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KHS Welcomes Two New Teachers This Year

By Sophia Spate  
Staff Writer

It's the beginning of a new school year and there are many new faces, including the new biology teacher, Mrs. Britni Boyajian.

Boyajian graduated from Fresno State with a B.S. in biology, also attending Grand Canyon University for her Master's degree in Secondary STEM education.

This is Boyajian's first year teaching full time, having previously been a substitute teacher since 2021. "Being a full time teacher has definitely required some adjusting, but I have had a great experience so far," she shared.

Although this is a new experience as a teacher, she is already familiar with the campus. Boyajian said, "I love Kingsburg High School. I went here as a student and it's an honor to be back here as a teacher."

Mrs. Boyajian said she has always loved learning and wanted to become a teacher from a young age. She enjoys sharing her passion for science with her students every day.

When asked what brought her back to KHS, she responded "KHS has always been my first choice and I was so blessed that a position was available once I graduated from my teaching program."

Some of the things Boyajian loves about Kingsburg is how unique it is in its community involvement and family values. She also said, "You can tell that everyone on campus loves what they do and genuinely cares about the students."

Boyajian has always loved science, and more specifically biochemistry. She is a curious person and she loves to learn more about the world and how things work.

Outside of school, she enjoys traveling. Her favorite places that she has been to are Alaska and Hawaii. She also loves painting, listening to records, watching movies, and Bible study.

Even though school started only a few months ago, her students already love her. Her



year at KHS is already off to a great start.

After working as a professional Graphic Designer for more than 17 years, Mr. Matt Avila has become the new ROP Graphic Designs teacher at KHS.

Avila had graduated from Kingsburg High School in 1999, graduating from Fresno State with a Bachelor's degree in Graphic Design in 2005.

Avila had begun substitute teaching last year and really cares about the students he teaches. "I feel like teaching is a way I can give back to the community and help students learn valuable skills that can be used in a variety of ways post high school and make them more valuable to their employer," Avila said.

It took him a little while to balance his schedule, having two hour classes at KHS and one hour classes at Oasis. Besides that, he is very fortunate to be able to teach at Kingsburg.

After he was asked what he thinks is unique about KHS, Avila responded, "KHS cares. The staff cares about its student body and I feel like the students care as well, the campus is clean and well taken care of and I feel the shared pride. Plus, we seem to get all the coolest stuff!"

Avila teaches an introduction to Graphic Design class. It allows students to use Adobe software to design and create merchandise for the school. By the end of the year, students can get certified in Adobe Illustrator or Photoshop.

"I enjoy sharing my knowledge and love the creativity of Graphic Design. One day it's a logo for a T-shirt, the next maybe 3,000 signs for a new hospital. Every day is different," Avila shared.

He doesn't just love his job, but also horror movies and trivia. He also describes himself as "a self professed Marvel nerd."

It is easy to see that he really cares about his job and his students, and will definitely have a great year here at Kingsburg High School.

Homecoming 2023: Vikings Walk the Red Carpet

By Landon Manley  
Staff Writer

On October 6th, KHS crowned Camille Zavala and William Butts as our Homecoming Queen and King, and the Junior class as the annual Float winners.

When asked about winning the competition, King Butts exclaimed, "I was completely shocked! I knew it was going to be a close race between all the people on the court, so I was genuinely surprised," He continued on saying that he worked really hard on the dress up days to help gather support.

Queen/King followed stating, "William and I were both completely shocked! We didn't expect to win at all, we really just wanted to have fun. Me and Will wanted to dress up as characters that everyone enjoyed and understood. We were just both so shocked and happy!"

The rest of the Senior Homecoming court consisted of Wyatt Boyd and Rylee Jones, Gunnar Geringer and Sullivan Phelan, Gavin Jen-

sen and Sydnee Wilson, and Ty Molina and Kathryn Ananian.

The Junior class attendants are Hunter

class is represented by Tanner Nevers and Averie Croissant.

The other event during Homecoming were the Floats where the Freshman, Sophomore, Juniors, and Seniors compete on creating the best float and dance. This year's theme being "Hollywood Red Carpet" every grade created a float centered around that topic.

The Junior class won with the Seniors in second, Sophomores in third, and Freshmen in fourth place.

The Junior class' float was titled "25' Flicks" where they used songs "Chills" from 'Grease', "Cruisin' for a Bruisin'" in 'Teen Beach Movie', "We Are All in This Together" from 'High School Musical', and finally "Mamma Mia" from 'Mamma Mia'.

After half-time festivities, the Marching Band and Cheer team put on their showstopping performance.

Following soon after, our Varsity Football team won against Kerman with a score of 19-13

Once again KHS put on an amazing show for this year's Homecoming.



Photos from Samuel Marshal 2023

Homecoming Week Dress up Days and Activities at KHS

By Eliana Roman  
Staff Writer

Homecoming was October 6th and KHS Vikings celebrated the theme "Hollywood" with several activities and dress-up days.

The first day was Red Carpet vs. Street Style, where students had the choice to dress according to the style that suited them best. Some students dressed up with baggy pants and baggier shirts while other students wore dresses with heels and some wore tuxedos.

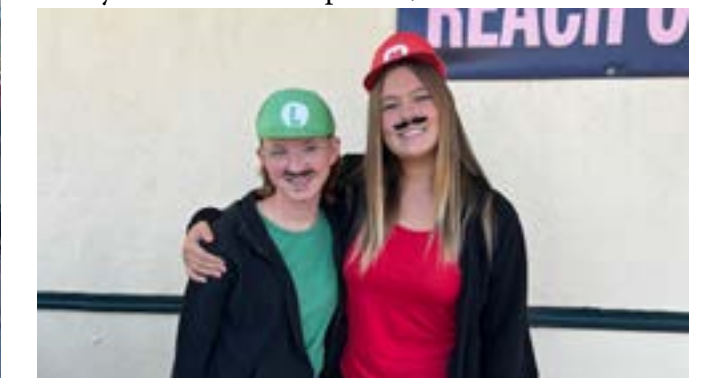
Tuesday, October 3rd was Stunt Double



Day where students could dress up like movie stars with their best friends. On campus, there were students dressed the same as each other, wearing matching outfits.

Wednesday was Favorite Movie Character Day. Students across campus came dressed as their favorite movie characters. For example, one student dressed up as Tinkerbell, and one dressed up as Mickey Mouse.

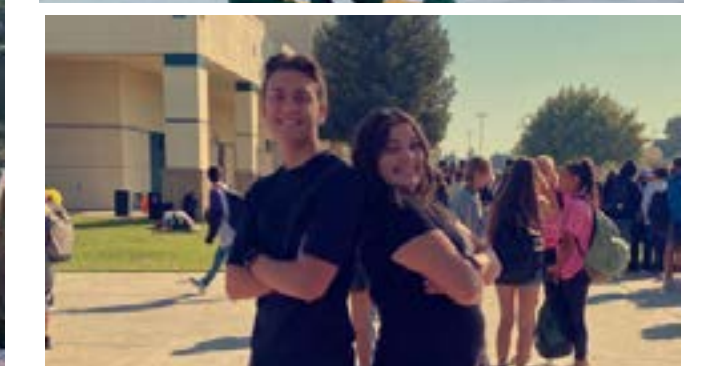
October 5th was Dynamic Duo Day where students coordinated with their best friends to represent an iconic duo. Some of the best duos included Flynn Rider and Rapunzel, and even Roxanne



and Max from the Goofy movie.

October 6th was a traditional Spirit Day to show support and love for Vikings. Students wore Green and Gold to show their love for tradition; some students wore Kingsburg High School hoodies and shirts, while others just wore green or gold attire.

During HOCO, ASB had activities and games at break often with prizes. One student even won a giant jar of pickles! Students could pay \$3 to pie teachers Monday through Thursday. Then on Friday students could pay \$3 to pie the homecoming nominees. They also had hype music throughout the week at break. This week was full of fun for all the students at KHS.





## Key Club Holds September District 05 South Division Meeting

By Jenna Rogers  
Staff Writer

Kingsburg High School Key Club held the District 05 South meeting on September 7th, 2023 in the KHS Library. The district meetings are monthly events that different schools take turns hosting.

