

## Senior Luau Warms Up Cool Temperatures

### Fire Dancer Steals Show With Amazing Skills

By Reid Hulst, Opinion Editor



Some lucky students received a hula lesson from the fire dancer. (Photo Credit: Alex McDevitt)

November 2 marked the highly anticipated Senior Luau event at Cypress High School. The senior-exclusive included live music, spectacular shows, and the impressive fire spinning display.

Students arrived at 6:00PM and were anxious to hop into the activities planned for the night. A photo booth was set up along with Polynesian themed cuisine. Although the relatively bitter

temperature of 62F degrees was ever-present, that didn't stop the seniors from having an amazing time.

The night picked up when the band ushered music to the center of the quad, leading the masses to encircle the stage in preparation for the show.

Multiple performers graced the stage, embodying the island cultures of Hawaii, occasionally inviting volunteers to the audience to join. The talented **Mr. Cobleigh** was even able to perform a bit.

The main event of the night was no doubt the fire dancer. Everyone stood amazed as he effortlessly tossed and twirled the flaming stick, even stopping to lay the flames on his tongue!

Senior **Tyler Degener** said, "It was good to see different dances and traditions from around the world on display."



The Polynesian theme was completed by the fire dancer, who even touched the flames with his tongue.



Mr. Cobleigh (center) joined students in some hula dancing. (Photo Credits: Alex McDevitt)

## Theater Spectaculathon Includes Popular Fairy Tales

By Anelina Alegre, Editor-in-Chief



Junior **Madison Nonenmacher's** Rapunzel is locked in her tower while Senior **Emily Anesi's** witch holds her captive. (Photo Credit: Cypress Journalism)

Cypress Theater performed The Brother's Grimm Spectaculathon on November 3rd and 4th. This unique play included fairy tales written by the Brothers Grimm themselves, combining 209 fairy tales into 11 acts. Some of the stories included Hansel & Gretel, Snow White, and Cinderella. Students from Theatre 1 and Theatre 2 came together to bring the play to life, with everyone having a role either onstage or backstage.

The director of this play was **Ryan Lee**, a senior in Theatre 2. The two theater classes have been preparing for the play for weeks. Lee said, "I really enjoyed watching the play grow and unfold over the weeks of practicing and creating the play." A challenge about directing the play was matching the actors to their scenes. Since theater is two periods, students had overlapping desired roles. "We had to group

them according to scenes and class," Lee said.

Senior **Faith Dagarag's** role was art director. She was in charge of overseeing set design, and also worked with their large collection of props while collaborating with other directors and the stage manager to make sure things ran smoothly.

Though opening night was naturally stressful for most of the students, the performance was really fun to watch. Something that made this play stand out from the others was how interactive the actors were with the audience. The actors instructed viewers to jump in with sound effects, holding up cue cards that directed them when to shout, whisper, or clap.

Another unique aspect of this play was the ASL interpretation. Over on stage left, ASL students (including teacher **Ms. Tanya Winterton**) interpreted the dialogue in real time.

The actors got a lot of laughs from the crowd, and it was cool to see how returning actors have improved from their experience and grown into their roles.

On closing night, returning theater students had a surprise

waiting: **Mrs. Stewart** awarded them with their varsity certificates. These students had been in theater for two years, and finally being in varsity was a big accomplishment for them. "Becoming a member of varsity theater made me feel like I was on top of the world!" Dagarag shared.

The final performance was a collective effort of all theater students, and they worked hard to make their visions a reality. Receiving the varsity title was a big milestone, and all praise for The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon was well deserved.



Senior actor **La Muir Metoyer's** act had a bunch of laughs from the audience. (Photo Credit: Anelina Alegre)

# BeReal: The Facade of Performative Authenticity

By Anelina Alegre, Editor-in-Chief



The Journalism class caught posing for a staged BeReal while they taste test donuts for a food review article. (Photo Credit: Anelina Alegre's BeReal)

Social media has long been a contest that is detrimental to insecurities like body dysmorphia, cyberbullying, and social competition. BeReal, a rising social media platform, is aiming to challenge the social norms of mainstream media.

However, though BeReal aims to break social media's performative nature, has it really been successful?

