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Almost done

One year and \$8 million will give lunch a brand new look

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“I’m just really appreciative of all the staff and students that have been cooperating well with all the construction going on during school hours, all the fences that are put up, and with the whole lunch complications. It’s really just been a pain,” said Principal Sandy Torres.

Just ask any student if not having a cafeteria for a year is a “pain.”

“It’s annoying because the lines are long and sometimes it’s really hot outside,” said Rosalie Silva.

“I just hope that when the cafeteria is done there’ll be more open tables because it can get really packed,” said Adriana Gonzalez.

It’s taken over 10 years to get this new cafeteria. In 2008, the voters

in the Colton School District passed Measure G a \$225 million school improvement bond. Six years ago the school got approved for a new cafeteria to be built from that money, and construction finally started last year. The new cafeteria is set to be finished by January.

The cafeteria is expected to hold 533 students at any one time. It will also have an updated indoor stage that also opens out into the outdoor quad area, a service line with digital menu displays, a teachers’ lounge, a snack bar for students who want to grab something quick without going through the main cafeteria line. The cafeteria itself will have a large walk-in fridge and freezer and a much larger kitchen with the ability for full prep cooking.

“Total cost for the cafeteria will be \$8,260,000,” said Mr. Owen Chang, Director of Facilities and Construction for the district.



Need to know

10/2-10/18: Homecoming Ticket Sales
Dance is in the Stadium Quad on Oct.21 from 7-11pm. Cost is \$25 with ASB Discount Card, \$30 without, and \$40 if purchased the 16th-18th. \$50 at the door.

10/2, 3, 5, 9, 10, and 11: Powder Puff Practice
2:30 - 4:30 on the baseball field. If you didn’t already sign up, it is too late as jerseys have been ordered.

10/6: Last Day of 1st Quarter/grades due.

10/11: District College & Career Fair
from 5:30p.m.-8:00p.m. Gonzales Community Center, 670 Colton Ave, Colton. A bus will be available.

10/11: Ring Order Day #2

10/12: Senior Panorama Picture Day during AAP and period 2. Seniors are to report to class first and then proceed the football field. \$22

THEN the long awaited event, Powerpuff is back. Starting time is 6pm.

10/16 - 10/20: Homecoming Week Activities

Monday 10/16: Nominee Parade/Tie dye) dress-up/Games at lunch

Tuesday 10/17: Voting for Homecoming Court/Tourist Day dress-up/Games at lunch.

Wednesday 10/18: Voting for Homecoming Court/Pirate Day dress-up/Games at lunch

Thursday 10/19: Twin Day dress-up/Mr. and Ms. Betty Crocker Cake Decorating Contest and Auction.

Friday 10/20: Rally period 2/Bruin Spirit Gear dress-up/Football game vs. Fontana @ 7pm.

10/21: Homecoming Dance @The Stadium Quad at 7pm. If you still did not get your ticket, you can buy it at the door for \$50.

FEATURES

Here comes the sun

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On Aug. 21, the United States experienced a solar eclipse....sort of. Although it didn't get completely dark in California, we did see a 66% coverage of the sun, that is, if you had special eclipse sunglasses.

A solar eclipse is a rare natural phenomenon when the moon passes between the sun and earth and the moon partially or completely covers the sun. This can only happen when the sun and moon are in conjunction. In order to experience the full eclipse, you would have had to travel to Oregon, Idaho, western Kentucky, Tennessee and South Carolina.

The eclipse started at 9:05am in Oregon and ended at 2:48pm in South Carolina. Its longest duration was in Illinois where it was completely dark for 2 minutes and 40 seconds. The next total eclipse in North America is expected to be Oct. 2023.



Glass eyes: Edward Rengifo takes a peek with specialized eclipse glasses during 3rd period, the height of the natural event. "I borrowed the glasses from my friend Jago (Legaspi). I really wanted to go out and see this because it doesn't happen everyday."

Going GAGA

State Senator Eloise Gomez Reyes vowed to be an ALLY to the LGBTQ youth in San Bernardino County.

GAGA Club members were excited to meet the state senator at the Rainbow Pride Youth Alliance Leadership Summit. Her office helped sponsor the event.

