, "We can still do the

next thing that we were ready for."

Indeed, the band has been working hard towards meeting their immense goals. The band still wanted to pursue a challenge, undergoing more than just a show, but a huge project, involving more skill demanding music, dance choreography, and prop movement. Working hard just about every day to improve their show every little way that they can.

They started to prepare their field show during their weeklong band camp that started in the first week of August. They practice the field-

"What sets it apart is that we were able to accomplish it even in this phase of all these setbacks that we experienced and are still in the way experiencing."

show non-stop during their school band classes, and work every Thursday night from 5:30 to 9:00 at night, perfecting every single thing that they can.

All of this work showed Saturday, October 9th, as the band went to their very first competition of the year, in Fresno at Washington Union High School. Mr. Schofield said before Saturday that, "We're always coming up to the first competition like the paint's not quite dry yet, everything's just barely finished, but I think we're going to do just fine"

Indeed they did more than "fine," taking second place, with six bands including themselves in their 4A division. They brought home their first, and definitely not the last trophy of the season.

They also went to the Visalia Invitational Band Competition, winning sweepstakes, which is the best out of all the bands, for percussion, visual, and instrumental.

They used their short amount of time that they had after their first competition to grow, and clean up everything that they needed to, and it definitely paid off, having two tremendous victories so far.

"We could've made every excuse as to why we needed to play it safe and do something that was just easier to get grasped, but instead we decided that we were gonna pick up where we left off."

It's clear that the band will have a very successful year, already having an impressive record, and they will continue to grow more, with their determination, and boldness.



Pictured left to right- percussion section leader; Isaiah Alvarado, head Drum Major; Kira Wilson, Band Director; Michael Schofield, Junior Drum Major; Olivia Hale, Color Guard member; Madison Goats



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KHS Band Takes Home 1st Win of Season

By Jenna Rogers
Staff Writer

Our band performed at 7:14 at the John Ventura Stadium at Washington Union. They performed, changed, ate, then returned back to the stadium to watch the remaining bands and get awards. Our school's band placed second in our division and fourth overall. Our number score was 73.500. KHS beat two 5A bands which is a huge accomplishment.

On Saturday, the 16th, KHS went to Redwood Highschool in Visalia and performed the best they have this season.

KHS took home caption awards for Percussion, General Effect, and Visual, which means we were the best in our class. Then the band got Field Sweepstakes and Field General Effect Sweepstakes. That means they won those awards over every band at the competition.

All the hours KHS's Band put in all lead up to the field show Competition season. Most of the band competitions KHS goes to are through the Western Band Association (WBA).

WBA is a prestigious band competition where bands are ranked at different levels. KHS is a 4A band, which is the second highest rating at this competition. KHS Viking Marching Band's first competition is on October 9th.

At the beginning of the show, the band members are in the shape of the outlines of a street and the color guard will be in the middle of the road, representing the yellow dashes in the middle. The band is dressed in white sleeveless jumpsuits with a silver stripe down the side

and bright orange sunglasses. The color guard is dressed in bright orange and white uniforms with flashy, silver flags.

This year our school's show is titled "The Road to You." The show is based on how everyone



was so separated and distanced during quarantine and how people are resuming travel to see each other and to coming together again.

Over the past year, band has been very different. During Zoom school times everyone struggled, especially band students. Not being able to play with each other and when the band was finally together they were still separated into AM and PM groups.

The band wore bell covers to cover the bell of your horn and specially made band face masks. The band face masks are very hard to maneuver and snap to attention on time.

Probably the hardest part about band during the pandemic was getting things cancelled.

Before lockdowns, KHS was set to host a WBA competition. That got cancelled. In addition, every four years the band takes a big trip together

to Hawaii or New York, but the trip was always cancelled.

Out of all the classes that have had it the worst, Class of '22 takes that title. During the seniors' Freshman year they were going to go to championships when it got cancelled because of the bad air quality. Then, during their sophomore year covid hit. Junior year rolls around and Covid is still here. When this year came along, they finally had one last big trip and it too got cancelled.

