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our Centurions this month!*



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2022-2023 ASB ELECTIONS

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The 2022-2023 ASB elections took place on Friday, March 4th, 2022. The voting took place in the Sophomore and Junior history classes and Freshman English classes. During that time, the students were able to vote for their next ASB officers online. Students were able to vote using a QR code that connected them to their specific class ballot. In each grade, one of the two candidates would be selected to become ASB president and class president for the Sophomore, Junior, and Senior years.

Natalie Stark, a junior at Cypress High School was selected as ASB president. She wanted to run for ASB president because she could try to get more students, as the underclassmen, to be more involved in school activities. Some qualities that Natalie describes herself are that she is open and a gentle person. In the beginning, she filled out an application and planned the center for the campaign.



David Chun is the next 2022-2023 ASB Senior Class President for Cypress High School.
Photo Credit: Deborah Son

Some of the slogans she used to make her name stand out were, “Make your mark Nat Stark” and “Bark Bark vote Nat Stark.” Also, she shared stickers that had “I heart Nat Stark” on them with everyone. Natalie’s expectation for next year is to focus on the arts and campus culture to bring spirit back into Cypress High School. “I’m hoping for an awesome year!,” she said.

Aimee Bunsirisert was selected to be the next ASB sophomore class president. In the beginning, she was taken in for an interview about why she wanted to be ASB sophomore class president. Then, she had a speech and materials approved for her campaign. She created posters and stickers with slogans on them. For example, she used the first four letters of her last name “Buns” and put in a picture of a chef and bread. Aimee’s plan for next year is to raise the spirit and improve the fundraising system. “I know that there’s going to be more pressure and expectations for me as class president but I think it will be a fun experience,” she said.

Alie Potter was chosen as the next ASB junior class president. She is currently sophomore class president and learned from her experiences this year. “I have grown a lot of leadership skills and wanted to take a bigger role in ASB.” For her campaign, she made posters that said “Make a change, vote Alie Potter” and buttons to share. Next year, she is looking forward to planning events such as prom and wants to let the student body share feedback, not just ASB, because everyone has different ideas. She thinks that being mentally prepared was a big part of executing the position.

David Chun is the next ASB senior class president. The procedure that he took was to get interviewed about what he could do as class president. For David’s campaign, he centered it around his face for the posters so that people would remember him better. Next year, he is planning to hold meetings and let seniors input their voices for the events. “I’ve taken a long break from being in ASB for 7th and 8th grade, but I’m looking forward to learning more about it along the way.”

With Cypress High School’s chosen 2022-2023 ASB officers, students are sure to have a good year in 2023.

How to Slay At Roaring 22's Themed Prom

WRITTEN BY RUBY MILBURN



Women from the roaring 20s slayed in the fashion of their times.

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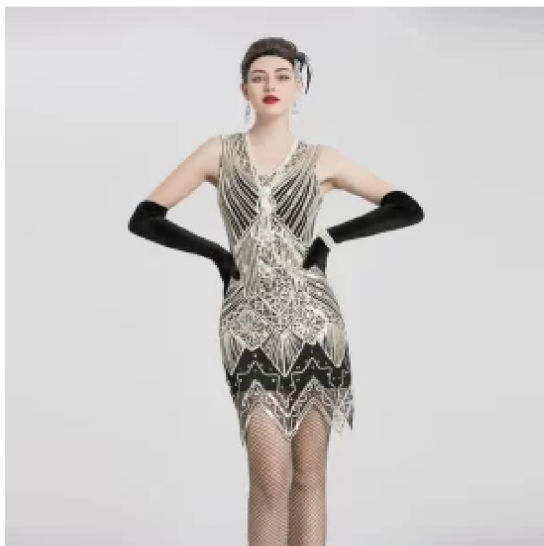
Inspired by the Roaring 20s, the 2022 prom theme was announced to be “The Roaring 22s.” With the dance rapidly approaching, Centurions begin to pinpoint their favorite looks from the iconic 20s style of fashion in order to decide upon their outfits and whether they are going to dress according to the theme.

Fashion during the roaring 20s heavily reflected the state of prosperity society was experiencing in that time, both men and women expressing their wealth through fashion, as well as women expressing their individuality. This time period is known for its “glitz and glamour,” as stated in the Fashion History Timeline—a concept which can be reflected in Centurions’ fashion choices for those who want to wear 20s attire.