The app's premise is that you can only post one photo daily, with a time limit of two minutes to snap your photo using both the back and front camera. Every user will get a notification at the same time when it's time to

"be real" and check in with a photo of what they're doing. With this instant and unfiltered approach, BeReal is trying to show that social media doesn't need to be perfect. Users post their BeReal anywhere, from lying in bed to their offices at work.

However, many users are accused of "being fake." BeReal allows you to retake your photo and even post as late as you want. Many users take advantage of these forgiving features by waiting until they do something interesting—like going to a party—before checking in on their BeReal. This defeats the app's stated purpose; by giving users the option of staging their photos, BeReal is no longer the authentic-driven platform it professes to be.

As BeReal grew, joining the performative nature of mainstream

social media was inevitable. Every social media platform has tried to find a way to be "authentic." For example, Snapchat has its play-once feature, and Instagram users have adopted the trend of photo dumps and candid photos. As Youtuber Amanda Maryanna said in her video essay on , this growing era of social media is "less a rejection of perfectionism and curation, but simply a different aesthetic one that thrives off the illusion of effortlessness."

Ultimately, social media will never be a performance. Although it's unique, BeReal strayed from its original intended purpose. Authenticity and social media are contradictory; when one posts on social media, there will always be the intention of having an audience. The only true way to "be real" is to detach from social media itself to live fully in the present moment.

## Epic Games' Top Five Fortnite Crossover Skins

By Jonathon Rice, Staff Writer

Fortnite, the cross-platform video game, has had a lot of crossover skins. Some were loved, and others not so much. These crossovers have ranged from "Rick and Morty" to "Stranger Things." So here is a top 5 ranking of the best skins out of all the collab skins.

Master Chief in the "Halo" series starting in number five. This is in fifth place because "Halo" is one of the most loved video game series. This was a clever idea by Epic Games (the creators of Fortnite) because having a crossover with two popular video games increases popularity.

Next in fourth place is Naruto. The reason why this is in the fourth spot is that Naruto is one of the most commonly known and popular anime. Having a crossover from a video game to an anime is a great idea.

The third rank goes to Goku. For similar reasons to why Naruto is in fourth. Goku is slightly ahead of Naruto and in the number three spot because there were Goku-themed weapons implemented into the game that everyone can use.

In the number two spot is Thanos. He was added to Fortnite as a part of a temporary crossover in Chapter 1: Season 4. The reason why Thanos is in our number two

spot is that he has his own abilities and only one person per match could be him. More importantly, though, he finally became an official skin in Chapter 2: Season 7.

The top spot goes to Spider-Man. Spider-Man is a Marvel superhero that was added in Chapter 3: Season 1 of Fortnite. He is ranked number one because Spider-Man is one of the most popular Marvel characters and adding him to Fortnite is a really smart move knowing that Fortnite is really popular as well. You couldn't go anywhere without seeing a Spider-Man skin when it first came out.

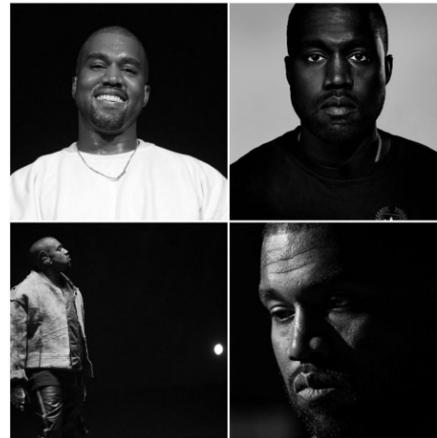
Epic Games has good marketing ideas. They are intelligent and know how to add good crossover skins that make users happy.



