



## Latest notation on bus donations

By Max Clark  
Exchange Editor

Starting this year, TCHS is asking all athletes and students participating in school functions that require the use of buses to make a personalized donation to cover transportation costs. The school is requesting ten dollars for every trip.

"The new system will be based on the individual student," Athletic Director Mr. Ralph Fick said. "This will replace the old blanket style donation that we asked for in previous years."

In years prior, the school had asked every family for a donation of \$100 per year. This system of donation is not being continued for the 2015-2016 school year because of potential legal issues. Administration always planned on asking for a donation from students this year, but the current system is still in the works.

Administration does not know when the district office will finalize the legal documents, but they predict that the district will send out requests in the coming weeks.

"I think it's a fair replacement," Senior Mitchell Kao said. "I will personally save a lot of money this way."

The costs also differ from sport to sport, and many students like Kao will benefit from the new system. For example, the Boys Varsity Football team will only play five away games this season, so students on the team will only need to donate five times.

However, there is doubt regarding the new system, as some students will be required to pay more. For instance, members of the basketball team will have more than eight away games and two tournaments, and will therefore be asked to donate much more than football players.

"I don't think that students will make any donations when they feel like they have to pay every time they ride a bus," Senior Juan Carlos Charre Jr. said. "I think less students will give a donation now than they did before."

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## Performing arts shake up fall fest



PHOTO/ Elizabeth Liu

**Fall Fest:** Brighterside, The Pride of Temple City, Cheer, Pep Flags, Choreo and other artists livened up Fall fest at Temple City Park on Saturday, Oct. 17 with a variety of performances.

## Homecoming Breakdown

By Gracie Chen  
Staff Writer



The activities committee has spent countless hours creating an atmosphere that brings you back home to the 1950s for this year's Homecoming Dance on Nov. 7, from 7-10 p.m. Dance tickets are \$25 with ASB and \$30 without. The graph above shows how much money is spent on each aspect of the dance. Profits made go towards the planning of Sadie's.

### October/November Ram Calendar

Su	M	T	W	Th	F	S
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21

<b>Oct 27:</b> Parent Teacher Conference (Minimum Day)	
Period 0	7:34 - 8:05
Period 1	8:15 - 8:51
Period 2	8:56 - 9:32
Period 3	9:37 - 10:15
Period 4	10:26 - 10:56
Period 6	11:01 - 11:37
Period 7	11:42 - 12:18

<b>Oct. 31:</b> Halloween
<b>Nov. 6:</b> Homecoming Game against South Pasadena
<b>Nov. 7:</b> Homecoming Dance
<b>Nov. 11:</b> Veterans' Day
<b>Nov. 16:</b> Speech & Debate Competition
<b>Nov. 19:</b> Adv. Drama Fall Show

## NEWS BRIEFS

By Johnson Pham and Jason Xie  
Staff Writers

### Talent Show Delayed

This year's talent show has been postponed until further notice, as there was a scheduling conflict between Dragonflicks and the Jr. Pep Clinics.

### Book Fair

TCHS' second annual book fair is on Oct. 26-29. The fair is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday. On Tuesday and Thursday, it closes at 8 p.m. and 2 p.m., respectively. Special guest, Julie Berry, author of the book "All the Truth That's In Me," will be signing books. The fair will feature mostly young adult books, and proceeds will go towards the purchase of new li-

brary books. Furthermore, Small Business is holding activities such as pin the scar on Harry Potter, and giveaways. Follow the book fair on Snapchat @Tchsbook-fair and Instagram @tchsBook-fair2016 for updates and more.

### PISA Test

Every three years, The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development picks 42 students each from 200 high schools across 70 countries to take the Program for International Student Assessment test. The test was designed to measure the efficiency of education systems around the world by testing 15-year olds on key subjects. On Oct. 22, students took two to three tests on collaborative problem solving, financial literacy, mathematics, science and

reading. Test takers received four hours of community service as well as \$25 for their contribution to the study.

### Removal of Honors Classes

During the Oct. 14 department meeting, teachers discussed the importance of honors classes and whether or not they should continue. The idea of getting rid of honors classes is currently undergoing serious consideration, but a final decision has not yet been made.

### UC Berkeley New Policy

Berkeley adopted a new policy which allows future freshmen applicants to submit two letters of recommendation. Students are not required to do so, but are highly recommended to.

# Stun with Halloween puns

By Janeth Inatomi  
Staff Writer

Often times when looking for a Halloween costume, people will end up overspending or dressing as something that is overdone every year. To help, Rampage has compiled the most pun-derful costumes perfect for any Halloween celebration.



Junior  
Michelle Kao

## Blue Ivy

Paint fake ivy vines blue and stick them onto a blue t-shirt for a cute ensemble.

## Fifty Shades of Gray

For this outfit you'll need to stick 50 gray paint samples onto a plain shirt.



Freshman  
Jonathan Chan



Junior  
Ariana Pinedo

## Spice Girl

Spice up your life with this adorabe costume. To make it you'll need some poster paper, ribbon, paint and a picture of a spice. Accessorize with some red socks or jewelry.

## Grapes of Wrath

Stick a bunch of purple balloons onto your t-shirt until you look like a bunch of grapes. Make sure you use strong tape. Then, finish the look by drawing angry eyebrows on yourself with makeup.