Women who feel inclined to dress inspired by the 1920s can embrace the simplistic style, wearing clothes that highlight their natural look while staying modest, with items such as flapper dresses and dresses with long skirts. Womens’ clothing during this time was also targeted more towards comfort, as they began to ditch corsets and embrace their natural selves. Ironically, corset tops are a popular item of clothing that have been trending these days. Men can reflect this time period in their clothing by wearing soft collared suits, and take inspiration from popular patterns of the decade, the most prominent being pinstripes.



Find classic 20's men's three piece suits on Etsy. (photo by Etsy)



Support small businesses by purchasing Gatsby themed flapper dresses from Etsy. (photo by Etsy)

Senior at Cypress, and fashion enthusiast, **Lyanna Hauger**, plans to “find authentic inspiration for [her] dress, accessories and hair.” She takes much of her fashion and makeup inspiration from celebrities and celebrity makeup artists. Some of the pieces she hopes to see at prom include accessories featuring patterns, sequence and fur, as well as boys wearing suspenders, 20s hats and the color brown. Hauger finds much of her inspiration in general from watching movies, which is a great way for Centurions to enhance their knowledge of the roaring 20s time period in order to decide on the perfect prom attire.

Spotlight On: Speech & Debate and FBLA

WRITTEN BY: ANNA NGUYEN

Here at Cypress, there are numerous clubs and extracurriculars to partake in. There's something that meets everyone's interests, which is why so many Centurions are a part of a club on campus. Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) and Speech and Debate are two of our more rigorous clubs. Both clubs have had a successful year, qualifying and entering state-level competitions.

Speech and Debate helped **Rebecca Choe** (11) to carry herself in a stronger manner and gave her a "community of people to cherish." This is just one of many positive attributes our students have to say about the club. Speech and Debate has tons of opportunities for students to learn about world events/politics, develop public speaking skills, and improve collaboration and communication skills.



Speech and Debate hosts several bonding events throughout the year to build close knit relationships between all their members.

Photo Credit: Ye Ji Jong



Guest speakers, Jasmine Demarillas and Phat Diep, from 7Leaves present to FBLA members about business principles and functions.

Photo Credit: Ye Ji Jong

Recently, our Speech and Debate team made it into state competition with **Erin Kim** for Impromptu and **Joseph Kim** and **Omar Katre** for the Lincoln Douglas Competition.

The club allows a safe place or platform to speak and advocate for issues and topics important to them. **Jennifer Ho** (12) shares that Speech and Debate has allowed herself to develop public speaking and writing skills and says, "We're like a family and you'll make some awesome friends." Speech and Debate meets every Wednesday after school in the Media Center for students who are looking to join in the upcoming school year.

FBLA is a great club for any students interested in business, building leadership skills, networking, and entrepreneurship. The club helps develop professionalism within students and aids in helping them earn potential scholarships and internships, as well as assisting them on resume or college applications.

Adrian Lau (11) loves being a part of FBLA because it opens a "pathway to building core business skills" and is perfect to meet "those who share the same interests as you." As someone who is looking forward to being a future entrepreneur and interested in starting his own business, Adrian thinks FBLA is exactly what he needed to aid him on his path.

Like Speech and Debate, FBLA also goes out to compete at different competitions. A huge group of our school's FBLA team placed in their state qualifiers including topics about Business Law, Marketing, Personal Finance, and more. FBLA meets every Wednesday during lunch in Mr. King's room, and they are always looking for future business leaders.

You Can Always Count on Math Club!

WRITTEN BY: YEJI JONG



Math club works tirelessly to fundraise and support spreading the love for math!
Photo credit: Kristy Takacs



Students gather around Math club to support their fundraiser!
Photo credit: Kristy Takacs

Cypress High School's Math club has been tirelessly tutoring Centurions after school throughout the second semester. Recently, they had a successful Pi Day fundraiser where they raised \$146.50. Despite the bumpy and unprecedented times of online school, Math club came back stronger than ever, eager to teach struggling students. The board consisted of **Hansen Tao** (President), **Jordan Vu** (Vice-President), **Downon Seo** (Treasurer), **Katie Do** (Secretary), **Annie Ho** (Publicist), **Harrison Hong** (Event-Coordinator), and **Katherine Ngo** (Event-Coordinator).

Math club president Hansen Tao (Junior) stated, "I got interested in math because it developed my logical and problem solving skills and I met some really great mentors who introduced me to math. I am most proud of the fact that we are able to provide competition opportunities to students and host events coming back from an online year."

While math is a subject that many students tend to dislike and fear, Math Club tries to make math as approachable as possible. They have a 3:1 ratio of tutors to students who are more than happy to help.