(Photo Credit: Nintendo Switch)

## Kanye: Face of Fiery Fame

By Damian Kruger, Copy Editor



Kanye West has been a controversial figure for years. (Collage by Damian Kruger)

"Kanye West" (born June 8, 1977) is an American rapper, songwriter, record producer, and fashion designer. He has been widely regarded as one of the most influential hip hop artists & producers. But, as time passes, Kanye's fame and name have faded. To start, Kanye's "big break" came when he became the producer for Roc-A-Fella Records during the 2000's. However, Kanye's initial recognition in the music industry was thought to be cut short due to a near-fatal car accident he suffered in 2002 (Money Inc). After falling asleep at the wheel on his way home from the studio, Kanye underwent jaw reconstruction surgery, having his mouth wired shut. What would have usually been the end for most artists from performing, Kanye wrote a new track on the spot. He ordered an electronic drum

machine, to produce, "Through the Wire," sung through his clenched teeth. He went on to marry Kim Kardashian, famous for her iconic TV show, "Keeping Up With the Kardashians." For Kanye, marrying Kim might have been the greatest business move he ever made, since Kim frequently supported his fashion lines with pop-up shows and through advertising on social media. During that time together they went on to have four children, before Kim filed for a divorce last year. But, the struggles and support he received throughout his life, ultimately lead to his downfall.

Kanye was banned from the Grammys due to controversial remarks he made on live television, as well as on social media. The most controversial was the anti-semitic post he made about Jews. He had supported the events, violence, and discrimination towards Jewish people. This led to a number of reported incidents of assault, vandalism and harassment targeting Jewish communities and individuals in the United States. Because of this, his followers, community, and even sponsors, such as Adidas, began dropping Kanye. This was arguably his biggest mistake and arguably his ultimate downfall, giving him the name of the most critically acclaimed and controversial rapper/producer of the 21st century.

## Mrs. Stewart, the Mistress Behind Theater Magic

By Mia McMurray, Photo Editor & Business Editor



**Mrs. Marianne Stewart**, a theater and English teacher at Cypress High, has been teaching in the Anaheim Union High School District for 18 years. She earned her Bachelor's degree as well as her teaching credential at the University of California, Irvine. Her current artist inspiration is David Bowie.

Stewart, because she loves reading and writing poetry, became an English teacher. She also chose to teach theater because she enjoys storytelling and writing stories. The students in her theater class always give her a good laugh.

Stewart also shared that the

best thing about being a teacher is helping students figure out how to do something that they want to do. "It's just the best, most satisfying thing... helping someone make something that wasn't there before appear, or making their idea become real... it's really fun," Stewart said.

Mrs. Stewart's room neighbor at school, **Ms. Sharon Coffee**, met Mrs. Stewart when they ran into each other as she moved into her room for the first time. Coffee said that Mrs. Stewart's best qualities are her kindness and her positive attitude. "She is very, very kind.

She is always willing to help me out and she's always so positive," Coffee stated.

Theater director, Senior **Ryan Lee**, worked with Ms. Stewart to decide who played each role in the school play. They also work together to decide which actors have good chemistry with each other. He said that working as a theater director can be stressful mainly because of the process that he and Mrs. Stewart go through with choosing actors for their roles. Lee mentioned that Stewart's best quality is that she is "kind and cool". He said that she spends so much of her time helping theater, after-school rehearsal, and pizza parties, which he really appre-

ciates.

Stewart mentioned that her theater students have been working on the upcoming Brothers Grimm school play since the previous school year. She explained that last school year, the students presented plays that they wanted to produce, then chose one as a class so that they knew who the directors would be before school ended. She stated that casting for the play began the second week of school this year. She added a note to those going to see the play saying, "Get ready... we're going to ruin your favorite fairy tales... so we're sorry!"



Mrs. Stewart surprised her students on stage with their Theater Varsity letters. (Photo Credit: Cypress Journalism)

## Thanksgiving Foods For The Body and The Soul

By Emily Galvan, Staff Writer



Here's a collage of foods that were recommended! (Collage by Emily Galvan)

Thanksgiving is a holiday that is beloved by many people, especially the food! A quick visit to some classrooms show that Cypress' favorite Thanksgiving food is mashed potatoes, with turkey following close behind. Pumpkin pie and sandwiches trailed in third

and fourth place in popularity. Pecan pie placed last with one vote. Ham, baked sweet potatoes, cheesecake, cranberries, cornbread, and apple pie were in the medium ground, while salads, casseroles, yams, and pecan pie were least popular.

There were three questions in the survey, and the second question was "What food are you most thankful for?" The mashed potatoes are the most popular yet again. Other included foods are corn, ham, pozole, salad, bread rolls, lugaw, rice, and turkey.