Sophomore  
Celeste Meyer

PHOTOS/ J. Inatomi

# Sweet tips for Halloween profiteering

By Samuel Kim  
Staff Writer

Halloween is just around the corner, which means costumes, spooky events, but most importantly, candy, and lots of it. Most people enjoy Halloween because of the glorious heaps of candy obtained through trick-or-treating and parties. The best part is that it's totally okay with your parents and that the candy lasts for a really long time, at least in my case. We all know there are always those treats you either end up throwing away at the very end, or just eat once there's no better options. Here are some tips on how to fill your bag with the best goodies possible, and which candies to trade or get rid of as soon as they hit your bag.

## Best Halloween Candies

When going trick-or-treating, always be on the lookout for chocolate candies such as Twix, Kit Kat, Hershey's and Snickers. Aside from chocolates, my personal favor-

ites are Sour Patch, Coca Cola Bears, gummy candies, Nerds, M&M's and Starbursts.

Mediocre treats are only for when the best candies aren't available, such as Crunch, Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, Butterfingers and Milky Way bars. Candy corn may or may not be on this list, based on your own preferences.

If you ever get anything that's not candy, such as pencils or toothbrushes, you should dispose of it immediately, it may be hazardous to your health. Never go back to that place again, since the person who gave you those items obviously never had a childhood.

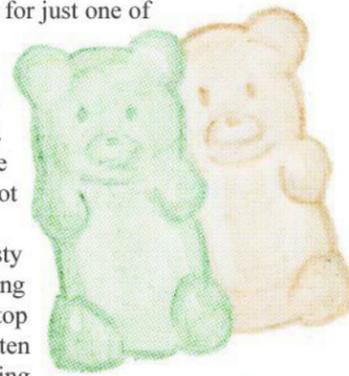
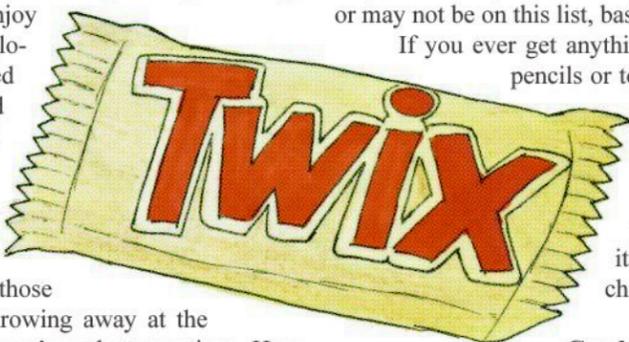
## Candy Trading Advice

If ever the situation occurs where you get stuck with the worst candy possible, there are a variety of options to deal with these horrible sweets. My list of potential sweet tooth disasters include Twizzlers, Almond Joys, Milk Duds, Smarties, Sweethearts, Dum Dums, Dots, Tootsie Rolls, candy coins, Dubble Bubble, Lemonheads, old-fashioned candies, Swedish Fish, Peeps and any type of hard candy.

The best thing to do if you want to trade your crummy treats away is to find someone who likes these candies and swap. Swindling is allowed for children ages six and up, and there is a 25-second tradeback period for the first graders and the elderly. In case of parental lockdown, always offer up the old-fashioned candies and Peeps first, they tend to be attracted to those more for some reason.

Save the strong-flavored and chewy candies, such as Tootsie Rolls and Dots, for medicine. The taste and work you're putting into chewing the candy will take your mind off the nasty medicine. Avoid partners who want you to trade multiple candies for just one of theirs, and those who want you to dump all your candy onto a surface of some sort. They'll probably take a few when you're not looking.

Trading your nasty treats away and staying on the lookout for top tier candies will sweeten up your trick-or-treating experience.



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# "Rocky Horror Picture Show": beyond the rocky beginnings

By Michelle Zhang  
Staff Writer

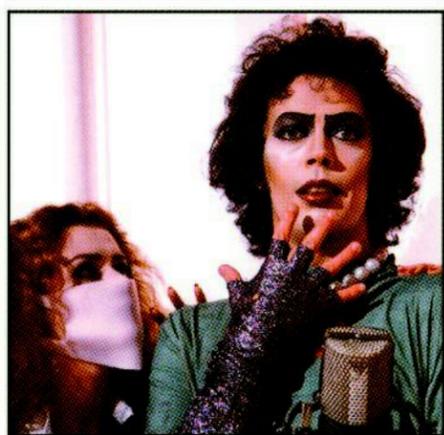


PHOTO COURTESY/ Bray Studios  
"The Rocky Horror Picture Show" pushes the boundaries of sexuality and gender identity.

In 1975, a groundbreaking horror-comedy-musical film, "Rocky Horror Picture Show", was first released in Los Angeles. Just days after a successful box-office, the movie's ticket sales went downhill. The well-known poster was definitely a head turner and sparked several controversies. Despite its rocky beginnings, the movie has had a significant cultural impact and has been setting fashion and music trends

even 40 years after its release.

The film begins with ruby red lips, dubbed over with a male voice, establishing an androgynous theme that is repeated throughout the film. The narrator introduces the newly engaged couple, Brad Majors and Janet Weiss, lost in the middle of a dark, rainy night. They soon stumble upon a castle belonging to a transvestite, Dr. Frank N. Furter, a mad scientist who claims to come from a different dimension. After being invited inside, they find themselves crashing an Annual Transylvanian Convention.

Songs in the soundtrack are '50s rock "n" roll, which was uncommon because musicals during that time featured Broadway-type music. Costumes from the film include but are not limited to shiny rhinestones, sequins, spiked leather jackets, and bedazzled leotards. The costumes and hairstyles in the film influenced much of punk music and was a trendsetter for later rock and pop cult films.

"Rocky Horror" is the first and one of the only audience participation movies. Audience participation began as early as the film's first release and was later re-released as a midnight movie where audience participation really flourished.