When our Senior Edgar Zaragoza is asked how this year's field show is different from past shows. Zaragoza said, "This year's show is different in a way that it is something we have never done before." He continued to talk about how this year's show is also different because of all of the music, drill and choreography implemented throughout the show.

When asked if Covid has changed this year's show he replied, "It really hasn't since we have been able to work around the challenges and obstacles that were presented our way and what may be presented in the future."

The reason that this is such a big accomplishment is because 5A bands are a lot bigger than a 4A band and a bigger school a lot of times has more money to put into their programs like band.

"I'm so excited to continue my field show competition journey with the best people." Says Freshman Sophia Quintana. KHS did a great job for our first competition, says many Seniors and staff band members.

Students sound off on Dress code Descrepancies

By Joyah Hernandez
Staff Writer

At KHS, there are a lot of different opinions about dress code. Some people agree with the restrictions, while others disagree.

The biggest complaint about the KHS Dress Code is that the restrictions are female-focused. Since most girls can't dress the way they want, because some adults believe it's distracting or too "inappropriate". Now that might not always be the case on as if it was distracting, it could be to also keep them safe

I agree with the dress code in a way, because of how some things are handled but there are a few little flaws that need to be fixed. Even though not all girls do things just for male attention, dress and fashion helps people express themselves and show their individuality.

Last school year changed a lot of students who spent quarantine time at home reflecting on their personal identity. People started to find

out who they really are and started seeing things differently. By people having a lot of more online time and seeing more online communities.

For example, lot's of social media outlets such as Instagram show people who they should be instead of showing them that it's okay to be different. That's mainly why everyone thinks differently now or looks differently compared to the mainstream.

The dress-code really does impact girls more than it does boys. Most girls believe that if they were to show their shoulders, you would be dress-coded and forced to change right away.

Male's are examined by the dress code differently compared to girls. Females don't think the dress code is a very critical article for boys, because they don't get dress-coded for the same things.

Teachers have to do their jobs and follow the rules even if they disagree with dress-code rules themselves. It's just a very problematic situation which is why there's so much conflict.

Girls want to feel comfortable wearing stuff without getting told something about it and not

feel guilty or confused on why it's something so concerning to adults.

This is also not for all teenage girls because some actually agree with it and want people to follow everything the school rules say. Which is obviously fine, everyone has the right to include their opinions. Everyone controls things a different way, whether it's about what they believe or what others do. Some will fight until they're opinion is heard or some will just live with it.

Most people are against the idea of it and want to start something to make them take it away or make it seem like it's not so aimed towards girls but in reality, most kids' opinions are unheard so they don't usually get their way. Which is why everything they do seems pointless.

KHS student Lilliana Cortez stated, "I haven't been dress-coded, but I have been warned. I really didn't think it was something that was that bad. It was just ripped jeans that showed a very small proportion of my upper thigh. They said it was distracting."

Covid Still Impacting our Community, Campus

By Asha Mohan
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Even after 18 months of this pandemic, Covid-19 is still impacting our community and campus. In fact, all the ramifications of the pandemic deserve a closer look.

Due to the approaching flu season, health care officials are concerned about the flu season on top of the potential for greater Covid-19 infections.

In the article "Health officials concerned about flu season on top of Covid-19 cases in school" by Jocelyn Moran, on the website yourcentralvalley.com, Moran states, "Staci Chastain, the Tulare County deputy director of public operation says, 'We're just not really sure what this is going to look like because the flu symptoms can be extremely similar to Covid symptoms.'"

That is why the KHS has specific Covid-19 guidelines to follow including wearing a mask indoors and having students tested when they are exposed to others who test positive for Covid-19.

In addition to state mandates regarding prevention, schools are also having to enforce that their staff is vaccinated, or testing weekly.

In the article "Court mandates employees to be vaccinated against Covid-19 by mid-November" by Peter Lopez, on the website Fox 26 News Lopez stated, "The Fresno County Superior Court

says 'its employees must be fully vaccinated against Covid-19 by Nov. 19 or face unpaid leave.'