The third and final segment inquired about food recommenda-

tions from one's respective culture. Fried chicken, Babinka, Halo Halo, Kare Kare, Spring rolls, Egg rolls, Lettuce rolls, Sarmale, Tamales, Pozole, Mandu, Ramen noodles, and Tacos were all on the list of recommended foods.

Fried chicken is just as the name sounds, and it originates from Scotland and the U.S.! Bibingka is a Filipino cake made of rice, butter, eggs, sugar, coconut milk, and has cheese, salted duck egg, and grated coconut.

Halo Halo, which is also of Filipino origin, is made of shaved ice evaporated milk, or coconut milk, ube jam (ube halaya), sweetened kidney or garbanzo beans, coconut strips, sago, gulaman (agar), pinipig, boiled taro or soft yams in cubes, flan, slices or portions of fruit preserves and other root crop preserves.

The dessert is topped with a scoop of ube. Kare Kare is a soup with peanut sauce. It's a popular

Filipino dish that is served on special occasions. There are instances wherein both ox tripe and tail are used. The vegetable components of the dish are bok choy, string beans, eggplant, tomato, and okra (*abelmoschus esculentos*).

Spring rolls are made of cooked chicken or shrimp, chopped veggies, herbs, noodles, and rice paper wrappers. Tamales are a dish for the holidays that are wrapped in paper, so please unwrap it before eating! Pozole is Mexican chicken noodle soup that has hominy.

There are different variations of pozole, with red, green, and white. Pozole is generally eaten with tortillas or tostadas. Mandu is a Korean dumpling. Tacos are another Hispanic food, made of a tortilla, a choice of beef, chicken, asada, or sometimes even chorizo, with tomatoes, avocado, onion, cilantro, lime, pico de gallo and sometimes rice!

## Physics Egg Drop Cracks Down On Students

By Benjamin Viveros, Staff Writer



Mr. Gartner and other teachers helped students test their knowledge of key physics principles. (Photo Credit: Anish Ashokkumar)

The egg drop is a staple of every Physics class, helping students learn about gravity, mass, acceleration, and velocity. The egg drop and the boat race are two of the big projects that Physics does where all of the students get to build something with their classmates and really have fun with it.

When starting the egg drop, the students have an almost infinite amount of designs they can choose from. A lot of students create some sort of triangle shape to protect their egg. Many students attempt to create a parachute. Whether the egg survives or not is up to the craftsmanship of the device. While students

build, they have to test their creation to make sure it will work.

The egg drop day is one of the most anticipated days because the students are learning and they are outside of the classroom. It helps them think outside of the box, figuratively and literally.

According to Physics teacher **Adam Wilk**, “The designs that work the best are the ones that kind of suspend the egg in the middle of the device where there is room for the egg to move left to right when it hits the ground.”

The best part about egg drop is that anything can work if you try hard enough. Junior **Anish Ashokkumar** said, “One struggle we faced was the amount of material for our drop.” Another junior **Zaina Elsousi** said, “It was a challenge to create

an effective and efficient device... We had to make three devices and I struggled to keep on upgrading it”

Even though some students’ eggs did not survive, the class still learned about key physics principles.



A physics student prepares her parachute to protect her egg. (Photo Credit: Cypress Journalism)

## Cypress Students Discover Kababayan at Kaibigan Club

By Jayden Kay Linayao, Video Editor

Kamusta! Have you heard of Kababayan at Kaibigan club? Also known as Filipino club, it is a club meant to bring together the Pinoys and Pinays of Cypress High and educate anybody who’s interested about Filipino culture. Over 40 members attend their biweekly meetings in room 214.

“I love that we are able to show our history of the Philippines and be, in a way, involved in the school.” Co-President **Gabrielle Agor** mentioned. The main idea of the Filipino club is for anybody of any race to learn about the Philippines and attend the meetings. “Kababayan club is a club where Filipino students can be together in a group, but other students can join also.” Agor continues. “This club is just overall welcoming to other students, not just Filipinos. I think it’s nice to have our culture be a part of Cypress High School.”

What does the name mean? Some have a difficult time pronouncing the lengthy name of the club, but it has a deeper meaning. Kababayan means nation or fellow

Filipinos, and Kaibigan translates to “friends” from Tagalog.