People would dress up in costumes, yell back lines during extended pauses between dialogue and throw props throughout the film. To this day, the film continues to have midnight showings in theaters during the weekends where fans dress up to watch a live production or a rerun of the movie.

The film is focused on the empowering vision of self-creation and its queer agenda. It isn't about how the characters discover they are gay and come out to their families; it is about how slippery the boundaries of what we call 'identity' are, and how confusing it can get. The film was shocking to many people four decades ago but nowadays, society has slowly begun to accept gays, lesbians and bisexuals. In many ways, "Rocky Horror"'s futuristic view is finally becoming a reality. Sadly, that does not mean the world is now a safe place for less traditional gender expression, especially those whose class and/or race puts them at further disadvantage. But culturally, this decade has brought forth the greatest society evolution on sexuality and gender since the 1970s.

From same-sex marriages to Emmy-Award winning TV shows based on sexual and gender differences, it is not hard to find role models that have lived through

what many are going through right now.

I expected it to be a horror movie. After watching it, I noticed that it wasn't scary at all but was instead a jawdropper. Though this was a new type of movie for me, I enjoyed it. This movie is for anyone that loves 1950s Rock "n" Roll, bedazzling costumes and tons of drag.

From being a film that was dismissed as a write-off to becoming a cultural phenomenon, the film has continued to leave its legacy in many fans' hearts.

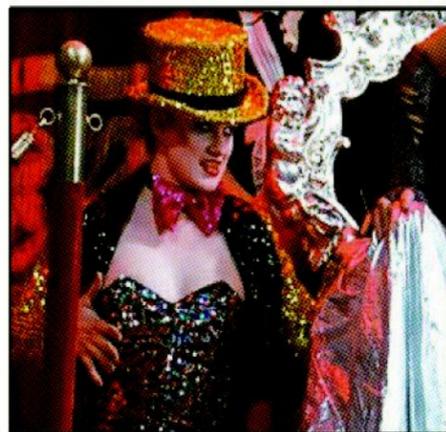


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Midnight screenings on Halloween of this movie are still popular across the country.

# RAMS: grade jail or a necessary rehab?

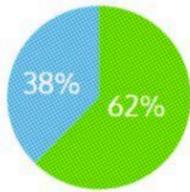
By Catherine Tran & Johnson Pham  
Web Editor & Staff Writer

The second grading period mixes the cool autumn breezes of October with the sighs of students receiving RAMS slips. Anyone with an F or D (or "U" in work habits, at the discretion of teachers) will find themselves in the RAMS intervention program, hitting the books from 12:05 to 12:30 instead of grabbing an early lunch.

But is RAMS perceived as effective? Rampage polled that, although some teachers had mixed opinions on its effectiveness, signified by the "both" response, most teachers and students support the initiative.

## STUDENTS

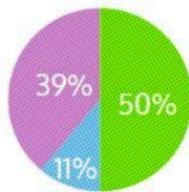
Do you think RAMS helps students?



Yes No

## TEACHERS

Do you think RAMS is an effective program for raising grades?



Yes No Both

Although in theory RAMS seems like a beneficial system, it is an ineffective measure of discipline. A student who does not do homework might already have the mindset of "Homework is pointless," therefore placing said student in RAMS would do almost nothing. Another flaw to the program is the abuse of it by teachers. Teachers can give even grade A students a "U" and the student will still be placed into RAMS.  
- Senior Darren Liu

Before RAMS started, the coaches had to go through a student eligibility list for sports that used to be 5-7 pages long. Now, it's about a page and a half, which shows that kids are smart enough and that RAMS motivates them. It has made a huge difference. I can tutor them one on one and I can see improvement.  
- Math Teacher Ms. Kristi Ferntheil

INFOGRAPHIC/ Catherine Tran

# Inbox: Oak apparel

I'm concerned about the article by Michelle Zhang about style. I've always thought that Temple City was a pretty "chill" place that didn't care what others wore. I know a lot of people who still wear their Oak shirts that feel ashamed now. Many people are also teasing others about wearing their Oak shirts or basketball shorts. Although it is meant in a joking way, that person still feels shame. Now every time I want to wear my Oak shirt to show pride or because I don't have anything to wear, I'll put it back down and feel ashamed for making our school the "bottom of the style barrel."

Angela Xu



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## Brackchilling

What it feels like to get flexed on

David Brackbill, Opinion Editor



It was a normal day, like any other.

I woke up after the third alarm, as usual, took a shower, got dressed and ran to the car to push my tardiness down to an acceptable margin. After second period, I was excited about the privilege of walking back to main campus in temperate weather.

But then, on the way to my appropriately shaded place of relaxation before the next round of hellfire and brimstone, I saw them. Them. Mere days ago, I had thought they were nothing more than a meme, something that the top 1% of reddit.com/r/streetwear would purchase and dangle above the plebian masses. How could I be so wrong? Black Yeezy Boost 350's. Right there on the feet of a high school student. My life was over.

I was not wearing what I would call my best attire. I remember the outfit vividly, as a child remembers the day they discovered Santa Claus wasn't real. Grey Uniqlo Airism athletic shirt, C9 basketball shorts, Nike sandals and a ragged Herschel backpack. Neither my body nor its furnishings were ready in defense against footwear that flexed so hard it made Arnold Schwarzenegger look like a skinnyfat, newly registered gym member coughing blood on the rowing machine.

"Holy crap," I told my friend, interrupting his story about finishing a whole sci-fi book in health class. "I need to snapchat this."

