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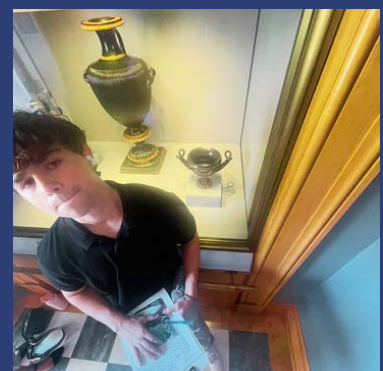
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FIELD TRIP TO THE GETTY

By: Karissa Lim and Alethea Fong

On September 6th, the senior class embarked on their first field trip of the year to the scenic Getty Villa. The Getty Villa is a museum found in Los Angeles, California, and the students visited to expand upon their knowledge on Greek pottery. Under the supervision of their art teacher, Miss Chen, they captured candid photos of the statues, engaged in analytical activities, and deepened their appreciation for the beauty and history behind these pieces.



Hustling through the Season

By: Nebi Ermias and Sarahi Rincon

Fire it Up!

The Lady Eagles have been on fire! With our captain Lianna Alvarez Sager and co-captains Silvia Aramburo and Alethea Fong leading the way, the team has soared to victory against tough opponents like Los Amigos, Marshall Fundamental, Newport Christian, Eastside Christian, Fairmont Prep, The Webb, and First Baptist. Each match showcased their incredible teamwork, resilience, and skill, making every win a testament to their hard work and dedication.

While the recent loss to Samueli Academy and the Webb in a tough 3-1 set was a setback, it only fueled their determination to improve. With the current record of 15-4 and the Lady Eagles committed to learning from every experience, they are already looking forward to the next challenge. With a strong lineup of talented players, including emerging stars, the team is poised to make a deep run this season. The support from fans, families, and the school community has been incredible, and together, they're ready to rise to even greater heights. Go Lady Eagles!





JV Big Bear Tournament

This year not only is it history that we made our first JV team, but also the first time the JV girls have competed in a tournament! Rising up bright and early, the JV team was led by the amazing bullet Crystal Lai, and the sweet butter-handed Bethel Enriquez! These juniors led the girls to victory with sophomores Nebi Ermias, Brooke Ngyuen, Sarahi Rincon, Andrea Villanueva and freshmen Deborah Miller, Isabella Hernandez, Naomi Velecela, Aletheia Blatz, and Isabella Carvajal. The team had an early victory by crushing Indian Springs 2-0, then unfortunately losing to Big Bear 0-2, but rising again to beat the RIM 2-1 and going to compete for fourth and third place! The last game was intense! With encouraging cheers from the parents and supporters, the JV Lady Eagles beat New Covenant 2-0 with Crystal's amazing offense, Brooke's butter sets, Bethel's strong defense, Andrea's unfailing targeting, Nebi's blocking intimidation, Sarahi's strong offense, and of course, our amazing freshman's unconditional cheering!

MVP of the Tournament

After being unfairly yellow carded and eventually red carded, Sarahi Rincon faced a tough moment in her tournament journey. Despite the setbacks, she channeled her frustration into her performance, playing with an intensity and passion. Sarahi's dedication paid off when she was surprisingly awarded MVP of the tournament. She expressed her heartfelt gratitude: "I honestly couldn't have done it without my team. They were always there encouraging me and supporting me no matter what."





Still Running Strong

By: Sherlock Li and Zachary Lee

The team is off to a great start with the first two meets already being completed. The team is starting off strong having already crushed their past records and setting new ones to beat later on. The team was able to make an amazing accomplishment

and placed fourth in the Triton Invitational thanks to the strong effort and perseverance of Sherlock Li, William Chiang, Emmanuel Quinones, Issak Villanueva, and David “Jingleheimer” Chiang. Practices are continuing on strong and beginning to ramp up as the team nears the last two meets of the cross country season. 5 minute mile!!