"Life gets better together (LGBT)," said Holly March. GSA, now known as GAGA Club, attended the conference on Sept. 23 at the First Congregational Church of San Bernardino. For the GAGA Club only three members

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Er ist ein Feigling

150 students weren't chicken at Herbfest

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Dunking Mr. Sandy Torres and Mr. David Johnston into water. Sack races in the quad. A root beer drinking contest. A chicken dance. It must be Herbsfest.

"The Herbsfest in Germany is about celebrating fall. We can't call it Oktoberfest due to Oktoberfest having an alcoholic connotation. When people hear about Oktoberfest they think it's about drinking, even though it isn't," explained Frau Pahner, advisor of the German Club and German language teacher.

By the end of sixth period on Sept. 28 there were plenty of activities and food choices set up all around the quad area. Most activities required tickets. If you didn't have tickets you had to wait in a long line at the business office.

"The line was long, and it took me about 15 minutes to get to the front to buy my tickets. I think I should've went earlier but it was worth it," said Jessony McDaniel.

The lines may have been long, but the

use of tickets were very short-lived. Due to the drifting wind some tickets flew out of people's hands.

"If you look at the ground, you'll find some," said David Tapia happy with his find.

There was also a time when students from German Club/class were performing a dance that looked as though they were mimicking animals.

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FEATURES

Clearing up a few things

Homecoming misconceptions cleared up

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Welcome to paradise! This year's Caribbean homecoming is on Oct. 21. The price is the same as it's always been, \$25 with an ASB card and \$30 without. However prices will go up to \$40 if purchased from Oct. 16-18. Make sure you buy your tickets ahead of time because it will be \$50 at the door.

Your money will be well spent on this semi-casual formal Caribbean themed dance. ASB spent their summer vacation researching themes, and voted on one theme for the dance.

"I think this dance is different to what we've done before. The theme is fun and energetic. I feel like that's the type of environment we want for our dance. I agree that the ticket pricing is decent because it's always been like that. This year we partnered with a new company that will actually give us more for the students. It's like going to a restaurant where you pay \$12 for one meal. Here at the dance you're paying for the music, entertainment, food, and the decorations, you know?" said Daniela Lopez (ASB President).

Homecoming will be held at the Bloomington stadium quad. The dance will have the following fun activities: food (finger food like chicken strips and mini-sandwiches, they will even have a vegan selection) served until 10 pm, patio seating, karaoke, and unlimited water. There will also be a free photo booth that will have plenty of fun props.

It is not too late for students to get the VIP treatment at the Homecoming Dance. Just find a student leadership member and asked to be placed on the VIP List. You will get a card that you can turn in to the Business Office when you purchase your dance ticket. This will get you a free Kona Ice and also some other fun perks (like raffle drawings and stuff).

The dance runs from 7pm-11pm.

No one's a chicken.....

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After the dance there was an unexpected event. Kevin Garcia, a member of the German Club danced to the song *Das Kleine Kuken Piept* and the other German Club members dropped eggs, water, soda and confetti on him.



"In the beginning it was funny and in the middle of everything was more funny. But in the end I felt bad for him because they dumped a lot of stuff on him. I guess that's part of the dance," said Lessly Alvarado.

"I think it turned out well. We had more kids last year but it was closer to Halloween. Next year we'll do it closer to Halloween for more little kids to come," said Frau Pahner.

New Clubs

Looking for a way to get involved but not sure which club is a good fit for you? Try one of the new or smaller clubs on campus.

Vibe is all about dancing, it replaces BAM. Vibe had tryouts on Oct. 5. This year everything is new. Mrs. Alexandra Buskirk will be choosing new coaches on Oct. 9 -10. They will have practice Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The Harry Potter Club has meetings every other Thursdays after school in room 801 with Mrs. Angelica Guzman. Students were sorted into their houses, Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Slytherin, and Ravenclaw. You can come join if you're into community service while having fun. If you missed the first meeting come by Thursday to get sorted.

The Barbell Club is run by Mr. Luke Brenner. The Barbell Club is open during 2nd lunch in the weightlifting room. It's \$10 to join for the year. Kids can come work out and eat lunch. Every year they go to a field trip and this year they're trying to go to a gym with rope climbing.