AP English and English 1 teacher Diana Crass said, "I love the vaccination. I wish it didn't have to be forced. It's just another vaccination that

cines for eligible students, the first mandate for K-12 schools" by Howard Blume, Rong-Gong Lin II, and Taryn Luna, state "California on Friday (Oct. 1) became the first state to announce a Covid-19 vaccination requirement for all public and private school children."

Here are 3 students and how they feel about the mandate.

The article also stated, "If parents don't submit a waiver for a medical or personal-belief exemption for the Covid-19 vaccination, they will not be allowed to enroll students for in-person classes. The unvaccinated students will have the option of enrolling in a fully online school, attending independent- study programs offered by the district or being home schooled."

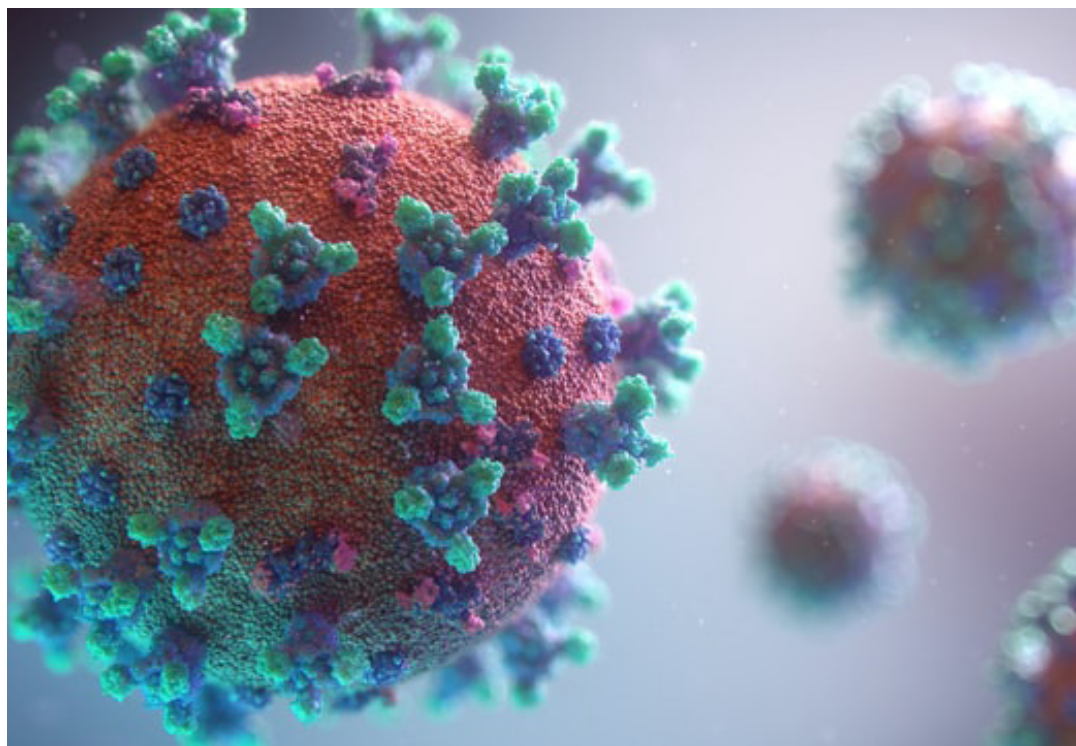
Freshman Felicity Gayton said, "I don't see a problem with getting the vaccine. It is like getting the flu shot."

Freshman Olivia Furlong says, "I don't know because there

isn't information about the vaccine systems."

Sophomore Ty Molina said, "I feel you don't really need the vaccine because you can still get Covid-19."

People have their own opinion about their health and what they want to put in their body. But you should still be careful and wear a mask if you're not going to get vaccinated. So at least you will protect yourself from Covid-19.



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Math and AVID teacher Sarah Alvarado said, "I think people should make their own choice. Not having other people choose it for them. I'm vaccinated because I choose to be."

Another state mandate regarding Covid-19 is that all eligible students that can get the vaccine, should get the vaccine.