If you and your friends are interested in digging deeper into the Filipino culture, food, and community, join the Kababayan at Kaibigan club every other Monday. Paalam!



The board surprised their first 40 members that arrived to the Halloween meeting with Halo Halo! (Photo Credit: Jayden Kay Linayao & Francheska Banzil)

## Cypress Key Club Continues To Serve Its Community

By Zoe Chung, Staff Writer



Cypress Key Club members show their spirit at Fall Rally South. (Photo Credit: Joie Do)

Cypress High’s Key Club has one objective and one objective only—to serve its community through community service and to serve Cypress’ high schoolers by giving them opportunities to meet the 40 hour requirement for graduation and making a family/community for them.

CKC’s devoted president, **Natalie Sheng**, discussed the purpose and components of Key Club and its committed board members. Cypress Key Club’s meetings take place in **Ms. Shin’s** room on Wednesdays. Key Club meetings

are centered around both old and new business.

Being a board member in Key Club comes with various responsibilities. Sheng’s role as club president includes being in charge of “a lineage between ASB and Key Club and also the lineage between the club and the division.”

Being a member of Cypress Key Club can provide an individual with many opportunities as well as an environment where the individual can build leadership and communication skills. “You make a lot of friends in Key Club, and it also helps you understand the purpose of community service and get closer to your community,” Sheng added.

Cypress Key Club encourages you to join as an enthusiastic member and possibly run for board.

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## Taylor's Sleepless Nights Explained Through "Midnights"

By Grace Kim, Staff Writer



Taylor makes a comeback with her new album, "Midnights". (Collage by Grace Kim)

On midnight of the 21st of October, Taylor Swift dropped her 10th studio album, "Midnights". Completed with 13 tracks and a collaboration with Lana Del Rey, the album consists of Swift's stories of 13 sleepless nights filled with thoughts of current and past lovers, self-loathing, and revenge.

Her album opens up with "Lavender Haze." In the song, Swift sings about happily loving your partner by ignoring outside influ-

ences that can stop you from loving them.

But relationships are not always happy, having their struggles, which Swift talks about in "The Great War." In this song, she sings about resisting the desire to let past relationships ruin her current one by doubting her mind.

When fans had finished listening to the brand-new album, they were ready for another surprise. Swift surprised her audience a few

hours after the release of "Midnights" with seven additional songs she had written while making "Midnights" 13 magical songs. "Midnights" (3 am Edition), which has seven other songs, completes the 20-song list taking listeners about 70 minutes to finish.

"Bigger Than the Whole Sky," from the 3 am Edition, reflects the goodbye to a lost loved one and the doubt and grief it may cause to experience. Many think the song might be referring to the emotional despair associated with miscarriage based on lyrics that refer to loss and never being to meet.

Maturing through relationships, Swift's spectrum of music expands to a new level. Swift writes impactful lyrics that can inspire others to never give up on love and see relationships in a realistic light rather than just searching for the positive side of love.

In the Billboard Hot 100, all 10 top spots are filled with works from Swift's collection, making her the first artist in history to achieve this accomplishment.

**Lauren Ybarra**, a sophomore at Cypress, expressed her love and excitement for Swift's album.

"For my favorite song, I would say 'You're on Your Own Kid' because it has an amazing bridge. After her last few albums, she went back to pop, so I was just wowed by it. I really love it." She continued saying, "I really liked the 'Bejeweled' music video. It has so many easter eggs for her upcoming album, so I was going crazy over it."

**Justin Vo**, another student attending Cypress, talked about Swift's work.

"It's really good, and after a really long time of just pre-recordings, it's really refreshing. 'Question...?' would be my favorite song on the album. There's a variety, but in the album, I would recommend everyone to listen to 'Maroon.'"

It's easy to recall regrets and painful memories when you're up late and lost in your thoughts. Swift's "Midnights" ideally help us see a new perspective on relationships and help us find hope in her words.

## Armies can't wait for BTS Jin's transformation!

By Lauren Kim, Staff Writer

Kim Seok Jin, the oldest member of pop group BTS, is enlisting into the Korean Army.

Under South Korean law, all men with ages ranging from 18-35, are required to perform 18-21 months of military service. Although the BTS "armies" are unhappy about this situation, they understand that it is Jin's duty and responsibility to serve their country.