Our journey began at the Webb School, infamous for its brutal 80-foot hill. This course record was broken by Sherlock Li’s 18:01, beating the previous best by a minute and a half. Our team got #8 out of 12 teams, only 1 point behind San Gabriel Academy.

The second meet was a varsity-only invitational meet at Crystal Cove, one of the most competitive meets in the season. With the team’s effort and determination, we finished with an impressive 4th place.



FAMILY FUN NIGHT

By: Ezra Blatz, River Wang, Felipe Viana

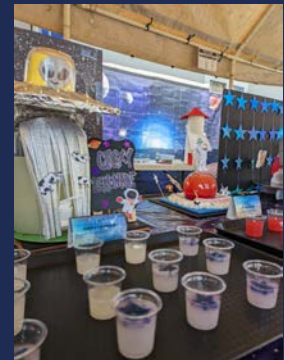
This year's Family Fun Night (September 27th) was the largest we've ever had with an estimate of over 400 attendees! As the theme of the event was outer space, all the classes had a chance for their creativity to shine with their unique and exciting games, such as Alien Invasion and Race to Earth. Throughout the evening, families and guests bid on the silent auction, where many stores and businesses donated some of their product packages and items to AcaciaWood.

Additionally, the face painting booth, managed by the Creative Writing Club, made everyone enthusiastic to decorate their faces.

Friends and families were able to take pictures in the space themed photo booth.



There was also a competition, which gave families the opportunity to showcase their talents. Congratulations to the winning families in the categories of creativity, taste, and most relevant to theme! Many thanks to ASC for setting up and organizing this event! We can't wait to see what exciting things are in store for next year!



TEACHER TESTIMONY: MRS DUTTA

By: Bethel Enriquez and Henry Liu



Q: What caused you to decide to become a teacher?

A: I used to be a scientist by trade and I have always been interested in research related to medical microbiology. As a grad student I often taught the undergrad classmen Microbiology. I really enjoyed doing that and decided to pursue a career in teaching.

Q: How long have you been teaching at AcaciaWood?

A: I've been teaching at AcaciaWood for 19 years.



Q: What classes have you taught or do you teach at AcaciaWood?

A: When I first started teaching at AcaciaWood I taught Chemistry, ESL and AP Biology. Later, I got the opportunity to teach Biology, Chemistry, Pre Algebra, Algebra 1, 6th grade Social Studies, 6th grade Earth Science, 5th and 6th grade math. Currently, I'm teaching Chemistry, Life Science, Physical Science and I'm helping with the AP Psychology course.



Q: What led you to teach the classes you teach?

A: I majored in Microbiology in college and went on to pursue my masters degree in Food Biotechnology. Once I completed my graduation, I started my PhD course circling back to microbiology. I have always been interested in medical sciences and so I was very happy when I was offered to teach Chemistry and Biology at AcaciaWood.

Q: What is your favorite memory from teaching?

A: AcaciaWood is a very special place for me. I consider it to be my second home. I don't have any particular favorite memory but I have definitely enjoyed all AGATE outings and Spirit weeks. Before, we used to have quarterly homeroom competitions by the name of "HAPPY HOMEROOM COMPETITION". The year that Ms. Chen was my homeroom student. It was one of the most memorable years I guess, where we won the competition for all 4 quarters. Also, I used to have study sessions for final exam prep at my house which used to be fun where students would come and review for finals and we would either have lunch or dinner together.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS: ESTHER JOU

By: Andrea Villanueva and Brooke Nguyen

The most memorable school outing I participated in was the time we went to the park and Korean BBQ for AGATE in my junior year. This outing was a nice experience where I enjoyed spending time with my friends. My biggest fear when I started high school was the fear of having a crime committed against me. Unfortunately, I have not overcome this fear but I plan to move out of Anaheim in the future to lessen the chances of this happening. In regards to my high school experience, my family has played an essential role and have supported and guided me throughout these years. I'm grateful to my parents for the sacrifices they have made so I could pursue my hobbies, like chess, and the encouragement they have given me through all the ups and downs. In the future, I plan to major in applied math or something STEM-related and complete my undergraduate degree at a four-year university.



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