In the article, "Newsom sets Covid vac-

Viking Voices

What are your thoughts on block scheduling?



Senior Chelsea Flood

“I love the block schedule because it gives me more time to work on my homework, and I don't get tired of my classes.”



Junior Grace Gamble

“I believe the schedule is very organized and it keeps me focused throughout the week.”



Sophomore Evan Reich

“I love the block schedule because it gives me the chance to do some of my homework in class and balances my workload.”



Freshman Enzo Lane

“I like it because it gives me more time to do the things I need to get done at school.”

Block Schedule is a Winner for KHS

By Audrey Laney
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KHS uses a more modernized system for scheduling classes, the block schedule. Students and teachers here at KHS have many similar and diverse opinions on our block scheduling. The system does have numerous benefits but is followed by its own disadvantages too.

Students attending KHS seem to see eye to eye on each other's opinions. Senior, Isaiah Alvarado, has loved the block schedule throughout his whole high school career. “KHS gives students more opportunities for our college careers,” He says.

Alvarado also believes that KHS sets all students up for high success in education. He explains that having the block schedule genuinely helps students actually learn the material being taught to them, and leads them to bright futures.

Sophomore Bridget Harrell, prefers a block schedule like Alvarado and many other students at KHS. She stated, “It helps me get my homework done.”

Harrell likes that the schedule provides enough time to successfully complete the homework she is assigned. Since the schedule sections the classes each day in half, it provides students an additional day to work on their homework.

However, Harrell and many other students agree the block schedule has its downsides. For instance, students believe the length of each class period can be tedious. Having a block schedule can be troublesome for students because they can have a hard time taking in all the information of one subject in a 2 hour period. This absence of students' attention can lead to them falling behind.

A suggestion students have proposed is adding more breaks to revitalize their learning capacity. This can be beneficial to students by helping them regain their focus throughout the day.

On the contrary, additional breaks can lead to other problems. For example, giving students the chance to be outside of class more can cause increased disruptions. These disruptions could include students ditching their next class, going off of campus without permission, fighting, etc.

Furthermore, Teachers at KHS have their own perspective on the block schedule. The majority seem to love the scheduling and believe it's the best it could be for KHS. For example, an English teacher working at KHS, Daniel Albers, agrees that the block schedule is very beneficial.

Daniel Albers enjoys having more time to teach his students the material he has planned for them. Having shorter class time could result in conflict with the amount of material teachers want to present. That's why the block schedule provides the right amount of time for teachers to go more in-depth on what they are teaching each period.

Moreover, Mr. Albers (who had a block schedule as a student at his high school in San Jose) states, “I benefit from the block schedule currently as a teacher just as much as I did as a student.” His comment considers diverse outlooks accompanied by the same opinion. Given two different perspectives from the same individual is instrumental to the block schedule controversy.

In conclusion, block scheduling is an effective system for KHS if utilized correctly by teachers and students. However, it has its own unsuitable effects on our high school as a whole. Students tend to agree that it does have its negative effects, while teachers believe it's preeminent as is. Overall, the majority of Kingsburg High School seems to be in favor of the block schedule.

Vikings Go Into Rivary Game 4-0 in CSL



Samuel Marshall *Photographer*

by Victoriana Dimas
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Going into tonight's rivalry game against Selma, the Vikings have a 7-2 overall record and are 4-0 in the Central Sequoia League.

KHS kicked off the 2021 KHS football season with a challenging game against Buchanan, the #1 team in the Valley. The Vikings lost 7-33, and Junior Trace Jackson called this the hardest game of the season.

Leading the team this season as returning Head coach is David Wilson. He has expressed how happy he is with his team.

"We have gotten some great plays from players like Mich Spomer, Trace Jackson, Connor Mcfall, and Chase Dias. As of today we are 5-2 and 2-0 in CSL play. We had a big win last Friday (Oct 8th) against CVC," said Wilson.

When asked what runs through his head before a game, Junior Ethan Winslow said, "My thoughts before the game are to stay in the moment, do not think too much into it and play hard."