The president of Korean

club, **Becca Choe** said, "In Korean society, when a public figure doesn't enlist for their mandatory military service, it's deemed as setting a bad example, so it's understandable that BTS is enlisting now. However, the Korean government also exempts military service for national award recipients, Korean olympians, and more. BTS has received multiple national awards from the Korean government, brought in billions to

the Korean economy, and helped globalize Korean pop culture, is that not enough?"

**Hajin Nam**, a freshman and passionate fan, exclaimed, "They should've stopped. WE NEED THEM RIGHT NOW. THEY ARE MY INSPIRATION, THERAPIST, AND REASON WHY I AM STILL ALIVE TODAY."

Jin recently released a new single called "Astronaut" which talks about the love for all his fans and

that he will be back soon. This line from the song, "You were shining towards me, The only light found in the darkness on my path to you" describes how his fans were the light into his world and it changed his life for the better.

The remaining BTS members will continue their original schedule and will wait until their time of enlistment arrives.

## Harry Styles Love On Tour

By Deborah Son, Student Activities Editor

The popular singer-songwriter, Harry Styles, had a Love on Tour concert for his new album, "Harry's House." The songs in his album were, Music for a Sushi Restaurant, As it Was, Matilda, Keep Driving, Love of my Life, Late night Talking, Daylight, Cinema, Satellite, Grapejuice, Little Freak, Daydreaming, and Boyfriends. The top #1 song on Billboard that was popular amongst the fans was "As it Was."

The Love on Tour started on September 4, 2021, in Vegas, Neva-

da, and will end on July 22, 2023, in Reggio Emilia, Italy.

**Mrs. Davidson**, an English teacher at Cypress High School, went to the concert on October 28, 2022. She got her ticket from Ticketmaster and her favorite part was Harry dancing and singing. She started listening to Harry Styles during the pandemic when his song, "Adore you" played on the radio. She liked his lyrics and started to get to know him more in the spring of 2020. "My favorite song would be "Satellite" be-

cause it meant waiting for someone to come." Davidson also liked the song, "As it was" because she could relate to it during the pandemic when everything changed and was nostalgic. "He's an amazing, talented performer," she said.

**Janya Jagan**, a sophomore at Cypress High School went to the fourth Harry Styles concert on October 28, 2022. "It was a really fun concert, and all of us jammed out to songs, and took so many videos and pictures." Jagan started listening

to Harry Styles whenever she was stressed and her favorite song was "Love of My Life" because it was the first song she heard in the album.

The Los Angeles concerts occurring on November 5th, 6th, and 7th were postponed until January 26th, 27th, and 29th in 2023 because the singer came down with the flu. Although many fans are disappointed, they are anticipating a speedy recovery from Harry Styles. His next destination is Inglewood, CA on his tour.

## Fall Sports Roundup

By Juliana Dubois, Staff Writer



Before round II of CIF, Volleyball defeated Orange Lutheran, Valencia, Villa Park, Lakewood, and in addition to beating Kennedy overall. Our Volleyball girls have been undefeated during their season. Well done Centurions!

Cross Country is looking great with this being their fourth year straight in CIF, this year led by new coach **Mr. Tweed**. League finals will be on November 19.

Girl's Golf went up against La Habra, Pacifica, San Juan Hills, Los Alamitos, and defeated them all, including Walnut High with an outstanding score. In girl's golf, Senior **Cristen Legaspi** made her way to CIF State and the team has an unbeatable record this fall.

Fall athletes see the end of this season as an opportunity to recover from all their hard work and dedication to their teams. Congratulations to Girls Golf, Girls Volleyball, Cross Country, and our Football Team. Excellent victories Centurions! What a way to end this Fall season of Sports.

All Fall Sports are coming to an end this year after a great fall season filled with plenty of victories. With only a month left of 2022, many football athletes are excited to be ending this year on a good note after a record breaking undefeated season and a spot in the CIF semifinals.

Varsity Football is undefeated this school year, after winning CIF Round 1 against Highland High. Led by QB **Aidan Houston** and WR **Matthew Morrell**, in the semifinals they will play Newport Harbor. Football has already had an epic season!