Harrison Hong (Junior), the event coordinator, told the Centurion Spotlight, "Math club cultivates a risk free environment without being scared to ask questions. We have more tutors that are ready to help students struggling with math. Next year I definitely want to provide more opportunities to students who already enjoy math so they can shine more and get more students who are struggling to get involved in tutoring."

Common goals that the board has for next year include interacting more with club members, events to continue to run smoothly, and publicizing their events and tutoring more.

Treasurer Downon Seo (Junior) claimed, "The best part of math is that it's very interactive and gears you towards critical thinking. The best part of my job is interacting with different people and just getting more involved at school. It's rewarding to help break math down into simpler terms and see students understanding the subject."

Centurions are very fortunate to have such a welcoming and knowledgeable club that's devoted to helping every student! Fantastic job to Math Club for such a successful year!

Medieval Times

WRITTEN BY: JAKE HARRIS



Students cheer on our school's knight during the thrilling show at Medieval Times.
Photo Credit: Nathan Nam

On March 7, Cypress High School seniors had an entertaining time at Medieval Times, making it one of the most joyous senior events yet! When the seniors arrived at Medieval Times, students were assigned a table number and were directed in the stands to sit there with their friends. Waiters then came out walking to each group asking what they would like to eat and drink. The show eventually started, with an intro from the main speaker describing what the show is about. This was followed by the speaker reading off the names of all the schools. The ensuing scream off where students showed off their school pride by shouting their school name, was won by Cypress of course. The show then commenced and throughout the show students were served food. The food was realistic to the time period and students did not have utensils to eat the roasted chicken with corn and potatoes, with an appetizer of garlic bread and tomato bisque and a dessert of ice cream. The jousting and all the physical “fighting” between the different teams of knights happened at the end of the show. The knight that won the fight was the green knight. Senior **Isabella Viveros** stated that “Medieval times was one of the best senior events I went to this year! I had a great time with my friends cheering for our knight, the black and white one.” Another senior **Esther Jang** said, “I had not been to Medieval Times since I was a kid, but it was a lot of fun to go with my friends and root for our knight!”

“The Batman” 2022 Review (SPOILERS!!!)

WRITTEN BY: ANISH ASHOKKUMAR



In Matt Reeves new movie “The Batman,” Robert Pattinson is featured as the new Caped Crusader.

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The Batman (2022) is the new DC movie from Warner Brothers which features Robert Pattinson as the new Batman and is directed by Matt Reeves. The Batman opened in movie theaters all around the world (except Russia) on March 4, 2022. On the website Rotten Tomatoes they wrote, “The Batman is not only incredible, it is one of the best Batman films of all time.” The reason DC made another Batman movie is because Batman is one of the most iconic superheroes and the movies make so much money. Even though this most recent movie is three hours long it has so far made \$248.5 million dollars in the global box office. Like Spider-Man: No Way Home, The Batman had an incredible opening weekend, bringing in over \$120 million according to Rotten Tomatoes.

In the story, Batman ventures into Gotham City’s underworld when a serial killer leaves behind a trail of cyphers. The Batman must solve those cyphers in order to know the true intentions of The Riddler and why he is killing off important officials in Gotham. When Batman solves each riddle, he sees how corrupt the city officials are. He gets help from Catwoman, and from James Gordon to catch The Riddler. Once they catch The Riddler, he reveals that his grand plan is to detonate all the sea gates in Gotham Harbor, which would flood the city. This would force all the citizens into the stadium where they could be safe, then The Riddlers’ followers would shoot them down. Then as in every superhero movie, the hero (Batman) saves the day.

The reviews online are really good, averaging a 4.7 review, which was close to beating The Dark Knight’s reviews. The actors in the movie are Robert Pattinson(batman), Zoe Kravitz(catwoman),Colin Farrell(penguin), Paul Dano(the riddler), Jeffery Wright(James Gordon), Andy Serkis(Alfred pennyworth), and John Turturro(Carmine Falcone).

Although the film is three hours long, it doesn’t feel like three hours, because it seems like you are the one trying to solve The Riddler case along with Batman. The movie was very dark and violent with a lot of detective work, which makes sense for a Batman movie because Batman is one of the world’s greatest detectives. The environment for Gotham city alone led to a very dark and grim feeling for the viewer, which is common for Gotham city (the city Batman protects). The story took place mostly in the night time, unlike other batman movies, which makes it unique. This is one of Matt Reeves most anticipated films and he pulled it off making it a very good movie.