The pair of shoes in my snapchat frame were designed by Kanye West for Adidas, fabled for their resale price of sometimes over \$700 on Ebay and their attempted theft straight off of Travis Scott's feet during a concert in Germany. Flashback to my \$25, battered Nike slides. I was done and I knew it.

They might be fakes, I told myself, imported from some cheap Chinese retailer specializing in knockoffs. But deep in my heart, I knew I had been caught with my pants down and now Yeezy fire was spreading up my legs.

Moral of the story: don't come to school in the freshest threads for yourself, do it as armor against the people who have the means and, more importantly, the motive to stunt on you.

It can happen to the best of us, but be safe when you wear basketball shorts. In your very moment of weakness, you may be flexed upon.

# SUPER REAL NEWS BRIEFS

By Andrew Rhee  
Staff Writer

## Scuffle At Choke Point Injures 17

17 students were sent to the school nurse last Wednesday when two groups of students battled to pass the small brick passage on the north side of the cafeteria.

During the passing period between third and fourth period, two opposite groups of students approached the chokepoint that students have dubbed "the grinder." Neither backing down, the two groups smooshed together in the small claustrophobic space and close quarter fighting ensued.

"It was like those descriptions of the Siege of Stalingrad," one senior said. "I remember beating on a freshman with a loose brick as I watched my friends fall around me. All that kept us alive during



PHOTO COURTESY/ Wikimedia

During a lull in battle, students scribble down diary entries and letters. Cannon fire drowns out the sky.

the fray were Mr. Flavs and the determination to make it to AP Bio."

Experts from Hallway Violence International attribute the bloodshed to the desperation of students to make it to class on time.

"If the 500-400 students didn't get through fast, I knew my ROP Poetry teacher would wreck me," one visibly bruised sophomore said. "I ended up with a truancy after someone KO'd me with a textbook."

Administrators are considering raising school funds by betting on the outcomes of future fights.

## Temple City Trash Talk Team Sweeps C.I.F.

Temple City's newly formed athletic trash talk team proved a strong threat to rivals San Marino and Monrovia this season, coming up first-time champions in the Rio Hondo League and sweeping their C.I.F. division.

Despite a severe disadvantage in material to talk trash with, the Temple City team took early leads during the regular season against league rivals. After finding preparations on a San Marino Facebook homecoming page, the Rams launched an assault made up of subtweeting, angry caps, extremely wishful thinking and direct meme posts on the offending Facebook page.

"We really came together as a team to wreck San Marino online," said Junior Krusty Tweets. "We pulled out all of the stops, even posting 9Gag content, which I think is what secured us the win. Trash the Titans!"

C.I.F. referees said that the Temple City trash talkers won through a combination of tenacity and complete incongruity between boasts and results.

# Re: Unsigned letters

Rampage receives letters from students, faculty and parents every year with great arguments and points, but no attached name. Including your name in a letter is beneficial, as it allows us to contact the writer regarding edits. Furthermore, when readers recognize the writer's name, they are more likely to consider the argument.



Rampage thanks Angela Xu for being confident enough to include her name.

The article about high school style was not meant to personally intimidate any individuals, nor cause embarrassment. We apologize that it may have provided material for bullying.

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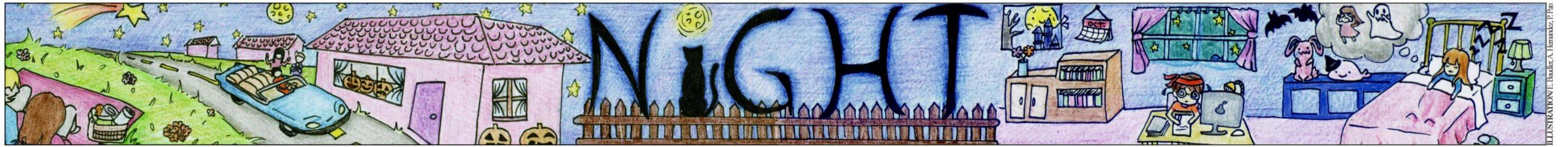
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# Jack O' Lanterns pump up the night

By Charlie Dodge  
Staff Writer

To me, the sight of jack o' lanterns signals Halloween night. Because of this, I was excited to attend the RISE of the Jack O' Lanterns at Santa Anita Racetrack recently. The attraction exhibits thousands of pumpkins all hand carved before the event. The exhibit itself takes place in the dark, with the pumpkins artistically placed to resemble different structures. Some of the more complex structures include a T-Rex, racecar and even Spongebob Squarepants.



PHOTO/ Charlie Dodge

Styrofoam pumpkins can be displayed year after year. Pick some up at a local craft store for easy Halloween decor.

As interesting as the exhibit seemed, I did not feel it was worth the \$22-\$30 entrance fee. Even though it was timed entry, the event felt overcrowded, especially since the path had no organized line. Also, the pumpkin sculptures looked cool, but they started feeling repetitive.

Fortunately, you do not need to pay lots of money to enjoy jack o' lanterns. Most grocery stores sell the usual orange "Cinderella's Carriage" type pumpkins priced by weight. However, Pavilions in Arcadia currently sells all pumpkins for \$5.99 each. In recent years, pumpkin carving has escalated beyond the simple grinning face, though if you're not a veggie Van Gogh, holiday and craft stores

like Party City and Michaels sell stencils to simplify the carving process.

These craft stores also sell hollow styrofoam pumpkins of all varieties. Not only are they sold in an assortment of fun colors, but the faux pumpkins are also cheaper, easier to carve, long-lasting and do not leave a mess.