## Astros Defeat Phillies In World Series

By Carly Pedroza, Staff Writer

The Astros beat the Phillies in the World Series four games to two on November 5th, 2022 at Citizens Bank Park.

To get to the World Series, the Phillies beat the Padres 4-1 and the Astros beat the Yankees 4-0. The Phillies made it to the World Series for the first time since 2008, which took many fans by surprise. For the last three years the Astros have made it to the World Series but the last time they won was in 2017, which was famous for its cheating scandal. The Phillies have not won the World Series since 2008.

Astro outfielder Kyle Tucker made the final catch of the final game, but throughout all six games the Astros managed to stay pretty close in score with the Phillies. Out of all six games, the Phillies narrowly won two with the scores 6-5 for the first game and 7-0 for game three.

After becoming the second team in 20 years to blow a five plus run lead in a game in the World Series,

the Astros were out for revenge on the Phillies in game two. Astros pitchers combined for the second no-hitter in World Series history in game 4.

Astros Manager Dusty Baker won his first World Series as manager. Baker has been a part of the MLB for 54 years. He played 19 seasons with a few different teams including the World Championship Dodgers, but in 1992 he decided to be a manager. He is the first manager in MLB history to take five different teams to the World Series.

Despite the fact that the Astros received punishments from MLB for their cheating scandal they were still able to make it to the World Series, angering some fans. As a punishment for their cheating General Managers Luhnow and Hinch were suspended for the 2020 season, including the playoffs, and later fired.

Although the controversy won't go away soon, the talent of this year's Astros cannot be denied.

## Cypress Has Much To Be Thankful For

By Brianna Park, Features Editor



"I'm thankful for my family, having a roof over my head, and food." -**Michelle Park**, sophomore



"This is my first year in Cypress, and I'm thankful to be here in Cypress." -**Mr. Matt Tweed**, Special Ed Teacher



"I'm thankful for my family and everyone being healthy." -**Gabriel Huerta**, Security



"I am thankful for my family, my new job at Cypress High School, and my dog, Storm." -**Mr. Lucas Bramlett**, Counseling Office

## Spotlight Staff Savors Seasonal Sweets

By Brianna Naranjo, Features Editor

As the weather starts changing to fall, so do our taste in foods. There are many types of fall comfort foods and Cypress' very own Centurion Spotlight staff has decided on which ones are the best during this cold weather.

One of the best fall recipes was the beloved cinnamon rolls. Everyone has been completely enamored by this delectable treat. Staffer **Juliana Dubois** said, "Warm, fluffy buns of goodness that sweetly melt in your mouth into gooey perfection." This fall treat was rated a 10/10. Our staff recommends this desert any time of the day.

Our staff also got to try and rate the classic fall treat which is pumpkin bread. This delicious bread will always bring joy to your life and a smile to your face, that is if you like pumpkins. This delectable bread will most definitely spice up your life and we got to try it courtesy of **Jayden Kay Linayao**. One of the staff members said, "When I ate this bread, as soon as I bit into it I started to dance like a monkey because of how great the flavor was." The Cen-

turion Spotlight staff members rated it a 9/10 overall and recommend eating it any time of the day.



The Spotlight staff got to try homemade pumpkin bread baked by our own member Jayden!

One last fall treat that the Centurion Spotlight staff got to try were donuts. These fluffy, glazed treats were delicious and absolutely made everybody's day. Our staff rated this treat a 9/10 and recommended it in the morning as a breakfast option along with some milk or coffee. One of our staff members even said, "Donuts put a smile on anyone's face."

The Centurion Spotlight staff absolutely loved to try all of these amazing treats and wish to do it again in the future!

# Houston, Morrell Lead Team To CIF Finals

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Cypress defeated Newport Harbor 17-14 behind Trevor Monteleone, Matthew Morrell, kicker Logan Kennedy, and QB Aidan Houston (#15), who has 28 TDs passing as well as 19 TDs rushing. (Photo Credit: Jayden Kay Linayao)

Last Friday, November 18th, our Cypress Centurions defeated Newport Harbor 17-14 in the penultimate game of this spectacular undefeated season. The first quarter went by rather swiftly due to the lack of timeouts used and the running clock. Despite Newport Harbor scoring a touchdown early, Cypress defense was able to quell the attempt at the extra point, restricting the score at 6 for the time being. A few notable plays of the quarter included a defensive sack by **Bruno Caldera** on the opposing team's quarterback and a sharp catch to secure a first down by **Blake Cousimano**.