GAGA Club is run by Mrs. Marlene Vasquez in room 522 every Tuesday during both lunches and replaces GSA. Everyone and anyone can join, it's a safe place for people in the LGBT+ community to come socialize and learn about equality, tolerance and inclusion.

The Student Spirit Squad is open to everyone. It meets every Wednesdays at 9AM in room 400 with Ms. Connie Barela (the business office tech) and Ms. Misty Wright. Members go to all home games, sit in a specially reserved section, and cheer and support the team (win or lose). Members can also get into the games for free if they see Ms. Barela before the game. It's \$10 to join and you get a spirit shirt with the bleed blue and stay gold logo.

Black Student Union is a club that is not new, but has been inactive for a few years. Mr. Andre Hamilton and Ms. Turner started it back up. "Students need to be aware of their culture and get politically involved," said Ms. Turner. "Everyone is invited." They meet Tuesdays and Thursdays after school in room 65.

THE ARTS

Looking Sharp

It's an honor First concert of the year

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Six piercing eyes, one solitary room, and a singer who believes they have what it takes. On Sept. 30, nine Bruins attended the All-Southern Honor Auditions. This audition tested the singer's ability to sing scales, sight-read, oral recall, and sing a entire song.

"When I walked in, my heart fell. I was so scared to be in there. When they said 'Good afternoon,' I snapped out of it and realized what I was there for. I replied and they tested my vocal range. The man playing on the piano was surprised when I went higher than he had expected. Soon after, I sight read the music. Though that was difficult and probably the scariest part, I did my best," said Alison Colchado. "When I was finished, they thanked me and I walked out. I was so relieved and happy that I had finished my most professional audition."

The nine Bruins who tried out for this prestigious choir were: Alina Sanchez, Claudia Santana, Valerie Garcia, Kylee Jacobs, Wendy Lopez, Amber Ornelas, Edwin Ruiz and Colchado.

A week later, the results were in, Edwin Ruiz and Colchado were selected.

"It was my first time auditioning but once I got in the room my confidence was at best, and I was able to do the best to my abilities," said Edwin.

Alison added, "I was taken by surprise when I found out I got in. It was my first All-Southern audition so I figured it'd be a little rough. After the audition, I felt I hadn't done all that great, but apparently I did!! I'm very excited to participate in this."

"It was kinda embracing, I thought I was going to mess up but, I was just over exaggerating," said Marisol Martinez. On Sept. 27, choir gave a fall concert. Before the performance they had a taco fund raiser from 4:30- 6:55. Many of the members of chorus performed for the first time.

Sophia Mendoza, a senior, started singing in her junior year. This was Sophia's first last concert of the year. "Before every show I get a bit nervous, but I feel better because we sing in a group, and we practice everyday to get our songs perfect," said Sophia.

Choir sang three different songs for the night. *Echoes of Kindness* by Ruth E. Schram and Linda Marcus, *Scales and Arpeggios* by Richard and Robert Sherman. "My favorite song of the night was *Sento nel Core (In My Heart)* by Alessandro Scarlatti because it's an Italian song about love and how it feels to be loved," said Sophia.

"I've been in choir for three years and I really love it Mr.(Ryan) Duckworth the teacher makes us feel like we're apart of his choir family it's the best thing in my life and I'm thankful for that," said Aubreanna Amador.



Choir members participate in the first concert of the year. From back left: Edwin Ruiz, Alina Nicole Sanchez, Eduardo Garcia, Cristina Molina. Second row: Hailey Azucena, Bradley Pinson, Naya Machuca, Karla Mondragon, Vivian Juarez, Jackeline Rangel, Mikaela Hadnot. Bottom row: Brian Palafox, Valerie Rivas, Adriana Gonzalez, Jacquelyn Hernandez, Marlet Felix, Alexa Lopez Olmos, Alicia Perez, Ashley Applegate, Sonora Nass.