The Vikings have played many great teams and when asked who their favorite team to play is, Winslow said, "My favorite game so far this season is probably the loss against Redwood. It was a very hard game, but we fought hard. Although we ended up losing in the end, it was a great game"

The closest score the boys have had all season

was 42-4, against the Dinuba Emperors. The Vikings made a touchdown and were successful in their extra point field goal to tie. It went into overtime, both teams scored a touchdown, but the Emperors



went for a 2 point conversion instead of the normal 1 point field goal and missed which led to KHS winning.

Both Winslow and Jackson have stated they prefer home games over away games by a long shot. "I love to see a ton of Kingsburg fans cheering us

on and the student section going crazy. There is nothing like running out of the tunnel on a Friday night," stated Jackson.

Although they have home field advantage during home games, Winslow said and, "Away games are fun too because it's a great feeling when you beat a team on their own field."

During the game against CVC, Varsity Quarterback Ethan Winslow had an accident and broke his arm, so the JV Quarterback, and Sophomore Max Warkentin was bumped up and is now leading varsity through the rest of the season.

They have had some pretty incredible wins like their 47-6 dominance against Kerman, and the 42-6 defeat of Hanford West. The Vikings are well equipped to perform well in the playoffs. Hopefully, they bring home a title.

Tonight Friday, October 29th is the big rival game against the Selma Bears at the Staley Stadium. The winner of the game gets the coveted Fire Extinguisher. Kingsburg is ready to top of the Season with a 5-0 CSL record along with the Norseman.

Harvey Leads Girls Tennis 2021

by Kirrah Morton

Staff Writer

Welcoming back the KHS girls tennis team for a brand new semi-covid free season. Here's a quick breakdown of the season as of now.

This season, the team is made up of 19 members which is a substantial increase from last year's 12. The girls have elected two juniors as their team captains: Abby Jobe and Katie Tikkanen.

Jobe and Tikkanen both started playing tennis around their 8th grade year, saying they love how the sport gets you moving and the level of patience you need to win.

During summer practices, the team lost their coaches and almost did not have a season. That's when Math teacher Kenn Harvey stepped up and decided to be this year's tennis coach.

"I feel he is doing good with being in a new environment," stated Jobe. Players agreed Harvey is adapting very well, and the new player to the team says he's helped them understand the game, and the basic tricks on a different level than anyone else.

The ladder this year consists of 8 girls (as usual): 1) Abby Jobe 2) Katie Tikkanen 3) Summer Meija 4) Leila Zarate 5) Phoebe Williams 6) Bethany Emmersen 7) Lucy Lo 8) Kate Stahl. This

is the varsity team. The other 11 girls are J.V. This is their first year playing tennis.

The Vikings have played 7 league games thus far and won 5 out of the 7, three of those



games being 9-0. The team captain, Tikkanen said, "I think it's going pretty good. We started off strong."

Jobe added, "I feel like the season is going pretty good so far. I feel we have a good chance of making a Valley."

"I think as beginners they are doing

pretty good, improving a lot," Tikkanen said when asked about the new team members.

The top two JV are 1) Paige Bennet & 2) Kirrah Morton. They are the ones that play both singles and doubles in all tennis matches, or fill in when someone from varsity is missing.

Last year the girls made it into the Valley Championship match, but sadly ended up losing to Kerman in the 3rd round. Their goal this year is to make it to Valley and take home the championship.

Tennis involves a large amount of endurance, hand eye-coordination, and patience. When asked about how they feel tennis has helped them become good athletes Tikkanen said, "It helps me, because it has a lot to do with strategies, and involves lots of running that keeps me in shape."

Jobe added that all the running and work with hand-eye coordination is what helped her become the athlete she is today.

The season will go well into November ending around mid-November at the earliest if they do not make it to the playoffs. They have finished the first half of the season and now play every team again.

Lady Vikings Dominates the season

by Amia Mathis

Staff Writer

2021 KHS girls varsity volleyball season.

At the time of press, the Lady Vikings' last game was against Lone Pine on 10/26/21 with a score of 3-0 with Vikings taking the win. Their next game is on 10/28 at 7:00 P.M for Playoffs.