During these district meetings, different Key Clubs in the area get together and bond, help the clubs grow and give helpful tips on how to get connected with your school's population.

A considerable amount of preparation goes into successfully executing a district meeting. Faculty Advisor Amanda Manuszak shared "A DCM involves a lot of planning from the district Lieutenant Governor.

They control the agenda of the meeting and publicize the date, location, etc. We arranged to use the library, and then the awesome Kiwanis club helped plan the food we'd have."

Key Club gets a lot of help from the Kingsburg Kiwanis. Kiwanis is a worldwide organization that is the parent organization for Key Club.

For Kingsburg's district meeting Kiwanis has volunteers that come to the meeting and provide dinner for us which is the first part of the meeting. The main volunteer from Kiwanis is Pauline Nyberg, a long time Kiwanis member and a devoted advisor to KHS's Key Club.

The second part of the meeting is when everyone says the Key Club Pledge and then the District 05 South President starts the meeting off.

This year's District 05 South President is Matthew Hun from Edison High School in

We had Junior Callie Waldner win Member of the Month and we also had Pauline Nyberg win Faculty Advisor of the month!

After the awards are presented, members get to bond, make new friends and do a community service activity. September's Activity was a coloring pages from Color A Smile. Which is a community service organization that gives these coloring pages to senior citizens and troops over seas. These were colored by all the Key Club members at the meeting. When asked what his favorite part of the meeting was, Junior Dennis Fan said "As president, I was able to meet the district's lieutenant governor, Matthew Hun from Edison High School. Through this event, I was also able to meet many others from different schools, such as fellow Key Club officers from Selma, Reedley and other parts of Fresno."

Fan goes on to say, "I think being able to interact and socialize with people who were as involved as I. Many of our own officers attended and were able to see for themselves

the depth of what Key Club truly is, which I thought was really nice!"

Overall, the September District 05 South Meeting was a big success in the eyes of the Key Club Board and members.



Fresno, CA. Hun goes through old business and new business and upcoming fundraisers and events for the Key Clubs in the area, then presents the monthly awards.

This month, two Kingsburg members won.

## Members of the 2023-2024 ASB Team

By Chloe Delgado  
Staff Writer

In April 2023, KHS students voted in their ASB officers for the '23-'24 school year. During the conversations with members of the ASB team, it is shown that they have some fun activities planned for the KHS student body this year.

This year's senior officers are President senior Houston Hirshchkorn, Vice President Bodhi Verners, Secretary Camille Zavala, Treasurer Isabella Garcia, Representative William Butts, Commissioners of Activities Kaydyn Kazanijan and Danielle Jackson, and Commissioner of Publicity Jasleen Gill. Underclassmen include Commissioners of Sports Sophomores Jack Hambleton and Kiara Zarate and Commissioners of Technology Sophomores James Ergo, Grace Fan, and Gracie Davis.

Vice President Bodhi Verners shared how ASB will strive to encourage school spirit. "People don't want to dress up if they don't think it's a

good idea," he said. "We're trying to have ideas where it's not going to cost a lot or take too much time to pick out an outfit but it's going to be just as fun."

Secretary Camille Zavala is optimistic

thrive this year," she shared.

ASB Commissioner of Publicity, Jasleen Gill shared the motives behind the ASB TikTok page, She said that "not a lot of people look at the ASB Instagram. We saw other school's ASB Tik-

Tok pages and wanted to have something that was fun and interactive for the students."

The entire KHS student body is patiently waiting to see what they will do as the school year progresses. Throughout past years the ASB officers have set high expectations and have given us incredible school years at KHS.

School spirit has always been important to this campus and past ASB officers have ensured that we are full of spirit through the games at break, rallies, and dances.

The officers for the '23-'24 school year all seem very determined and focused on making our school a safe and fun environment. Students here on campus are excited to experience what the current ASB team has to offer.



about the ASB team this year. "We have a lot of good ideas that are coming from all across the spectrum and I feel like that is something that makes our team unique. I feel that we are going to



# Kingsburg FFA Competes at Annual Big Fresno Fair

By Kaitlyn Sanchez  
Staff Writer

Our FFA students have just ended their time at the Big Fresno Fair, where they showed their breeding and market animals and had their AG mechanic projects in a competition. The livestock students were there to present what they put a lot of time and hard work into, hoping to show off their animals and make a big profit at auction. Our students were there for the second week of October, starting on the 9th and lasting until the 15th.

At the Big Fresno Fair our numerous students- 6 cattle exhibitors, 31 lamb and goat exhibitors, and 24 hog exhibitors- spent a few days preparing to show animals and or have their AG mechanic projects recognized.

Our AG mechanic projects that were entered were a mix of fabrication tables, fireplaces, and more. They were held in a separate building where the community was able to walk through and see them. To enter the projects our school paid five dollars in hope for a return of \$75 and a first place ribbon.

Senior Bentley Miller entered a fabrication table with outlets and a removable top with a team and said "This is my second project entered into the fair."

Our AG Mechanic projects got a lot of attention, with four 1st place projects, and the rest of them ranging from 2nd-3rd place. Senior Jacob Caglia, Junior Price McLaughlin, Senior Teddy Lehn, and Senior Bentley Miller got first place in the Large Metal Project category for a Fabrication Table. Senior Calvin Voyles, Junior Tim Wallis., Senior Gracie Rocha, and Junior Wayne Brandon also all got 1st place for their team's Large Metal Fabrication Table Project.

Also in the category of Large Metal Projects, Junior Sylvester Parra, Senior Jesus Loreto., and Junior Trevor Nelson got 1st place for their shop table. Junior Caleb Pasillas, Junior David Paulsen, Junior Ismael Hernandez, Junior Chase Coddington, and Junior Callie Waldner also received first place for their shop table in the same category.

Our livestock students started preparing for the fair anywhere from early this spring, to the start of June. Our cattle exhibitors received their animals in the spring and the goat, sheep, and hog exhibitors got their animals during the summer.

When asked how he felt about showing for the first time this year at the fair, Freshman Landon Grabowski said he's "a little nervous, fairly timid, but excited."

This year at the fair students cared for their animals on Tuesday and had a market show on Wednesday the 11th, as well as a showmanship show on Thursday the 12th. A market show is where a judge evaluates the build of your animal and showmanship is where the judge evaluates you and you walk your animal.

Nerves were high at the fair before students went on, especially for Sophomore Aubrey Turmon. Helping out a fellow pig exhibitor, Turmon brought Gracie Rocha's pig into the arena to help as she was going to be coming from showing a goat, but ended up having to show the pig herself. Turmon went out in regular clothes, when the usual style while showing is white pants as well as an FFA jacket. While showing Rocha's pig for market, Turmon ended up getting pinned and was first in her round of pigs.

After asking how she felt about the situation afterwards Aubrey Turmon said, "I definitely wasn't expecting it, but I've shown before so I knew what to do and as I went to the arena I tried to calm myself down and the next thing you know I got pinned."

When asked what she expects from her students at fair, AG teacher Mrs. Ferguson said, "When they go to the fair I expect that they will showcase the amount of time and dedication that has gone into this project to the best of their ability. Exhibiting at the fair is more than just what you see in the show ring. These students have built a relationship with that animal and they will spend a



full week showcasing it."

In preparation for the fair, students worked with their animals by attending showmanship practices, caring for their animals' hygiene, feeding, exercising, and more. Freshman Shirley Gomez who is showing a goat this year said "I have prepared for fair this year by getting her desensitized to me touching her legs by brushing her, and I got her used to the halter before I started working with her so she wouldn't freak out." AG teacher Mrs. Calvert said "we work showmanship once a week starting in July." She also mentioned having animal ethical trainings as well as meetings on how to keep the animals healthy, how to clip them and expected care.

The Big Fresno Fair brought quite a few wins to Kingsburg High Students. They ranged from the places in the Top 5 all the way to Reserved Champion.