Personally, I prefer the styrofoam pumpkins. Over the years my family has made and collected quite the compilation of carvings, which include a white Donald Duck pumpkin, a sparkly cardinal and gold pumpkin (for my USC alumni parents) and a fanged vampire pumpkin. Now that Halloween nears, I can't wait to add another carving.



PHOTO/ Charlie Dodge

The RISE event takes place on a pathway that is usually the racetrack's parking lot. It displays both real and foam pumpkins.

# Jam out while the night is still young

By Amber Lee  
Business Manager

## All of the (Friday Night) Lights

I'm pretty sure there's a scientific study about the effect of Drake on every athlete's game mentality. Pretty sure.

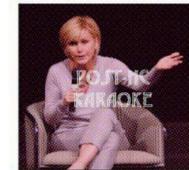
- 1) "R.I.C.O." by Meek Mill ft. Drake
- 2) "Jumpman" by Drake ft. Future
- 3) "Back to Back" by Drake
- 4) "Who Do You Love?" by YG ft. Drake



## Post-HC Karaoke

Self-explanatory. Get emotional, people. Sing your heart out to these classic tunes.

- 1) "Bleeding Love" by Leona Lewis
- 2) "Listen" by Beyoncé
- 3) "Buttons" by The Pussycat Dolls
- 4) "Bound 2" by Kanye West



## 626 Boba Run

Living in the Boba Hood ain't easy. If you're not bumping the right tracks on your way to Half and Half at 8:30, you can kiss your stamp card goodbye.

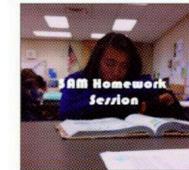
- 1) "Work REMIX" by ASAP Ferg, ASAP Rocky, French Montana, Trinidad James, Schoolboy Q
- 2) "Burial" by Yogi, Skrillex, Pusha T, Moody Good, Trollphase
- 3) "I Love It When You Cry" by Steve Aoki ft. Moxie Raia



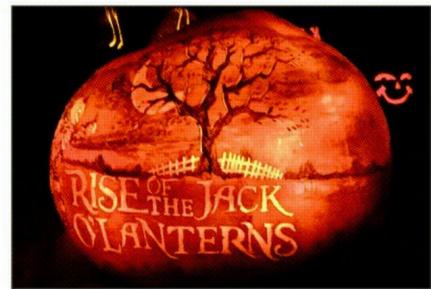
## 3 AM Homework Session

We're all too familiar with the deafening sound of cricket colonies at 3 a.m., as we regret the aftermath of our I'll-do-it-later-itis.

- 1) "Sober" by Childish Gambino
- 2) "Coffee" by Miguel
- 3) "Good Lovin'" by Ludacris ft. Miguel
- 4) "What You Know" by Two Door Cinema Club



GRAPHICS/ Amber Lee



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This is the first year that Santa Anita Racetrack will have a RISE of the Jack O' Lanterns attraction. It ends on Nov. 1.

# Once upon a nightmare

By Pamela Pan  
Staff Writer

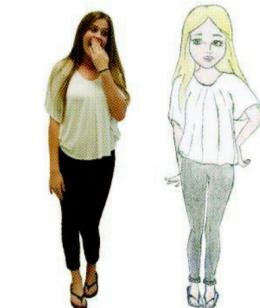


"Once in my dream, I was in China, and all of my friends walked into a classroom and sat down in the seats. Suddenly, the seats turned into a rollercoaster ride, and the track stretched across the sky above a tropical island."

—Sophomore Jeremy Xu

"I had a nightmare that I was falling off of a cliff. In reality, I just fell off my bed. It was scary, painful and a little humiliating. My mom asked me: 'How old are you?'"

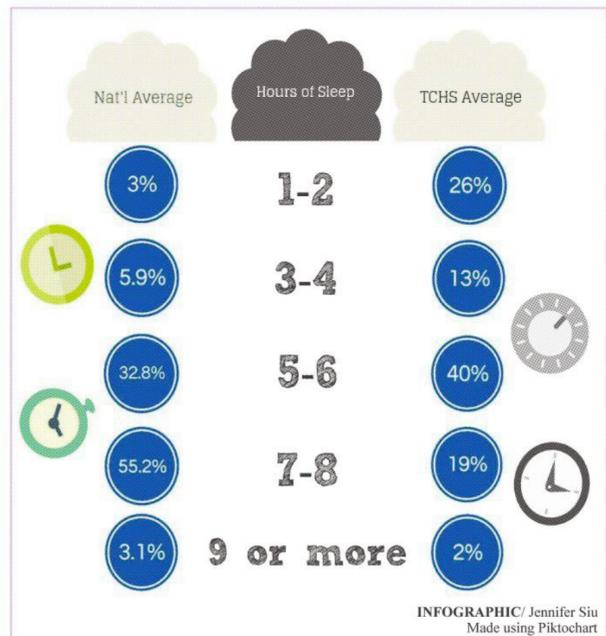
—Senior Josephine Wong



"In a dream, I had a twin sister, and somehow the law only allowed one of the sisters to be alive. But I knew it was only a dream and I found myself not hurt after being 'executed' by the police."

—Junior Kallista Hodson

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# Rams say goodbye to a full night's rest

By Jennifer Siu  
Staff Writer

Sleep is an important part of our adolescent lives, yet most high school students don't receive the golden eight to nine hours every night. 366 students took this survey. The national average statistics were taken from the 2010 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

# Heumann gazes into the starry night

By Candace Tan  
Focus Editor

Along with the many scientific interests she navigates, Junior Ingrid Heumann moonlights as an astronomer.