Members of choir right before they auditioned for the All-Southern Honor Choir from left: Allison Colchado, Valerie Garcia, Edwin Ruiz, Amber Ornelas, Wendy Lopez, Paola Yanez and Kylee Jacob. Not pictured: Claudia Santana and Alina Sanchez.

SPORTS

The midpoint of fall sports

With fall sports season well on the way, Bruin athletes continue to strive for personal and team bests.

Volleyball

"This is my first year on the varsity team. We started pre-season off pretty strong (with seven wins) but then league games started and we were a little bit shaky, but I'm pretty sure we're going to bounce back to how we were," said Jacqueline Ramirez.



The team is currently 1-5 in league play, and 8-7 overall. "I believe that my team is a good and solid team we might have our bad moments and sometimes take the loss, but we get over it and try harder the next game. When we are on the court, we take things seriously and try to take that win," said Lesley Alfaro.

The JV team is 2-13 so far.

Cross country

The cross country team has competed in three meets. They have performed exceptionally well, with multiple top finishers in all three meets in-

cluding varsity and JV runners.

Both varsity boys and girls won the Sunkist League Meet #1 on Wed., Oct. 4 at Martin Tudor Park. Three out of four Bruin teams won their

races, including a 1-5 sweep finish for the girls JV. Both varsity teams had four runners within the top ten and beat the runner-up by 20 or more points. "It's exciting to know that we have so many of our runners in the top ten in the league and that we have a chance at moving on to state-level competition," said Joe Castillo, who has finished top 10 in all races so far this year. The Bruins hope to finish their second half of the season strong as league champions and move on to CIF races in the postseason.

"Compared to last year, our times are a bit off. We lost a lot of seniors and some people quit, so motivation is hard for us to capture," said Denise Vidrio. The team has four more meets.

Top male runner: Castillo at 3:18; top female runner is Camila Rodriguez at 19:02.

Football

The football season kicked off with the Blue vs. Gold game. The game against Nuview Bridge was a success as the varsity team took the win.

Kevin Sanchez, wide receiver and defensive end said, "There's still a lot of work to do. It's not a perfect team. We still gotta work together, stick together and fight together as Bruins."

The varsity team is currently 3-3 with four games left to play. Patrick De Los Rios said, "My best game was our first game against Nuview Bridge because we won and everyone on the team gave it their 100%. Hopefully we can win our next four games and make it to playoffs."

The freshman team is also 3-3. "The season is going alright so far we aren't doing bad but we can fix some things like our defense perhaps and a little more on offense," said Jorge Gonzalez. "One memorable thing that happened in our season will probably have to be when we won against Pacific 28-7. And when Christian Yanez messed some kid up on kickoff," Jorge said.



GAGA Club

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attended this event. "We would be happy to see more people at the next leadership conference," said Mrs. Vazquez.

The conference included discussion on such topics as LGBT Cultural Competency and Awareness, Leadership Skills, and Community Engagement. "San Bernardino does not have a center for kids that are having questions about their gender or their love life," said Senator Gomez Reyes. This is something she would like to change.

"It was nice to know that Senator Reyes has members of the LGBTQ community working in her office," said Sicily Marks.

"It was nice to learn about how many people do support the LGBTQ community and how many people are willing to take the time to learn more about us and are willing to help us," said Jessony McDaniels.

Inspiration first

"Pies Para Que Los Quiero Si Tengo Alas Para Volar," (Feet, what do I need them for if I have wings to fly?) Frida Kahlo de Rivera once said and that inspired twenty-seven artist to enter the Frida Inspira contest.



Amy Mendoza took third place, Estrella Hernandez took the second spot, and Yuliet Garcia took home first place. The prize for first place was a \$30 Starbucks gift card, a movie packet that had tickets, two drinks, and a popcorn.. Second place got a \$15 Starbucks gift card and movie passes; third received movie passes and \$5 gift card.

Second place winner, Estrella Hernandez said, "When I was about seven I was really good at art and I just kinda got better up until now, so since this is my last year, I thought I might as well join the contest."

The Frita Inspira is the first of its kind at the school, and plans for more like it are on the way. The event was centered around Hispanic Heritage Month. Ms. Marisa Galvan and Ms. Brandi Ayala were in charge of putting the event together while the library hosted the event.