There were also some individual awards given to students that the AG teachers thought worked hardest. Junior Jake Scroggins, Junior Hunter Nelson, Senior Mikayla Rosales, and

Senior Bentley Miller all received an AG Tool Box for their dedication and hard work.

In the market show for sheep exhibitors we had a few winners. Sophomore Peyton Patterson and Senior Bentley Miller each got 1st Place in their Market Class. Our grand champion in the sheep exhibitor market show was Freshman Kayden Penner, who received Reserve Champion Speck. The Reserve Champion is the highest in sheep. Sophomore Gillian Shiplee placed in the Top 10, with 9th place for Novice Showmanship.

Our goat students also blew the crowd and judges away. Junior Jillian Penner received 4th place in Advanced Showmanship, Freshman Olivia McLaughlin got 4th in Freshman and Sophomore Showmanship, and Sophomore Liz Chavez got 10th place in Novice Showmanship. McLaughlin also received Reserve Yearling Breeding Doe in the market category.

Kingsburg's Cattle students also placed well. Most of them placed within 4th to 1st, with Junior Hunter Nelson receiving 1st in Breeding Class as well as Champion Registered Female for his breeding cow. Junior Jake Scroggins also received a high place. He received 4th place in novice showmanship, and got into Round Robin. Unfortunately, he was not able to participate in Round Robin, which is the highest you can go in showmanship.

KHS's other cattle student, Sophomore Lola Leonardo, showed a Dairy Cattle. Leonardo, who is a sophomore this year got 3rd overall in the freshman/sophomore showmanship. Leonardo also received 2nd place in Replacement Heifer Class.

The last of our students who showed at the Fresno Fair were out swine exhibitors. Our swine exhibitors did pretty well, especially in the market area, they ranged anywhere from 3rd place all the way up to first place. Senior Ava Stone was our first student who ended up receiving 1st in her market class. Senior Gracie Rocha was our other student who received first place in her market show.

Besides the Big Fresno Fair, some of our students also showed their animals in the Caruthers Fair, including Freshman Olivia McLaughlin. McLaughlin now has an impressive track record at the Caruthers Fair after receiving quite a few rewards. McLaughlin received Champion FFA Market Goat, Reserve Supreme Champion Goat, Supreme Champion Doe, 1st place Yearling Doe, FFA Showmanship, and 5th place in Freshman FFA Round Robin.

To conclude the big roller coaster of emotions, we want to congratulate all of our students who participated. For some of our students including Senior Kaylee Pallares, it was their last year participating in the Fresno Fair as a Kingsburg FFA student. Pallares shared "I loved fair because of the experience but I also grew a lot closer to everyone at fair. We always had such a fun time there and wish it wasn't my last one."



# Honoring KHS Vikings of the Month

By Kirrah Morton  
Editor-in-Chief

Each month, KHS teachers honor students for their exceptional character, positive attitude towards school, determination, and perseverance.

The different Academic departments have a meeting to discuss how the month is going, things to improve on, and talk about which students they believe deserve this honor and recognition. Each department nominates a student from each grade level to be honored as "Student of the Month."

Each recipient is given a personalized certificate, as well as a special message from the nominating teacher.

## September



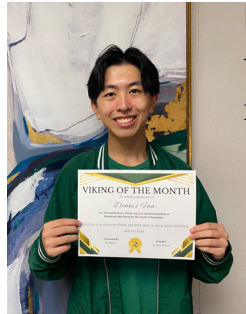
**Mia Gonzalea** English teacher Michelle Schiller nominated Mia saying, "Mia is making an incredible first impression. Her positivity and genuine interest in class topics set the right tone and inspire her group. Mia is also demonstrating strong reading and writing abilities that I look forward to experiencing over the course of the year."

**Ethan Harrison** Science teacher Scott Hodges nominated Ethan saying, "Ethan is a conscientious student who is very hard working and on task in class."



**Brielle Benslay** Science teacher Amanda Manuszak nominated Brielle saying, "Brielle is a hard working student who is helpful to her group members and always asks good questions when she needs clarification. Brielle is a pleasure to have in Earth Science."

**Alina Martinez** English teacher Michelle Schiller nominated Alina saying, "Alina is already making quite a good first impression. She engages in small group and full class discussion where she offers valuable insights into the meaning of a text. Her responses are thoughtful and reflective of the type of students she promises to be."



**Dennis Fan** Science teacher Scott Hodges nominated Dennis.

**Zhenhong (Alven) Li** Spanish teacher Ana Parra nominated Zhenhong saying, "Alven is a determined student that always gives 100% for every task, and he regularly shows an understanding of Spanish topics."



**Kaylee Reich** English teacher Diana Crass nominated Kaylee saying, "Kaylee is a wonderful student who is willing to help her fellow classmates navigate their freshmen year at Kingsburg High School. She has demonstrated strong leadership skills, a passion for learning and incredible kindness to those around her."

**Isabella Valenzuela** Special Ed teacher Elizabeth VanderVelde nominated Isabella saying, "Isabella (Bella) is one of the most kind, thoughtful, tender-hearted young ladies that I know. She thinks deeply about issues and expresses herself clearly and with great tact. She has great determination and motivation to achieve her goals and set her future on the right path. I am very proud of her."



**Ryan Martinez** Special Ed teacher Robert Hernandez nominated Ryan saying, "I take great pride in watching him put as much effort in his academics as he does on the athletic field. He is a shining example of what it means to be a student athlete."

**Layla Vasquez** Satinder Klair nominated Layla saying, "Layla is a very hard working student who gets along well with her peers. She not only works hard to do well academically, she is also very supportive and helps her classmates understand the material. Layla is an important part of my class and it is a privilege to have her as my student this year."



**Alexis Villagomez** English teacher Daniel Albers nominated Alexis saying, "Alexis shows a great deal of kindness and determination in class. She is a major contributor during class discussions and helps to move the conversation along. I appreciate her participation in these discussions and I believe that it helps not only her own understanding of the texts we are studying but also the understanding of the rest of the class."

**Jasman Pama-Ghuman** Spanish teacher Jorge Contreras nominated Jasman saying, "Jasman always enters the classroom with a smile and is ready to learn. Always demonstrates kindness to his peers in the classroom. He has demonstrated the characteristics of what it is to be a Kingsburg Viking."



**Molly Reddell** Choral Music teacher nominated Molly saying, "I selected Molly due to the great improvement she has demonstrated this year. As a Mezzo Soprano in the Treble Ensemble she has demonstrated positive leadership skill to the rest of her section. It has been a joy to have her in the Treble Ensemble."

**Makendra Martinez** Special Ed teacher Robert Hernandez nominated Makendra saying, "I really appreciate the amount of effort that she puts out in her classes. It is very clear that she is invested in her education and is willing to push past her comfort zone in order to get what she needs."



**Presley Patterson** Spanish teacher Selene Morales nominated Presley saying, "In recognition of your determination and accomplishments"

**Aiden Lopez** English teacher Phillip Bergstrom nominated Aiden.



## Rivalry Dress up Week



Sleep on the Bears; Pajama day

## Bear Hunting; Camo Day



Scare the Bears; Rhyme without a reason

Beating the Bears is getting old; senior citizen day



Beat the Bears; Green and Gold



# Agriculture is KHS FFA



Kirrah Morton  
Editor-in-Chief

This year's theme for Kingsburg FFA is "Agriculture is.." KHS FFA uses this theme as a guideline during the year.

The KHS FFA chapter was established in 1930. Since then KHS has excelled in many different Aspects of FFA. Participating in multiple conferences, competitions, and chapter activities throughout the year.

FFA is a student led organization. Each chapter across the nation had officers who lead, plan events/activities. They are advised by KHS Agriculture teachers.

This year's chapter officer team consists of President, Senior Camille Zavala, Vice-President, Senior Mikayla Rosales, Secretary, Senior Kaydyn Kazanjian, Treasurer, Sophomore James Ergo, Reporter, Junior Kirrah Morton, Sentinel, Junior Callie Waldner, Historian, Junior Madelyn Buendia, and Chaplain, Senior, Teddy Lhen.

The Officer Team can also receive help from the Greenhand (Freshman) officers, or the executive committee.