Heumann is a part of the Los Angeles Astronomical Society, a Southern California-based group consisting of over 400 members who share a passion for studying the night sky.

At LAAS' annual banquets, Heumann meets numerous professionals in the astronomical field, and has even run into science personality Bill Nye at a celebratory function for the landing of the rover Curiosity on Mars.

Her interest in stargazing initially dawned on her when her first grade teacher introduced her to the planets. Since then, Heumann has collected books about celestial objects and has observed such matter through the lens of her father's 8-inch Celestron Telescope.

With her LAAS membership, Heumann is able to view different planets and constellations using larger telescopes at the group's astronomy events held at various observatories in Los Angeles.

"When I learned about the planets, I was attracted to the idea of other worlds in our sky," Heumann said. "I like stargazing because it is a way to see things that would otherwise be truly out of our reach."



## What to Look Out for This Season

1. **Pegasus:** This constellation in the east consists of four stars that form a square and is a landmark of the autumn night sky.
2. **Venus:** This planet dazzles in the east just before dawn.
3. **Aquarius:** One of the 12 Zodiac constellations, Aquarius' outline is similar to a tilted water pitcher's and can best be viewed in the southern night sky.

## Ingrid's Favorite Places to Stargaze

1. **Griffith Observatory:** LAAS hosts monthly public star parties here, in which guests can use different equipment to explore the sky.
2. **Mount Wilson Observatory:** Located in the San Gabriel Mountains, the MWO has the world's largest non-professional telescope, which spans 60 inches in length.



PHOTO/ C. Tan ILLUSTRATION/ E. Baudler

# Princesses ready to 'Come Back Home'

Compiled by Katherine Burke  
Staff Writer

Homecoming season has returned again, and with it, the voting for Homecoming Queen. Rampage is taking the chance to help students get to know the Princesses a bit more, as the online voting goes on until November 5.

**Sandra Ngo**  
Organizations:

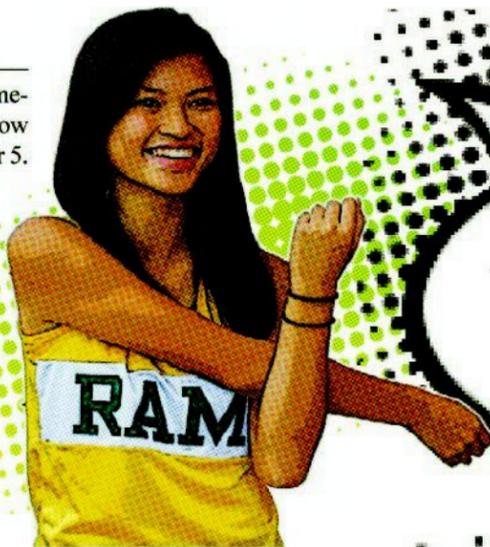
ASB, Varsity Tennis, National Ocean Sciences Bowl

**Favorite Foods:** bananas, chocolate milk

**Favorite TV Show:** "Big Bang Theory"

**Favorite Artists:** Young Rising Suns, Bronze Radio Return

**Likes:** filming/making videos, taekwondo, skateboarding, playing her Gameboy, baking, Captain America



**Lauren Tang**  
Organizations:

Cross Country, Track and Field, EYES club, Junior Taiwanese American Student Association

**Favorite Food:** ice cream

**Favorite TV Show:** "Flash"

**Favorite Movie:** "Tangled"

**Favorite Artist:** Demi Lovato

**Likes:** baking

**Jessica Wu**

**Organizations:** Brighter Side Singers, church's worship team

**Favorite Foods:** pizza, fries

**Favorite TV Shows:** "Vampire Diaries" "The Walking Dead"

**Favorite Artists:** Taylor Swift, Shawn Mendes, 5 Seconds of Summer

**Likes:** singing, dancing, the Avengers, animals



**Tricia Smith**  
Organizations:

Marching band, Chamber Music Club, Habitats for Humanity

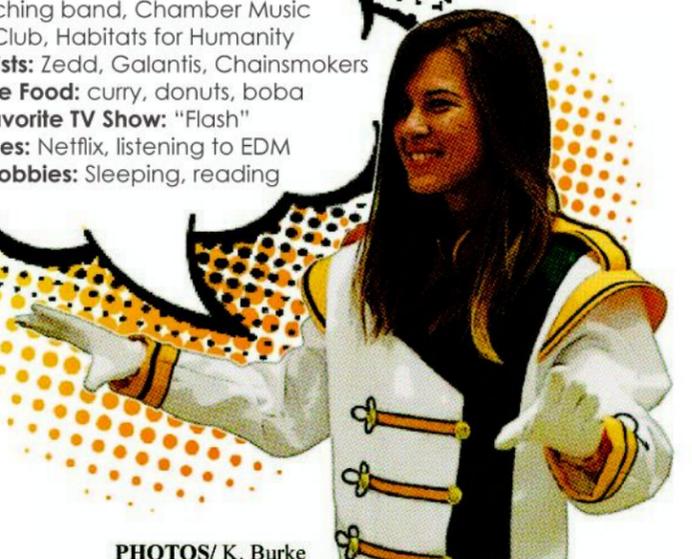
**Favorite Artists:** Zedd, Galantis, Chainsmokers

**Favorite Food:** curry, donuts, boba

**Favorite TV Show:** "Flash"

**Likes:** Netflix, listening to EDM

**Hobbies:** Sleeping, reading



**Rachel Lin**

**Organizations:** ASB, Choreo, Peer Listener, Gavel Club

**Favorite Foods:** noodles, black tea lemonade

**Favorite TV Show:** "Game of Thrones"

**Favorite Movie:** "Pirates of the Caribbean"

**Favorite Artists:** Drake, Florence and the Machine, Beyoncé

**Likes:** Chinese dance, sleeping, watching TV shows



PHOTOS/ K. Burke

## Torres takes chance in 'Modern Family' role

By Alisha Hernandez  
Photo Editor

Flinging a sparkling pink scarf over his shoulder, Freshman Carlos Torres dramatically delivers a few lines in Spanish during his small stint on the television show 'Modern Family.' He plays the part of Pepito, a flashier and more expressive version of the character Manny Delgado.

