



# THE EAGLE EYE

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## Varsity Soccer Team Breaks Record



Photo Credit: John Burson, Varsity Football Coach of Charaboy Iniestra

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This Spring the SPHS Boys Varsity Soccer team won the 2023 CIF State SoCal Boys Soccer Division 2 Championships with a score of 1:0. We interviewed two of the star players, Ian Exline (junior) and Charaboy Iniestra (senior), interested in their plans for the future regarding soccer.

“My plan is to go pro,” said Iniestra. Iniestra broke the SPHS boy’s school record for total number of goals scored in a single season this year.

Exline has a different plan. “When I was little I wanted to go pro but that’s pretty rare... I think I want to try to play college ball, and then I’ll probably pursue it as much as I can,” commented Exline. Exline scored the winning and only goal for the Championship game.

We were also curious about what got these players to where they are now, and any advice they had to give to newer players.

“I was off season in November and pretty much all of October,” Exline added. “I was out almost every single day just practicing as much as I could just to get better.” After sharing this he left us with these words of advice: “Work hard. And know that you could always work harder.”

## The Mysterious Gate Revealed



Photo Credit: Juliana McCormack

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Right before winter break SP students noticed several new large metal poles between the MPR and Gym.

When students returned to SP on January 10, 2023 there was a brand new fence connecting the two buildings. The fence has 3 door openings but only one is always open. The real question is: why is there a fence? Well, the journalism team went ahead and talked to one of our Assistant Principals, Kevin Myers, to find an answer.

“The purpose of the fence is to delineate the athletic sports area from the rest of campus,” Myers explained.

“For instance, when we have games on Friday evenings we are able to secure campus and close the main part of campus while maintenance and operations do their work, and we can safely open up the athletic area to keep our San Pasqual High School fans in the athletic portion of the school,” Myers concluded.

## A Win for Our Girl’s Wrestling Team



Photo Credit: Ricardo Moreno, Valeria Hernandez tackling opponent at a meet.

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The San Pasqual’s Girl’s Wrestling team are champions of “The Queen of the Jungle” Tournament, a match hosted by Escondido High School. From what we have gathered, this tournament is only a single step on their path to greatness. They plan to place into the CIF tournaments, and after that, Masters. And if they perform well at Masters, it will lead them to have the chance of competing at CIF State. Though it is more of an individual sport, the team comes together to practice more than just wrestling. Discipline and time management are crucial skills they practice in their everyday lives. We’ve interviewed one of their members to learn more about the team and what they have planned for the future.

Miranda Mateo, junior at SP, wrestles for both the junior varsity and varsity wrestling team. She plans on conditioning herself in preparation for future matches, specifically CIF and Masters. We’ve asked her to share some insight into the team.

“Much like any other sport, wrestling has its fair share of challenges,” Mateo said. “As a contact sport there is much risk involved, mentally and physically. It involves on and off season practice, practice during school breaks, and even weight management. As we were discussing this topic, she stressed the importance of practice, saying that it helps you grow in your skill and as a person. Your performance on the mat is a reflection of your comfortability in practice.”

“Wrestling is a sport that makes you feel strong and confident” Mateo added. “You’re always pushing yourself to do better and it teaches a lot...”

Valeria Hernandez, another member of the wrestling team and the only individual to make it to Masters, shares her thoughts on wrestling.

“I like wrestling because it is an independent sport,” Hernandez said. “You can compete on your own, yet it still does involve teamwork because you train with each other.”

Hernandez placed 5th in the Masters.

To those who are curious about wrestling, and to those who are interested in any sport, these words will speak to you:



“If you want to try wrestling, don’t be afraid, you have to get comfortable with being uncomfortable,” Mateo concluded. “Sometimes you’ll lose, sometimes you’ll win. The whole point is to keep trying and not give up. When you give up, it tends to be noticeable on the mat. Practicing is important to get better, don’t just do the bare minimum, strive to do better and better. Ask for help if you need it, take care of yourself. Within time you’ll improve but it depends on how hard you work for it. The amount of work you put in shows on the mat.”



Image Credit: Miguel Ponce

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## Teacher Feature

### Op-Ed

San Pasqual High School had several new teachers and staff members in 2023. We interviewed a few of them and asked them what their goal was for the year. Here is what they had to say.

Abigail Arrioja is a Math 1 and 2 teacher. She is of Latino descent and closely identifies with the majority student population at San Pasqual High School. “We need to diversify fields like STEM with women of color,” stated Arrioja. “I thought I could make a big impact by helping students whose culture I share...I chose to be a math teacher to make an impact and represent the minorities.” Arrioja is currently in a grad school program while simultaneously teaching full time at SPHS. Her personal goal for the year is to find a healthy work-life balance.

Austin Conery is also a Math 1 and 2 teacher. He teaches freshmen and sophomores. “My goal for this year is to get adapted to San Pasqual High School’s culture and to get to know all students,” responded Conery.

Andrea (AJ) Wood teaches English 9 and one class of English 11. She comes to us from Northern California. Wood is an alum of SPHS and is happy that her career has led her back home. “My goal is to have students enjoy school and become better readers and writers,” commented Wood.

Tyson Smith is the new Assistant Principal this year. Smith served as a teacher for 16 years prior to becoming an administrator. “My goal this year is to build relationships. The most meaningful lessons and knowledge I have gained in life has come from those around me,” stated Smith in response to our question. Smith is dedicated to creating a positive and thriving space for students on campus. “I am constantly amazed at the strength and genius of our youth today,” concluded Smith.

Karen Jewell teaches English 11 and English 9 Honors. She can be found in Room 309. When asked what her aspirations were for the year, she responded: “My goal for this year as a new Eagle teacher is to be a part of the community and make sure I produce really great writers who want to put their voice out into the world.”

Sara Kennedy currently teaches College and Career Readiness (CCR) during 1st Semester and Health during 2nd Semester. “My goal is to meet all of the freshmen regardless if they’re in my CCR class or the other ones; to get to know the freshman class and for them to pass my class,” Kennedy stated. They all need 30 credits this semester to move forward ... CCR is also about getting them acclimated to high school so just making sure everyone has the resources and the tools that they need to keep moving forward at San Pasqual.”

## The Final Pep Rally of 2023



Image Credit: Areli Ledesma

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The pep rally of April 21, 2023 was a memorable one as students dressed up according to their assigned class colors: Freshmen in Yellow, Sophomores in Green, Juniors in Blue, and Seniors in Red. Once everyone sat in their seats – split up by grade level – students eagerly awaited for the rally to start. The National Anthem was sung, the lights went out, and the Spring sports teams were presented as the following: Boy’s Golf, Basketball, Boy’s Tennis, Volleyball, Swim, Softball, each with their own unique introductions.

The pep rally was bountiful with entertainment as a flow of intense games ensued to determine which class would amount the most points. There were table surfing and cup stacking contests, as well as a collective “finish the lyric” competition. Our dance ensemble and cheerleading squad graced us with compelling performances that left us on the very edge of our seats. We also witnessed the much awaited fashion show where teachers were dressed in creative costumes and evaluated by a panel of judges.

At the very end of it all, the junior class tallied up the most points and won both A and B rallies. These reigning upperclassmen took home the gold donned in their armor of blue. This pep rally was one for the books, and we have to give our thanks to ASB for their outstanding work with this event and the rest to come.

## Meet the Eagle Eye Staff



Photo Credit: Bree Cassidy. From left to right: Amanda “Eli” Chittaphong, Kayla Tran, Caitlyn Adlao, Miguel Ponce, Juliana McCormack, and Juan Garcia.

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