Softball Swinging Into the Season

WRITTEN BY: TALANIA WILSON



Softball is practicing for an up coming game
Photo Credit: Talania Wilson

Cypress High School's Varsity softball team won against Desert Vista, on Saturday March 3rd. They won with a score of 1-0, but in their most recent game against Kennedy High School on March 15, they sadly lost with a score of 9-0. Varsity started their season off with a win against Walnut High School, with a score of 4-1. **Coach Kevin Dull** said, "We've had some ups and downs so far, but we've had a difficult schedule and we're in Division 1 which is the highest division." Even though the Cypress softball team has a difficult schedule of 12 games already played and 11 upcoming games, has a 5-7 overall and is second in the Empire League.

Dull says, "we've been in D1 for the last three years, and we're in CIF southern section one is the most competitive section there is, so we're playing some really good teams." It is difficult to stay in division one and stay there because CIF is always changing and reevaluating. There are three great Varsity coaches **Carrie Tomsion** and **Christan Baker** as well as coach Dull. And between the three of them they have around 80 years of coaching experience combined. They have a structured and disciplined practice and Dull said, "they're always working on things they need to improve on for the games." Although they are very talented players, they do need to work on hitting in certain situations, Dull also said, "we need to improve a little in our fields, and once we work on those things we'll be good." Dull also says his team is really gifted and talented and is proud of his team.

Centurions Go For the Birdie!

WRITTEN BY: ANISH ASHOKKUMAR



Freshmen Angela Choi and Rehansa Kulatilleke love being on the team for the first time.

Photo credit: Kristy Takacs



Both badminton teams have been working on footwork and improving stamina.

Photo credit: Kristy Takacs

Boy's and Girl's Badminton kicked off the season by working their hardest. The athletes on the team are slaying their opponents and are eager to go for the win.

The badminton team has a serious workout that includes many physical and mental practices to prepare for the big competitions. Badminton's typical workout sessions include a warm up which includes stretches, exercises, and running 5-10 laps around the gym and they also work on footwork, agility exercises, and quality shots. They usually end up practicing by playing a couple of matches against each other. Standout players this year include juniors **Hao Ho** and **Soo Song**, and freshman **Harsha Ragavan**.

Fionna Huang is one athlete on the badminton team. She says she needs to improve on her footwork, smashes, control and possibly stamina too. From the badminton training sessions, she mostly improved on great stamina, a faster footwork, better grip, and better clears and drives. She says that Badminton needs a lot of hard work and perseverance to the mind and body. "Overall, Badminton is not what it seems. It is not just about hitting the birdie, it is about movement and mainly footwork."

Another athlete on the team, **Jason Ho**, also says he needs to improve. He wants to improve on his footwork because it is an "important asset" when competing in games. He has mainly improved on making shots and this is essential because this is how you mainly get the points.

The Centurion badminton team hopes to continue to beat their opponents with all their hard work paying off.

Meet the Jazz Band!

WRITTEN BY: ANELINA ALEGRE



Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, Jazz Band practices their sound in the quad. Photo Credit: Anelina Alegre

Cypress High School, home to a variety of extracurriculars, features Jazz Band, a group of students who meet up to make jazz music.

The band meets in the quad on every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday to practice, so you might hear their music playing after school. They also play at local jazz festivals and are soon planning to play in the quad during lunch. They encourage students to join, and no prior experience is necessary.

According to jazz band's president **Evan Trostler** (11), Cypress's jazz band has existed ever since the school's music program was created. At that time, jazz bands were still very popular. The jazz band is both a club and a class since it was a weekly club in the first semester, and now takes up a 7th period in second semester.

Traditionally, the position of jazz band president is given to the 1st, or principal, trumpet player in the band and is then passed down as those students graduate. Trostler is the first ever Junior to be given the position of 1st trumpet and president.

Trostler's goal for the jazz band is to provide students with an environment to develop both as musicians and as individuals. "Something that makes jazz really special is the amount of creativity and expression that you can't get in many other places," Trostler said. "I enjoy giving others that opportunity." He shared that everyone in the group is very enthusiastic about making jazz and knows when it's time to get serious, so organizing the band isn't as hard as it seems.

Despite being a small group of people, Jazz Band can really pack a big sound. We can hope to see more greatness from them as the year progresses.



Jazz Band president Evan Trostler is the first junior to be named 1st trumpet.

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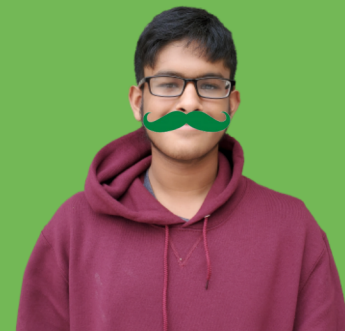
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