"It said in the script that 'a flamboyant teenage boy enters the room,'" Torres said. "I took the chance and I got it."

At the age of six, Torres was determined to take acting classes after watching other kids appear on television programs. After joining a class, an agent offered to work with him and he landed his first job working on "Symbol," a movie filmed in Japan.

"I thought, 'Wow, this is a job?'" Torres said. "I figured out that was what I wanted to do for the rest of my life."

Since then, Torres has acted in many commercials, including ones for Progressive and Kaiser Permanente. A couple of times a year, Torres' agent will contact

him about job opportunities. Occasionally, his family will also help him look out for opportunities.

However, many of Torres' acting jobs have been the results of strokes of luck. For example, he wouldn't have had the opportunity to be in the Progressive commercial, if not for the random ad for it he saw while browsing Youtube.

His parents also sacrifice a lot to help his career, by taking time off from work and helping him practice for auditions. A lot of their choices are also influenced by his job.

"My dad was going to go to Mexico for a couple months, but the fact that I had an acting career sort of eliminated that possibility," Torres said. "They're a big part of how I'm able to do this."

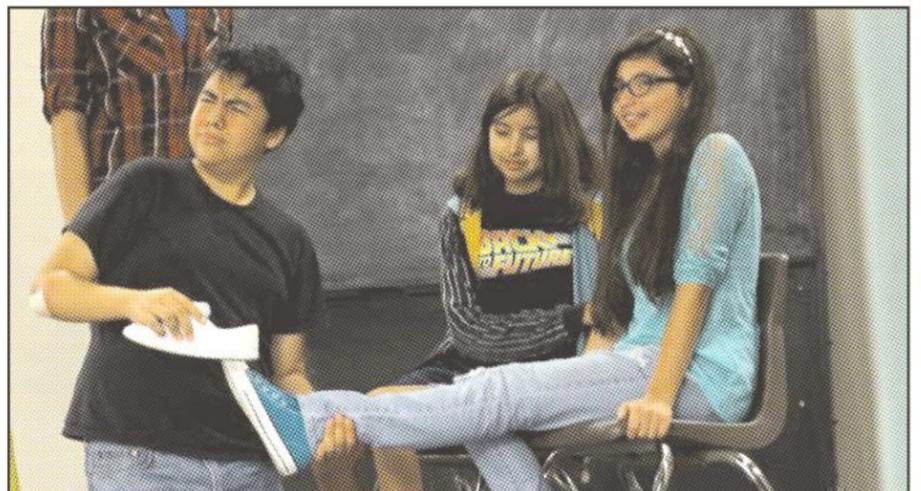
During middle school, Torres was home schooled because he wanted to focus on acting. Since his recent return to public high school, Torres has realized that balancing work and academics is difficult to do. Despite this, he has no doubts about his decisions towards his acting career.

"When I missed school for the 'Modern Family' filming, it was so hectic the next day," Torres said. "But if I were to have a big break, definitely home school would be the key to focusing on my acting."

In the future, Torres hopes to continue

his career and possibly work with one of his inspirations, Martin Scorsese or Christopher Nolan, but so far, 'Modern Family' has been his favorite job.

"I met Rico Rodriguez and that was really cool, and I saw Sofia Vergara."



PHOTO/ Eva Baudler

Torres, shown with Freshmen Jacqueline Valdez and Justine Zacarias, enhances his acting skills through Beginning Drama. In class, they are currently performing dress rehearsals for a skit.

# Fall athletes reflect on injuries

By Aaron Ding  
Staff Writer

Every athlete knows that there's a chance of injuries in sports. Some injuries are common and relatively mild, like cramping in Cross Country, sprained ankles in Tennis or neck injuries in Water Polo. Other injuries are much more severe, like anterior cruciate ligament tears, concussions or damaged menisci, which sometimes put athletes out of commission for months.

*"My whole upper body shocked me like I was shot by a gun and I fell to the ground. The doctor told me I had a pneumothorax, a.k.a a collapsed lung. Some days I still feel the pain."*

- Junior Adrian Preciado

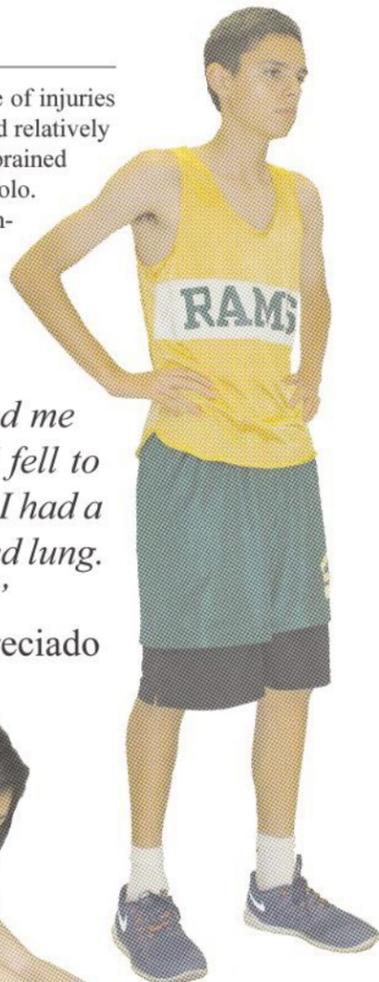


*"I tore my ACL during the El Monte Tournament, landing straight on my left leg. I'm still attending meets, but I'm not allowed to practice, but I'll be at 100% next year."*