Their first game of the season was against Redwood. "Our first game went well, I think it was a great experience for us. Since it was our first game, all our hard work and chemistry clicked in and worked!" Senior Jasmine Lopez said.

There was a lot of improvement from their first game to their most recent game. The practices from when they first started to know has improved so much and they have been working hard.

"I think our teamwork is pretty good and of course there is always room for improvement; like our coaches like to say," Lopez said. Their teamwork is what makes them a team. It's one of the most important assets.

The KHS volleyball team has good teamwork and they have some good friendships, They are friends in and out of volleyball.

"I think we improved a lot because we got more used to playing with each other and kinda knowing how each other plays and that just made us a better team," Claire Toliver said.

Their best game was against Imanuel with a score of 3-1. With KHS taking the win!

Before a game they cheer loudly in the

up even when they lose a game.

They are able to work together and win as a team but they also lose as a team. They are always supportive of each other and help each other when someone is feeling down about a game.

The team overall is very supportive on the court and they are funny on the court. "I think my favorite thing about the sport I play is the adrenaline I get when I get a kill or a block; it's just one of the best feelings", Jasmine said.

"Whether they win or lose at the end we always have a talk and look at the good parts of the game and the not so good parts," Lopez added.

The team shows school spirit and they have each other's backs on the court. They are supportive of each other and give each other a hand when needed.



hallways before running out into the gym and they pray right before the game starts. As a way of luck and.

The team has a lot of school spirit and represents us well. They try to keep each other's spirits

The KHS Varsity Volleyball team sticks together and goes through everything together good and bad! Their communication and cooperation

with each other and trusting each other makes them a better team.

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Samual Marshall Photographer

KHS Boys Basketball win state in Summer Showdown



By:Kirrah Morton Staff Writer

Over the 2021 summer break, our KHS Varsity Basketball won the State championship title in the IV division against Washington Union. The end score was 62 - 59 Vikings.

We all can only imagine the how the boys felt before the game, but when talking to Coach Phillip Bergstrom he said, "I knew that Panthers would play us tougher than in the Valley Championship game (they had played them a week earlier winning by 18) we knew they wouldn't back down, and they would hit more shots (which they did)."

The boys were fully aware of what they were getting into and they couldn't have been more anxious. "I was nervous, but believed in my team and knew we could get the W" said Gavin Gonzalezs

In the duration of the game, the score stayed pretty close, and in the last minute of the Kingsburg was down 4 with with a minute left



Panthers had the ball Nate Towsely steals and shots a lay up; Panthersturnover forced by there full court pressure; Mathew Ruegge 4- point play; Washigton union then scores a lay up ; Colby Charles shots the game winning 3 as the buzzer went off with a assist from Jose Matinez. That was game

When asked about how he felt Panthers played, Bergstrom said, "Washington played well enough to win that game, and honestly in a lot of ways they deserved to win that game." He explained that he thought they were going to win towards the end, but the Vikings stepped up and wouldn't accept defeat, "That's the kinda stuff that can happen when you focus on one possession at a time," Bergstrom noted.

When talking to Gavin he said, " They fought strong the entire game, but in the end we were the more physical and aggressive team. That's why we won."

During the last couple minutes he was scared



they were going to go home empty handed, but he couldn't be happier by the outcome.

"Overall I feel this team met their potential. During the regular season, we played some of the most beautiful, flowing offensive basketball at the highschool level I've ever seen. As a coach, I couldn't help but sit back sometimes and admire the unselfish basketball this group of guys were playing. It was truly a pleasure to watch. In the playoffs the games got tighter, and our grit and tenacity was what shined," Bergstrom said in awe of his team.

Coach Bergstrom said he would have loved to win some of the first games the boys played, but in the end they earned the respect from big-time schools.. After that winning point Gavin Gonzalez said, "I felt immediate relief after that" The Vikings not only won the Valley title, but also the State Championship, that was the goal. That one moment is what they worked for, and they got it.