This 2023 school year started off with a Greenhand Ice Cream social on August 30th. This was all the first year FFA members as well as the chapter officer team and advisors.

Followed by the Back to School BBQ where all FFA members and their families attended.

Throughout the school year KHS FFA holds monthly meetings. These are official business meetings led by the officer team.

Following each meeting is an after activities to

During each meeting they revert back to their theme of "Agriculture is,," They display a different activity that the members do within their supervised agriculture experience. Examples of this are "Agriculture is beekeeping" and "Agriculture is working at a goat creamery",

For this school year KHS FFA plans to attend MFE/ALA, State convention, San Joaquin region and CATS meeting, and other sectional and regional activities. The teams that KHS will have are BIG, Parli Pro, Water Banking, Vine pruning, Floral Design, nursery, and Ag Mech.

Although KHS will not be attending the national convention in Indiana as a chapter this year, President Zavala will still be attending as a delegate for the state of California. Vice-President Rosales will also be there to support her older brother Tanner Rosales as he receives his American degree, the highest degree of FFA.

Throughout the events of this school year Kingsburg FFA feel very prepared, and excited for the upcoming year. When talking to President Zavala she said "So far we have had the biggest turnout of students within our activities, and have an exciting POA.



bring a more joyful aspect to these meetings.

This month on October 25th FFA had their monthly meeting. Their meeting started at 6:00 pm and lasted until 8:00pm. During this meeting the Greenhand Installation took place. Once the official business part was over, everyone headed over to Agriculture teacher Amanda Ferguson's class, for pumpkin carving as well as a caramel apple bar.





## Introducing the New Student Resource Officer, Officer Joey

By Anabelle Mcfadden  
Staff Writer

Joey Arevalo is the new police officer at KHS this year. He is on campus at KHS from Tuesday-Friday from 7:00AM-5:00PM.

His purpose as the School Resource Officer is to make sure the students are safe and to create better relationships with them. He strives to prove that not a police are bad, since police are getting a lot of hate now in the world.

Officer Arevalo did not always want to be a police officer. After going to school for nursing, he did the police physical test, and they had asked him to become a police officer.

"This job is so stressful," Officer Arevalo stated. He said it can be stressful with new laws coming up and when people don't like police officers, only seeing them as "pigs in a badge."

One of his goals is to make friends with the community and the school. He also wants to mentor as many young adults as possible and lead them down a good path of success. He wants to create a strong community with students and the police force together so they get along.

So far he's loving KHS and the students. He stated that they are "very open" and he feels that the students also like him too. He also says that all the students that he has talked to are nice.

"I think officer Joey is sweet, kind, and considerate. Also, he's a good listener," sophomore Max Silva said.

Officer Arevalo went to Bullard High School and graduated from there. He went to Fresno City College for nursing.

Officer Arevalo looks forward to helping the students at KHS this year and hopes to influence them for the better.

## Hobbs Grove is Back with Something New: The Haunted Grange

By Ashni Purewal  
Staff Writer

Hobbs Grove is a fun and thrilling attraction that has been happening every year since 1999 during Halloween time. Hobbs is located just outside of Sanger, opening. It opens on Friday September 29th and ends on October 29th.

There are two attractions every year, the Haunted House & Forest, and the Hayride. The theme of the attractions change every year. It's open from 7pm to midnight, including. It includes spooky and fun music, food conces-

sions, Hobb Halloween & Christmas photos, the Blinky Booth, the Curiosity Shoppe, the Merch Booth, palm & tarot reading, and Kookie Karacters. People describe it as "creepy and mysterious yet frighteningly fun," and say "you know you've entered another world from the time you turn down the driveway."

When buying tickets for Hobbs there are red nights, extra discounted dates, purple nights, discounted dates, and black nights which are full priced dates. Tickets can range from \$22 to \$58 for adults and from \$14 to \$41 for children under 12. The price depends on which color night you are going and how many attractions you decide to buy. You can also purchase fast passes. A single fast pass ticket is \$20, and a double fast pass ticket is \$30.

## What is the Multicultural Club and Why is it Important?

By Mariah Rodela  
Staff Writer

What is the Multicultural Club? Spanish teacher Martha Gudino is the advisor of this club. There are a total of 11 students and it helps students learn and encourage acceptance.

The meetings are usually held on Fridays at break once a month. Students can learn more about other cultures and they can develop skills that their classes might not teach them, often broadening their horizons of knowledge.

It also promotes events that show cultural awareness. The first event was a celebration on September 22nd during lunch celebrating Mexican Independence Day, with students and teach-

The theme of the Haunted House attraction this year was a "Haunted Grange." In the house it seemed like you were on a farm, and in a barn. The actor and actresses would appear out of nowhere, behind doors, dark spaces, and even from above you. Sometimes, they would even chase you. Every year, at the end of the Haunted House and Forest,

actors and actresses chase you with chainsaws to the end of the attraction.

The Haunted Hayride starts off as a calm and happy ride and slowly escalates. The actors and actresses act as if everything is fine, and hand out candy. Then, suddenly the ride gets dark, and they begin to scare you with

loud noises, and by appearing quickly up behind you. For one of the jumpscare, our hayride was driving under a roof of actors and one of the actors fell through. They didn't fall all the way down, of course, but they broke the roof and fell halfway, while their upper body was not seen above the roof.

For my interview I tried asking a witch, what made her want to dress up, and if she chose to be a witch. She replied, "You girl, I've always been a witch," and she looked at me with her dark eyes and creepy smile, then walked away. All of the actors and actresses did not step out of character and they were very good at it. I assume it took them lots of practice and skill to be a Hobbs worker.

## Hobbs's Grove





# KHS Band Marches Toward High Scores

By Aliya Ayers  
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This year, the KHS marching band and color guard is on their way toward great success on the field.

This year's field show, "Finding Light Within the Shadows," takes the audience on a journey from darkness into light. "The show is about finding light and positivity in the midst of darkness and negativity," band director Mike Schofield shared.

Schofield added, "The show begins very darkly, but as the show progresses, the hymn "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" is introduced. Its first appearance is in a minor key, giving it a darker nature, but when the third and final movement begins, the hymn is re-introduced in a major key and gives way to a beautiful musical passage that accompanies the unveiling of the props in their light-giving true form. The band then puts on stoles, which are similar to those worn by clergy members as the hymn undeniably is played by the percussion section. The band comes back in and drives home the major, powerfully positive version of the hymn and the show ends with bright colors on the props,

the band, and the flags."

So far, the band has achieved success at Fresno State's Sierra Cup Classic, placing second in their division with a score of 77.021. Senior Adeline Kliewer states "I was surprised at the high score. I was expecting between a 79 and 75."



The band also placed second at Washington Union, closing the gap between first and second place from seven points to two points with a score of 72.05.

The band's structure has changed this year, as the lower level symphonic band has grown

in size back to pre-Covid levels. "Since COVID, Symphonic Band has been a training class," Schofield stated. "It's been that way before COVID also, but it has remained that way for the past three years to allow students the chance to catch up who missed quality instruction due to the pandemic wreaking havoc on elementary music schedules. Our numbers and ability levels grew to the point where the next logical step was to restore our Symphonic Band to a fully functional ensemble. They'll perform on their own at concerts and festivals and will continue to combine with Wind Ensemble, Percussion, and Color Guard to form the KHS Marching Band."

The band has worked extremely hard this year, learning the show at an advanced rate. "We had the full show with drill and music on their field about two weeks earlier than we did last year," Schofield said. "Our goal is always to have the show taught by the end of September. This year we did and I'm super proud of our students and staff for being committed to making that happen."

In short, the band has made enormous strides toward a successful season and hopes to continue to achieve great accomplishments.

## Color Guard Shines 'Within the Shadows' at 1st Competitions

By Audrey Laney  
Staff Writer

The award-winning KHS Color Guard is back on the field and stronger than ever, performing in the 2023 Marching Band show *Finding Light Within the Shadows*.