The second quarter proved interesting as the opposing sides switched between offense and defense frequently. On the defensive end, **Jesse Mauldin** managed to deflect a pass and assist a sack. However on the offensive end, quarterback **Aidan Houston** successfully ran the

ball a few times securing numerous yards and a first down. Towards the end of the quarter, Houston threw a lengthy pass to wide receiver **Matthew Morrell**, but it was rendered incomplete due to some hardy defense from Newport.

During the third quarter the intensity was increased, and our Centurions did well to match it. On Cypress's first on offense, **Trevor Monteleone** secured a first down, ultimately leading to the Centurions first touchdown by Morrell. The point after by **Logan Kennedy** put Cy-

press ahead 7-6. Throughout the quarter Houston was able to find paths through the defenders for yardage and a few first downs. On Cypress defense end, **Rocco Burdett** put up some formidable defense, making stops and executing important tackles.

The beginning of the fourth reminded the Centurions that the Sailors weren't going down without a fight as massive passes were executed, eventually leading to a touchdown and a two-point

conversion, putting Newport Harbor ahead by seven, making the score 7-14.

Cypress responded with a decisive first down by Houston and a miraculous touchdown by Morrell, tying the score up at 14-14. The Centurion defense didn't let up as **Jacob Wilkie** managed to tackle the opposing quarterback and later in that defensive cycle Cypress was able to sack the QB as well.

As the clock whittled down, Cypress made a determined effort to score, as Monteleone secured a monumental catch, sending the Centurions into striking range. With nine seconds on the clock, Kennedy, despite an earlier miss, narrowly scored a field goal from thirty-six yards away. From there, the game was sealed, sending the Centurions to the CIF Finals.



Cypress players congratulated their opponents after another close game and nail-biting finish. (Photo Credit: Jayden Kay Linayao)

# Qatar 2022 World Cup Could Be Last Time For Some

By Nicolas Vega, Staff Writer

As the World Cup nears, all countries are beginning their quest to earn a trophy. Fans are looking for tickets. The soccer community is also looking at three specific teams, Argentina, Brazil, and Belgium. These teams have some of the most talented players in soccer at the moment. Argentina has Messi, the best player to ever play on a soccer field, they also have Paulo Dybala, who is a very talented young soccer player, and Ángel Di María, he is one of the best midfielders to ever play. Brazil has always had a good team but at the moment they have some of the most skillful players in the world such as Neymar Jr., Raphinha, Vini Jr., and Antony. Belgium may not

have many youngsters but they still have some of the most dominant players in the league like Kevin De Bruyne and Eden Hazard.

The World Cup consists of eight group stages: Group A- Qatar, Ecuador, Senegal, Netherlands. Group B- England, IR Iran, USA, Wales. Group C- Argentina, Saudi Arabia, Mexico, Poland. Group D- France, Australia, Denmark, Tunisia. Group E- Spain, Costa Rica, Germany, Japan. Group F- Belgium, Canada, Morocco, Croatia. Group G- Brazil, Serbia, Switzerland, Cameroon. Group H- Portugal, Ghana, Uruguay, Korea Republic. This year every team has at least one challenge and has trained in

specific ways just to face those challenges.

But there may be a set back for choosing Qatar as the host site. They have set instructions for World Cup fans on how to behave while attending the games and staying in Qatar. They include: no public display of affection, no pork, and no alcoholic beverages. These provisions carry a maximum penalty of seven years' imprisonment. Both men and women are criminalized under this law.

On another note, all players from different parts of the world are coming to fight for their trophy. They all share a stage and have the same goal. But the community isn't

focused only on every team, they are focused on the players that have announced that they will be playing their last World Cup this year, such as Cristiano Ronaldo, Leo Messi, Neymar Jr., Luiz Suarez, Edinson Cavani, Robert Lewandowski, and sadly many more. Many fans are focused, especially Ronaldo and Messi. They are both known as the greatest players to have ever played, but neither has won the World Cup, which means this is their last chance.