- Junior Darcee Young

*"I severely sprained my leg last June when I got into a car accident. I don't push myself as hard now and I have a smaller brace for immobilization during competitions."*

- Junior Allison Young



*"I sprained my MCL and tore my menisci during the San Gabriel game. I realize now how dangerous football is. I'm undergoing therapy now, but I still attend every practice and game."*

- Senior Justin Liang



## XC outruns competition

By Melody Lo  
Staff Writer

With the Boys Varsity cross country runners currently tied for third place in the league with seven points and the Varsity girls placed fourth with six points, the team maintains high hopes of making it to C.I.F.

"Our expectations this year is to make C.I.F.," Senior Ryan Lau said. "We're close, but we aren't going to make it unless we continue to push ourselves and put our full effort into it."

During their league meet on Oct. 14, the first of three meets at La Crescenta Valley Park, the Varsity boys placed third, and during the Woodbridge Invitational on Sept. 18, many runners medaled. Sophomore Alex Ortega even won first place in his Varsity race. With the addition of several strong freshman runners, the team has elevated its rankings in the Rio Hondo League.

On Oct. 3 during the Staub Barnes Invitational, the freshmen and sophomore girls placed third overall in team scores, with the sophomores scoring a total of 82 points and the freshmen with 123 points. The freshmen boys were only five points away from placing in the top three overall team scores. In the Varsity race, Ortega was leading for the most part until he missed a turn in the last 200 meters, allowing his competitors to catch up and resulting in him earning third place with a time of 17:44.22.

The boy and girl runners rigorously prepared for the season with exercises that worked to build their endurance. During the school

year, the team practices five days from Monday to Saturday, excluding race days. Practices are three miles or longer, incorporating either length and endurance, or intensity and speed.

Part of the runners' drive comes from Coach Tomasulo's support and encouragement. Runners like Lau utilize Tomasulo's support as a source of motivation. Tomasulo anticipates that through hard work, the runners will be able to succeed.

"In cross country, the luck factor plays zero part," Coach Mike Tomasulo said. "It's basically your talent and how hard you work along with how hard you train."

Although the runners face their own obstacles, such as lack of enough endurance or sleep, through their hardwork and determination, they plan to keep pushing themselves in order to make C.I.F.

"This season seems to be going really well so far," Sophomore Leslie Ma said. "Everyone's been working really hard during our past few meets and practices. Together, we've helped each other push through and our main goal is to get ready for our next 'enchilada'-league finals."



PHOTO/ Joy Hsu  
League Finals will take place at Lacy Park on Nov. 5, and C.I.F. prelims will be at Riverside.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

By Elizabeth Liu  
Staff Writer

### Boys Water Polo

Defending its overall record of 12-10, the Boys Varsity Water Polo team reigned victorious on Oct. 10 over Newbury Park, winning 7-6, and Don Lugo, winning 6-5. The team plans to achieve its goal of winning league by gaining more experience and improving its team chemistry.



PHOTO/ Jennifer Siu  
Sophomore Kevin Lam attempts to pass over a Brea Olinda defender on Sept. 24.

### Boys Football

Although the Boys Varsity Football team has an overall record of 2-4, it is taking every game as a learning experience. The team lost 65-6 against San Marino on Oct. 9 and 23-6 against La Cañada on Oct. 16. Due to a small amount of available players, the team is working on learning new positions by playing both offensive and defensive positions.

### Girls Tennis

With an overall score of 5-4, the Girls Varsity Tennis team continues to work hard towards a successful season. Despite its 15-3 loss against San Marino on Sept. 29, it recovered with a 15-3 win against Monrovia. With the addition of several new Varsity members, the team plans to gain experience by attending more practice matches in order to qualify for C.I.F.



PHOTO/ Kimberly Calderon  
The tennis team's next league match will be at La Cañada on Oct. 26.

### Girls Volleyball

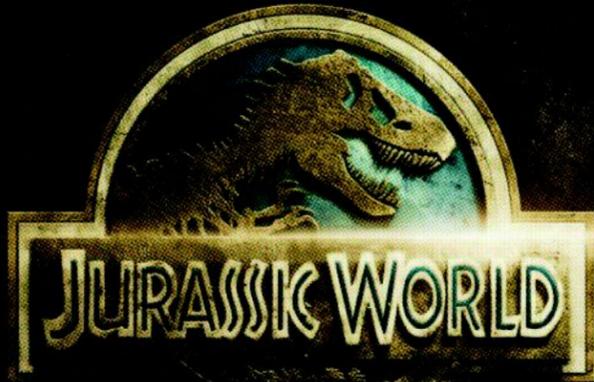
The Girls Varsity Volleyball team is working to turn around its overall score of 4-9.

Recently losing 3-0 to La Cañada on Oct. 8, it is working to not only improve individual skills, but also communication skills as a team.

"During the game we lose our positive energy," said Sophomore Michelle Vuong. "So in practice we keep talking and encouraging each other."

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