This year, the Color Guard includes 19 team members, the majority being new freshmen. Freshman Desiree Rebohero has come to love the activity as well as the people in it. She explained "I feel like I've grown more comfortable with myself since I've joined Color Guard because everyone in it is so supportive and judge free. I've never had to think twice about being myself."

Additionally, there have been new additions to the Color Guard staff, Ava Trampert and Emily Retz. While these two young individuals have participated in this activity for years, they are new to KHS and the coaching aspect of Color Guard. Nonetheless, they have adapted incredibly quickly to the environment. Trampert expressed, "Although it's a slow start at first because you're still learning your own style of how to teach, I think it's been going great so far!"

Both of the new coaching technicians have already become close with the Color Guard and strive to bring out the best in every single member. Trampert emphasized, "I really want this team specifically to succeed in knowing how amazing they are for themselves. I want them to know how to feel confident, and discover what helps them to spin and perform."

The season includes a total of 4 competitions, meaning the Marching Band season is already halfway done. As the season's end swiftly approaches, seniors begin to feel apprehensive about what the future holds.

Senior Alexis Gagnon said, "While I do plan to continue guard outside of high school, it won't feel the same as the Guard I've grown up



with and loved. I've become comfortable here, so starting somewhere else will feel like I'm starting at square one."

Moreover, this year, the Color Guard's visuals play a vital role in the show. For instance, they wear black, velvet costumes with ruffles and shiny, glittery curves that sparkle along the top. As the show initiates, all the members surround an individual who is holding a lit orb, which symbolizes the narrative of finding light. During this beginning segment, they wear mysterious black

capas and spin dark, cloudy flags to create an eerie atmosphere. Their facial expressions throughout this first movement can be seen as intimidating—almost threatening.

As the show becomes brighter and moves towards the light, the Color Guard emphasizes this transformation. For instance, during the end sequence, they send out bright orange and yellow flags with gleaming stars. The entire Color Guard can be witnessed beaming at this moment of the show with a cheesy and contagious smile on all their faces. This primary visual presented by them is precisely the grand 'light' that shines 'within the shadows.'

The drilling and efforts the Color Guard has been making to perfect their contribution to the show made a significant impact on their first competition scores of the season. At their first competition, Fresno State's Sierra Cup Classic, they scored a 81.5. While they didn't gain the caption award for 'Best Color Guard,' they were only 0.05 of a point away from achieving it.

The second competition, held at Washington Union High School, earned them a subcaption score of 74.0. Even though the overall Marching Band and Color Guard placed 2nd against one other band, Clovis High, they won the caption award for 'Best Visual.' This achievement highlights the Color Guard and their efforts because they are a crucial factor of the show's visual effect.

Ultimately, the Color Guard will continue to persevere and master their show in order to achieve great success.



# Student and Staff Opinions on Dress Code

By Leon Bennett  
Staff Writer

As conversations have started about the pros and cons of the dress code, students and administrators have developed opinions over whether or not to change it or even abolish it.

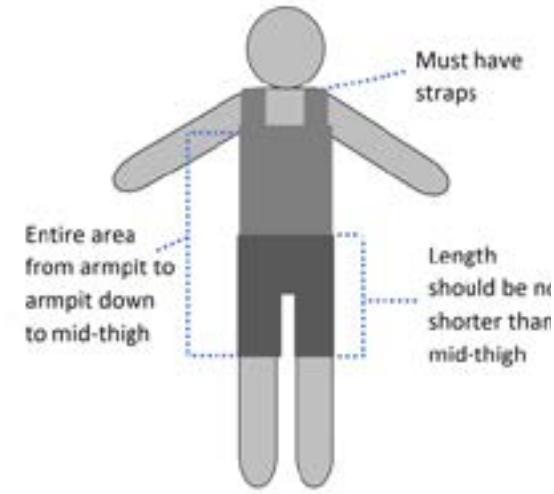
The dress code says that at the bare minimum, students must have two-inch straps and a shirt that covers everything from chest to stomach. Shorts must be below fingertips, and no undergarments should be visible. Anyone observing the way that the students at KHS, would notice that there are many students that violate this dress code on a daily basis.

Vice Principal Michelle Warkentin said, "I feel like we do our best enforcing dress code. There are only three administrators to almost 1,200 kids so at times it can be a challenge to have the time to focus on dress code if other things are happening that take precedence. We worked hard at the beginning of the year to meet with each grade level to go over expectations and the dress code was one of them."

Most students do a good job at following the dress code. Warkentin said, "I think for the most part our student body does. If they are not in dress

code and sent up to the office they are good about understanding and changing into clothes that will meet our dress code guidelines."

However, some students break specific dress code rules quite often. Warkentin shared, "I think the current fashion trend is a challenge because a lot



of the trend is crop tops that show the stomach and or the back. So we see a lot of that and that is what most of the dress code violations are."

Overall, the dress code could be better enforced or certain rules in it could be dropped. How-

ever, it's easier to understand why so many things are let go.

From a student's perspective, things can look very different. When asked what his overall opinion of the dress code was, Sophomore Max Silva said, "I think some things make sense, like not having wallet chains because of fights and whatnot, but other things like midriff, crop tops, straps under one inch-like, who cares?"

In response to what he liked about the dress code, Silva stated, "Not much, if anything. I guess the fact that there's a ban of wallet chains in fights, but nobody uses wallet chains in fights." When asked about what he disliked, he said, "The shoulder thing, and the fact that your straps have to be a certain width."

When asked if he felt the dress code was fairly enforced, Silva stated, "A little bit." Adding onto that he said, "I know last year with my sister, she got dress coded for extremely minor things and things that were out of her control, like her body."

With insight from staff and opinions from a student, it makes it easier to understand both sides of the story. The school has more important things to focus on and sometimes things like the dress code can take a backseat.

# Minga Opinions And If It's Worth Using

By Julian Garcia  
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KHS is a place that is rich in tradition, so many things on campus stay the same from year to year. This year, however, the 2023-24 school year began with the introduction of Minga, a new campus pass monitoring system.

How do students and teachers feel about using Minga? Schools are using Minga as an online ID and a hall pass and there have been some mixed opinions on it.

Minga started to be used across the campus in the 2023-2024 school year so that students can have easier access to their ID or virtual Hall Pass feature. A few students have stated that it actually made it more difficult for them to use the bathroom.

On the other hand, teachers have stated that it's more effective, although at times it can interrupt busy classroom activities.

Many teachers agree that once they got used to the process of monitoring digital passes through Minga, they appreciate how effective it is

to use.

The change has some students questioning if Minga should be used when it sometimes makes it more annoying and difficult for students to access simple things like the bathroom? Although some students aren't liking Minga as much as others are, they stated that it's a lot more convenient

than a hall pass since many students always have their phones on them.

Sophomore Rayanna Gill stated a common opposing opinion when sharing, "It can be efficient for tracking time, but the same could be said

with hall passes where you [a student] can sign out with a sheet to track how long everyone is gone for."

A majority of sophomore and junior students stated they would rather use regular hall passes. Teachers often struggle or get irritated when wifi slows down and Minga becomes slower.

Administration stated that it's supposed to help with many of the problems at school, like smoking, fighting, stealing, etc. It also creates limits to minimize the amount of students out of class at any one given time.

Teachers, administration, and students mostly have positive opinions about Minga even though it has its critics.

English and PE teacher Dave Wilson stated, "I think Minga makes it easier for students, teachers, and the

office to be on the same page when it comes to students being outside of class."

In conclusion, Minga has been effective in many ways for teachers, administration, and students, so we should just try to get used to it.

# How Old is too Old to Trick or Treat?

By Makenna Gonzales  
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Halloween is a time for dressing up and pretending to be something we're not. This year, people wanted to find out who is still dressing up here at KHS.

Often, there are adults trick-or-treating now-a-days, making parents concerned for their children's safety.

KHS Junior Trevor Black Freeman said, "If you're 18 or 19, then maybe you should stop." He continued to say, "A lot of students need to find something better to do at that age."

Halloween can be celebrated without trick-or-treating.

Library Media Teacher Laura Vallenari stated that students could "hand out candy, go to the haunted houses, take your sibling trick or treating, or just stay inside."

So even if you don't want to give up the Halloween spirit, the point of trick or treating is for young kids to get scared and to dress up, not for adults who want to go and get free candy.

Junior Ragan Boen shared, "There has to

be a time you have to group up and stop dressing up in costumes because there is a turning point where every kid must become an adult."

However, others might say to let others enjoy the holiday however they'd like. Senior

I do understand parents who don't like teens going out during a kids event. Still though, if they are not causing problems, then they should be fine.

It's hypocritical for some parents and

people who care so much about what teenagers are doing. If homeowners are so worried about teens taking the competition away from the kids, then what about the baby who can't even walk, but are still going out and getting candy that they can't even eat

Others state that Trick or Treating is much safer than attending a house party on Halloween.

That doesn't mean just cause they want to dress up without acting their age. Also if we're telling teens not to dress up. Well then tell the parents they can't dress up either case well teens are too old then that must mean parents are too.

Halloween is for everyone, some want to go Trick-or-Treating, while others want to stay in and watch scary movies. All that matters is personal preference.

Halloween is for people of all ages, all that matters is that people are enjoying the spookiest night of the year!



Thomas Roman expressed "It's fun to dress up and enjoy it with friends and family."

As long as you're not obnoxious or causing a scene, then it's perfectly fine to go on and trick-or-treat and get your last bit of childhood memories in before you have to grow up.





# DA Smittcamp, DEA Cardinale Warn Against Dangers of Fentanyl

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On October 24th KHS held an awareness assembly on the dangers of fentanyl. Fresno County District Attorney Lisa Smittcamp and DEA Detective Dean Cardinale both shared the hazards and risks of street drugs laced with fentanyl.

Smittcamp, who was sworn in as District Attorney in January 2015 and has held her spot since, is a proud mom of a 16 and 19 year old who cares deeply for the fentanyl problem currently occurring in Fresno County.

Smittcamp started her portion of the presentation with a body camera footage video of a family who found their teenage son unresponsive in his bed. His mom was screaming "How?" Smittcamp addressed how this could happen to anyone at any age, profession and race, just like how it affected this normal family.

Smittcamp also presented a grim picture of the effects fentanyl abuse can have on an individual. This point was made clear by gruesome before and after pictures of a once beautiful young woman scarred by pockmarks and significant weight loss caused by sustained use of the drug.

Fentanyl, a pain medication prescribed for extreme cases, started to appear on the streets in Fresno County in 2018. That year the county reported 2 overdose deaths which quickly increased to 114 overdose deaths in 2021. Smittcamp and Cardinale both stressed that fentanyl has flooded the streets, appearing in several different forms of street drugs including M-30s, Xanax, Vape and Wax pens

, and variations given to kids called Rainbow Fentanyl. These variations contain the synthetic opioid which is 50 times more potent than heroin and 100 times stronger than morphine containing just 2 milligrams of fentanyl, the lethal dose. Fentanyl laced drugs started coming into the United States from Mexico and South America. Smittcamp and Cardinale address that these drug cartels don't care about those taking the drugs. They instead care about



the money that they are gaining from selling them.

Smittcamp included the fact that kids have turned to street drugs as a way to alleviate their stress and anxiety. Smittcamp concluded her section of the presentation with talking about Olivia Patla, a Clovis North student who passed away from a fentanyl laced pill that she purchased with her friend the night before her high school graduation. Patla's friend watched her die and decided not to call 911

or wake up her parents because she was afraid she was going to get in trouble. The drug dealer offered to bring Narcan for Patla but she refused to give up her address. Patla was buried in the dress she was supposed to graduate in. Smittcamp stated to all students to report any drug abuse or issues and that you won't get in trouble. All that matters is saving the life of the person who was affected. Cardinale began his section of the presentation with a video of Julian Carvajal, a survivor of drug addiction that started with vapes and eventually escalated to M-30s, Cocaine and then Fentanyl.

Carvajal's message to the students was to stay away from street substances and that it's possible to live life without using or abusing drugs.

Cardinale emphasized that only 7% of those addicted to fentanyl are able to kick the habit, noting it's the hardest drug to quit.

Cardinale continued by showing before and after pictures of athletic teenage boys who were laying on a hospital bed 8 months after beginning to vape. These boys had to get a double lung transplant due to the effects of vaping.

Cardinale and Smittcamp concluded the assembly stating to reach out to professionals or adults if there ever is an emergency and to watch out for the signs of a Fentanyl overdose such as Slurred speech, unresponsiveness, cold, clammy skin and trouble breathing. Both speakers state the importance of safety and awareness of drugs in this day and age.

# Republican Presidential Candidates Race Narrows

By Julia Fragus

Staff Writer

This upcoming year will be an election year, and with that comes the 2024 presidential candidates.

The winner of the Republican party, also referred to as the GOP presidential nomination, will be going against the current president, Joe Biden, who is running for his second term.

The first candidate, an overall favorite from the Republican party, is former president Donald Trump, winner of the 2016 presidential election. If he were to win this election, he would be the second man in history to leave the White House and return for a second year four years later after 22nd and 24th president Grover Cleveland. While Trump did not attend the debate, he was brought up many times.

Nikki Haley is the first candidate. If appointed President of the United States, she would be the first woman nominated by the GOP. Pundits state had a "sharp performance" according to the New York Times during the debate, and can possibly be a winner of the debate beside Trump. She argued with many competitors, the most talked about being Vivek Ramaswamy and Tim Scott.

Donald Trump's rival when it comes to votes is Ron DeSantis, who launched his bid for president in May of 2023. He represented a north-east Florida district in the House of Representatives from 2013-2018 and was a founding member of the

House of Freedom Caucus.

At the GOP debate, DeSantis was also praised to have a measurable performance and was making comments towards Donald's Trump's attendance at the debate.

Chris Christie also launched his bid for president in May of 2023. He also once served as an US attorney for New Jersey under President George W. Bush. At the debate, he made comments towards Donald Trump's lack of presence, along with



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calling him "Donald Duck."

Mike Pence, former vice president to Donald Trump, is another candidate who spoke at the debate. He served 6 terms as U.S. congressman, elected Indiana's 50th governor in 2012, and left when elected vice president in 2017.

The former vice president stood out during the debate due to the jokes he made about his wife, Karen Pence.

Tim Scott is one of the Senate's strongest connections. Scott declared his running for president in May of 2023. Prior to this, he was elected into the House of Representatives in 2010, and in 2013 his rival, Nikki Haley, appointed him to fill an open Senate seat. Scott and Haley seemed to have clashed with one another at the debate over who has the most experience. "Bring it, Tim," Haley fired back.

Vivek Ramaswamy and Doug Burnum are the last two who attended the second debate. Ramaswamy, the youngest candidate in the GOP field at 38, received the most criticism from his fellow candidates.

One of the most talked about lines stated at the debate was by Nikki Haley, when she made a direct jab at Ramaswamy saying "Everytime I hear you, I feel a little bit dumber."

Doug Burnum, a two term North Dakota governor, got the least amount of speaking time during the debate. He struggled to get airtime and was only asked four questions.

The GOP debate contained many arguments between the opponents, along with comments towards the current president Joe Biden, and Donald Trump.

While Trump did not attend the debate, he is still dominating polls while Haley is beginning to be his rival and DeSantis is falling behind. The next GOP debate against the Republican candidates will be held in Miami during November, and we hope to see and know more about the candidates and their opinions.



# Kingsburg High's Friday Night Lights

By Alliah Rodriguez  
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At the football games here at Kingsburg High, attendees usually see a full section of KHS students hyping up the team along with the cheerleaders and band. In addition, Friday Night football games have much more to offer the crowds coming to support their team, like the school's concession stand and a variety of food trucks.

The days leading up to the Kingsburg Vikings' first football game of the year were crucial, as the school kept encouraging students to come to the home games. Every game was filled with students dressed according to the night's theme lined up at the sports gear stand or one of the food trucks. While focusing on the food trucks, teachers and students both enjoy the food provided. Chemistry teacher Mrs. Phillips said "I feel that the best time to get food is when you first get here. I arrived at the beginning of the JV game, and that's when I had gotten food."

Some of the food trucks available at the games are Pelicans, Loving Seed Acai Bowls, 7 Oats Coffee, and Superior Dairy Ice Cream. KHS students enjoy the food and drinks, "I don't

usually get food here, but I like the coffee from 7 Oats Coffee," said Freshman Ebelen Mendoza. "I first tried The Viking from there and I really liked it. So I'd recommend it."

The concession booths not only offer food and beverages but also school spirit wear. The mobile Viking store offers shirts, hats, sweaters,



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lanyards, and spirit poms for students and fans to purchase. Everyone here at Kingsburg would always encourage students to go to the games and participate in the student section. "I think it's a great opportunity to do so. You can cheer on our school, and you only live once, so make the most out of your high school years here at KHS," stated

senior Priscilla Cerna.

Not only do we have these things for our Kingsburg students, but also the visiting team's students, family, and players. It allows both the visiting and home JV teams to get some food after a well played game, all in the same stadium.

The field we sit in now was the project that started March 14, 2008, and was completed October 17 that same year. The field is now used for football, track, and soccer. Our high school also has our set of football greats such as Tyler Bray, who led his team as quarterback and later drafted into the NFL, and Jimmy Johnson who played basketball, football, and baseball, then later drafted into the NFL as a running back for the San Francisco 49ers.

These people—students, teachers, and custodians—come together not only to support our football teams but also come for the fun of it. They get to dress out in fun ways, participate in the student section, and eat some good food and deserts.

There is always something a student will enjoy here at the games: the food, the football games, or just being able to spend some time with a friend or family.

## New School Year, New Football Season

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The new school year has just begun, which means another excellent year for KHS Football. The KHS Football team has been fantastic for the past couple of years, winning many games and losing some.

This year, Kingsburg is currently ranked second in league, eighteenth in the Central Section, third in Central Section Division III, and has seven wins and two losses.

On October 27, Kingsburg will be playing the 91<sup>st</sup> annual "Fire Extinguisher Game" against the Selma Bears for the Fire Extinguisher Cup.

Kingsburg's most recent game was played against the Reedley Pirates, in which they won 38-16.

Kingsburg took the lead in the first quarter of the game by scoring 7 points and leaving Reedley with 0. Reedley and Kingsburg both were able to score 10 points in the second quarter, but Reedley didn't score any in the third quarter, while Kingsburg scored another 7 points. Reedley could score 6 points in the last quarter, but it was no point as Kingsburg had scored 14 points and won the game by 22 points.

On October 13, Kingsburg played CVC, which ended with CVC winning 32-22 and Kingsburg receiving their second loss.

In the game's first quarter, CVC scored 8 points while Kingsburg scored none. In the second quarter, Kingsburg had scored 15 points, and CVC had only scored 7. CVC had scored 10 points in the third quar-

ter while Kingsburg had scored none, and in the last quarter of the game, both teams had scored 7 points, putting the final score at 32-22, making CVC the victor.

On October 6, the Kingsburg Vikings played the Kerman Lions and beat them by 6 points, with the score being 19-13.

In the first quarter of their game, both Kingsburg and Kerman scored no points, but by the time the second quarter came around, both teams were on their game, both making touchdowns for their teams,



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scoring 7 points each. When the third quarter came, Kerman had made 6 points, but Kingsburg had scored double that, earning 12 points. In the game's last quarter, both teams scored no points, just like the first. The match ended with the score being 19-13.

On September 29, Kingsburg played the Washington Union Panthers and won the game by almost double the points, scoring 13-6.

During the game's first quarter, Kingsburg and Washington Union stayed tied at 0-0 as both teams scored no points. Kingsburg scored a touchdown during the second quarter, earning 6 points, while the Panthers remain at 0 points. The Panthers scored 6 points in the third quarter, and Kingsburg scored 0, the opposite of the second quarter. Within the game's last quarter, the Kingsburg Vikings made one previous touchdown, earning 7 points and winning 13-6.

On September 22, KHS played Tulare Union and lost 42-12, receiving their first season loss.

At the start of the game, in the first quarter, Tulare Union got straight to the point, scoring 14 points and leaving Kingsburg behind with 0 points. In the second quarter, Kingsburg was able to score 6 points, but it was no match for Tulare, as they had made 21 points against Kingsburg's 6. In the third quarter of the game, Kingsburg was able to score another 6 points, but Tulare was also able to achieve 7. By the time the last quarter came around, no teams managed to make any points. Tulare won by 30 points.

On September 8, Kingsburg was able to play against Golden West, in which they were able to beat them 31-29.

In the game's first quarter, Golden West scored 6 points on the Vikings, but the Vikings retaliated by scoring 21 points on them. In the second quarter, Kingsburg couldn't score any points, while Golden West made 8 points. Both teams tied for points made in the third quarter, scoring 7 points. In the game's last quarter, Golden West scored 8 points on the Vikings, as the Vikings were only able to score 3 points. The game ended 31-29, leaving Kingsburg victorious.



# Varsity Cheer Preps for 2023-24 Season

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The 2023-2024 KHS Varsity Cheer Squad has had a showstopping season. Between cheer camp, rallies, halftime performances, and countless practices, the cheerleaders and coaches have put lots of effort into this year's cheer season.

Cheer tryouts were in late April. During the tryouts girls had to learn a Cheer, Dance, also performing a toe touch, and kick to perform to the judges. Tryouts were four days with three days of learning material and the final day being to perform in front of judges.

23 girls made the Varsity cheer team with coaches Shanna McDonald and Brie Lopes.

From July 12th to July 14th 2023 the cheerleaders attended USA cheer camp, which stands for United Spirit Association. The camp was four days long with the longest day being from 7 am to 8:30 pm. During the camp cheerleaders took a new class every hour. Cheerleaders learned Side-line Stunts, Pyramids, Unity Routine, Fight song,

All American cheer, and USA routine.

During the last day of camp KHS Cheer had to perform a "Game Day Evaluation" which included the fight song, and USA routine. Cheerleaders also had an option to try out for All American which is An individual award given to those who display superior technical skills, leadership,

Rivera, Jorge de la Rosa, and Alan Martines came to KHS and taught the cheerleaders different game day stunts and pyramids they could use during halftime performances.

Also during the summer cheerleaders had fun days including Bring a boy to cheer, White lie t-shirt, and a water day.

The Cheer squad started cheering at football games on August 18th with the Paso Robles game and has continued throughout the season about to go into Basketball season.

This year the Homecoming and Senior Night dances were Choreographed by Robeerta Woods and Kalyln Goosen. Who are Choreographers at The Dance Company. They did a tremendous job choreographing and cleaning the performances for cheers halftime!

This year there are 9 seniors. Including Cayla, Dakota, Alexa, Lilly, Kaylee, Aaliyah, Addy, Bryn, and Ava.

We hope the Seniors and the whole cheer squad continue to have an amazing cheer season and can't wait to see what else they will come up with!



and strong personal values. And sophomore Presley Patterson got selected to be a part of it.

During the summer cheerleaders Ruben

# Lady Viking Volleyball Enters Playoffs 1st in D3

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The KHS Varsity Volleyball won their second playoff game on Thursday, against Santa Ynez, 3-2. Their next game, will be a semi-final match on Tuesday against Reedley. At the time of press and with just a couple weeks left in the season, they are 19-13 overall and 5-4 in league.

The team consists of Seniors Macey Visser, Danielle Jackson, Addison Murgia, Kelcey Brett, Sydnee Wilson, Asia Allen, and Sullivan Phelan. As well as Juniors Reygan Jones and Kiara Zarate.

"Something that is so special about the KHS Varsity Volleyball team is the team bond we've created with each other," stated Senior Addison Murgia.

The Lady Vikings play with a level of certainty that comes from their long history as teammates.

Murgia added, "We've all played together since we were young. After winning every point,

we're very supportive of each other. Since winning is something important to us, when we're able to come together and play the best we can, it shows how good of a team bond we have!"

Four of the girls' wins have been sweeps

a game we always want to make sure we stay humble and continue on, improving everyday."

Their latest game was against Central Valley Christian, losing 3-0. The varsity lost this game, but commented that they have learned much from their losses.

Senior Jalissa Arevalo said, "After losing a game, we always come together and talk about the things we can work on and improve. An important thing we also make sure to do is keep our heads up, ready for our next game."

The KHS Varsity volleyball team never gives up and keeps on going, even after losing a game.

Senior Macey Visser stated, "Our team bounces back quickly, and if we are struggling, we take time in the huddles or time outs to refocus and make corrections.

Senior Asia Allen stated, "My favorite memory playing volleyball at Kingsburg was winning Valley Championship, and

doing so with the same girls I have been playing with since elementary."

Asia is a senior on her 8th year on playing volleyball, currently as a middle blocker.



(complete 3-0 game wins), including matches with Reedley and Mt. Whitney. Their latest game was against Mission Oak, winning 2-1.

Senior Jalissa Arevalo states "After winning



# Coach Ortiz Leads Girls Varsity Tennis for 2023

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The KHS Girls Varsity Tennis Team has been trying their best and hardest this season.

The team's head coach, Aaron Ortiz, has been training his team to be the best that they can be this year.

This is Coach Ortiz' second year of coaching. Ortiz stated "It's not about the wins and losses for me, it's about the getting the best out of athletes."

The team started practicing hard over the summer, as games started right at the beginning of the school year.

Varsity player Senior Kaylie Garcia has been playing tennis since her freshman year. She said that she "doesn't regret anything or would change anything about playing tennis."

The team prepares themselves for tennis matches in a lot of different ways. Garcia states that she prepares herself by "believing in my own capabilities and strengths" and "giving confidence

to my fellow teammates for positivity and reassurance for their benefit and my own."

She also shared that "the feeling of winning



Varsity player and Freshman Hannah Smith said that "if it's a home game, we usually miss 30 minutes of our last period class, but if it's an away game we leave the school about an hour early."

Smith also added that the team usually gets home

at about 6:00 after a tennis match. The tennis team also does a lot of bonding activities.

Smith said that "At the start of the season the whole team had a pizza party, but after that, all the practices were like getting to know someone, whether it was warming up or playing a match with them."

Coach Ortiz said that the team's goal for the season is to "have the girls improve their skills and to have them give all the effort they can."

Ortiz also stated that he wants the team to "improve their tennis skills and become the best that we can for the future."

You can support the tennis team by coming to watch one of their games, which are on Tuesdays and Thursdays. These games are usually from 3:30 to 5:30.

The girl's tennis team will continue to play their hardest as they continue their season. They hope to see you there!

## Girls Varsity Golf Places 4th In League, Taylor 5th in Individual

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The KHS Varsity Golf season has come to an end. They have had 20 matches overall in the season, and placed 4th in league, while Celina Taylor came in 5th place as an individual.

The team has come far this year from some wins and some losses and played in 15 challenging tournaments.

Some of the top girl golfers at KHS were interviewed, as well as Head coach Bill Jensen.

Sophomore Gillian Shiplee was the first girl interviewed.

She said, "This is my second year playing golf. The easiest course to play on is Kings River since it is the home course. My favorite club to use is Txg Hibrid. I want to continue golf until the end of my high school

years. I like the driving range best, and her goal is to improve more than last year.

Junior Jasleen Gill was also interviewed.

She said, "I have played golf for 3 years. My favorite tournament to play this year was against Exeter. I'm going to continue to play golf until the end of my high school career. I like the driving range,

is like a way of introducing yourself to the new season."

The tennis team only misses a little bit of school time when leaving early for a tennis match.



chipping, and putting. My goal is to bring my score down".

Sophomore Olivia Staggs, the last team-

mate to be interviewed stated, "I've played golf for two years. My favorite tournament to play was against Exeter. I'm thinking about playing in college. I like the driving range best, and my goal

is to improve."

Coach Bill Jensen was then interviewed. He said, "I have been coaching the boys and girls teams for 16 years. I played basketball and golf in high school. I played at Buchser High School in Santa Clara, California. I have always loved to play golf. I really enjoy the mix of competition, strategy and execution."

"Every shot is like an equation. You have to calculate the strategy (distance, slope, wind & direction) correctly, but then you still need to perform physically to succeed."

Overall, this year's 2023 Golf Season had challenging components. The Lady Vikings finished 6-14 over-

all, but the team is young and there will be many returning and experienced players coming back next year.



# Girls Varsity Water Polo team going to Playoffs

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This year's girls water polo team is doing well, with a league record of 8-0. They have a home game and an away game every week, usually taking place on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Their overall record is 16-7, which gives them a 70% chance of winning each of their games. They have won 6-3 games at home and 5-2 games away, putting them in second place in the tri-county league. They are in 62nd place in California and in all of Fresno County they are in 15th place.

Their lead player is Junior Sienna Abernathy. Abernathy has made 106 goals in total so far. This puts her in 7th place for the nation and 1st place in California.

This year's girls Varsity water polo practices quite a lot during the week. Junior

Caitlyn Van Laar said they practice "every weekday we don't have a game, and sometimes we have morning practice and practice after school."

During a normal game there are around

Their last game of the season takes place on 10/24 and it takes place in Reedley at 7PM.

After this game the varsity girls team is going to playoffs. Playoffs take place for 2 weeks.

The team is able to play all 2 weeks into finals if they don't lose a single game. If one game is lost they are automatically disqualified.

During the week before playoffs they have competitive games. These games are to help get them ready for playoffs. Playoffs start on 10/31 and it ends 11/11. They have games on 10/31, 11/1, 11/2, 11/4, 11/7, 11/8, and 11/11. Although times have not yet been released we still have dates.

This year's girls Varsity water polo team has shown great persistence and spirit throughout the season. This is because the team has such great relationships with each other.



6 field players and one goalie, with a total total there are 7 players on each team in the water. Their games last anywhere between one to one and a half hours long.

# KHS Boys Varsity Waterpolo going to Playoffs

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As of print, the Boys Water Polo Team has a record of 19-5 overall and 9-0 in Tri-County league rankings. Recently, they beat Selma by a score of 18-5. The team is now on a 9 week winning streak.

From the ongoing streak that our team has been on, it's made many people wonder how the season will turn out, and how it will affect the team as a whole.

Some of their closest games were against Strathmore with the score of 18-17 and Redwood with the score being 11-10, also having a close match with Edison with the score ending up going to 9-13.

The team has also made some come-backs such as with Strathmore, first losing to them at 9-10 but then beating them the next game having now a score of 19-17.

When asked about their confidence for their season, Junior Caleb Simmons stated, "I am confident that our boys Varsity Water Polo Team will dominate our upcoming opponents. I believe that our team has strong game plans in place. We have come a long way since the beginning of the season and have devel-

oped a good understanding of each other's playing styles to work better as a team." Simmons added, "I anticipate that the second playoff game will be the most challenging because we

son so far. Despite a slow start we have managed to amass a strong winning record and are on pace to win league. As for which team, I think will be the hardest to beat. We are the team to beat this year."

Their losing streak is a record of 3 one after the other. They have won 10-1 away games and a total of 4 winning games in a row.

In State, the Vikings are ranked #142, while in National rankings the Vikings are 177. However, in Central section the Vikings are in place #16.

As of 10/24 which was the recent match with Reedley. The final score was 11-14. They are still eligible to qualify for playoffs.

The times for the playoff games are still unreleased as the times are unknown.

In total they lost 6 games as of print and won in total 20 games in this 2023 season.

The team is on a losing streak of 3 games

but this doesn't demolish their spirits or their overall chances of winning at playoffs.

"Nobody even believed in us, BUT GOD DID". Senior Cole Adams said.

Overall, the boys' varsity water polo team is looking forward optimistically to the end of their season.



will need to be psychically prepared to match the other top teams' conditioning. However, we will do our best to give 100% and work as a team to maintain our position as the team to beat this year!"

Senior Cole Adams expressed his confidence in his team as well. "I am quite confident in our ability to obliterate both Selma today, and Kerman on Thursday. I feel exuberant about the sea-