

TIGER REGIMENT MARCHES INTO SEASON

By Sargun Singh
Editor

Valencia High School Band known as Tiger Regiment has been making our school proud with all its effort and outstanding performances. They are constantly performing in various places and making our school shine at the top. Football games, field shows, and other competitions are a great place to see our marching band to excel.

The next performance for marching band, which will collaborate with color guard, is at the Heritage Day Parade, which will take place this Saturday on October 10th in Placentia. They will perform a segment known as "Glorious Victory" down the Placentia streets and they will be showing their exceptionally well choreographed marching routines to the public. The top performers in these segments are; Victor Vasquez(12), who is the drum major, and color guard captains, Daniel Scharf (12) and Kristen Asbury(12). Though these student leaders and their peers put forth much effort, they could not have been as great as they are today if it wasn't for Mr. Richard King, the band director and the assistant director, Peter Perez. They hold practices every Tuesday at the stadium

and 0 period every morning. They also had the band members attend a 2 week band camp prior to school in order to better prepare the regiment. In these practices the band members take part in various exercises to reach near perfection. They practice marching



Band Playing at th Bell Game for Support. Photo By: Ben Cercea

routines, music, and much more which is reflected in their excellent performances.

One of Tiger regiment's major performances can be seen at the 2009 Field Show "Once upon a Time". The music is a composition in three movements by Richard Saucedo and is given the name "Minimal Speaking".

Valencia High School Marching Band ranks 1st in the class B division and continues to thrive in every competition. When given the chance to ask the band members what they thought about band and their success, Natalie Sanchez(11) shares that "Marching Band has a great environment. We are all friendly with each other and cooperate and that's why we have done this well." Due to their team efforts, these tigers have reached the top of their division and maintain their position there.

Marching band has been a tradition at our school that has been triumphant throughout competitions. When asked Mr. King, what he felt about our Tiger Regiment he said, "the Tiger Regiment has a long tradition of championship performances and competition at the top level in Southern California." With their excellent routines and outstanding effort, these tigers will maintain a successful streak and be successful in every move they make.

This year, Valencia was given the great opportunity to hold the Valencia "Classic" competition at VHS this year. This will be on the same day, this Saturday, October the 10th. Good luck to these tigers!

COMEDY SPORTZ HAS BEGUN

By Angelica Mora
Reporter

Comedy Sportz – that's the place to be! Funny, exciting, thrilling, and entertaining are a few words to describe the experience you get from watching Comedy Sportz. What is Comedy Sportz about? It is an improv show where two teams try to out funny one another. Many arrived to attend the Comedy Sportz Workshop on October 2nd to witness improv in action. Casey Hinger (11), Comedy Sportz student manager, kicked off the workshop by introducing herself and last years alumni, who will be participating in this years show, to the group of eager students. The workshop included many games of improve with names like Huggy Bear, Aah, Freeze, New Choice, and more. The game that caught many of the students' attention was "What Are You Doing?". This game consists of two participants their wacky ideas. Each person takes turns acting out actions and once the other person asks

"What Are You Doing?", the actor replies by saying something that has nothing to do with their actions. For example one student acted out climbing a pole and when asked "What Are You Doing?", he replied with "milking a chicken", then the other player must act like he's milking a chicken and it continues from there. The workshop lasted from 3 to 5 and when it came time for students to leave, they where begging for more.

The activities did not end there. The proceedings of the workshop included a pizza party for those who had attended the Comedy Sportz Workshop and a movie screening of Edward Scissor Hands. The movie was shown in the auditorium at 5:30pm to those who were interested in attending.

There will be workshops throughout the week of October 5th for those interested in testing their improv skills. Auditions will be held in room 507 before school, break, and after school. The show will be held in the auditorium next Friday October 9th at 7:00 pm. A professional Referee will attend to judge both teams. Comedy Sportz is open to any students.



ALL THE STUDENTS WHO ATTENDED LAST FRIDAYS WORKSHOP. PHOTO BY: DOMINIQUE RIJORT.

Beatles Rockband

By Nathaly Romanes
Reporter

What is Rock Band? Rock Band is a video game sensation that has taken over the lives of teenagers. Okay, maybe not that extreme but it sure has created a new hype about video games. You also might add that Rock Band has captivated the attention of new gamers.

They have recently come out with a new edition of Rock Band known as The Beatles: Rock Band. Any one can guess what type of music the game consists of. This game is all about The Beatles' music.

The Beatles are a legendary band; they were at their peak throughout the sixties. They never ceased to amaze their audience and critics. Even though it has been forty years since they have been a united band, they have continuously gained fans throughout the decades. It is a new millenia and they are being brought back through a video game that is widely recognized.

The concept of the game is the same as all the other Rock Band's that have come out previously. The player is set in a "realistic" situation

in which they would perform in the game. He/she chooses what instrument they would like to play and they can select to enjoy the game by playing guitar, drums or singing; and the great thing is that you don't have to have Paul McCartney or John Lennon's voice to be able to sing for the game.

This game gives the fans a chance to experience The Beatles legendary story. The gamer is playing the game

as an actual band member. Its setting is meant to make you feel like you're actually on stage performing as a Beatle; choose to play the drums then your character is set as Ringo Starr.

An experienced gamer, Isaac Arreola, shared what the game

was all about. He felt that

this game was the best out of all of the Rock Band editions that have come out.

"The Beatles have the greatest music ever." He was implying that the game was great and everyone should appreciate it as much as he does.

The Beatles: Rock Band has been out in stores for a few weeks now and has gained very good reviews. "HELP!" to keep The Beatles alive by going out and purchasing The Beatles: Rock Band.

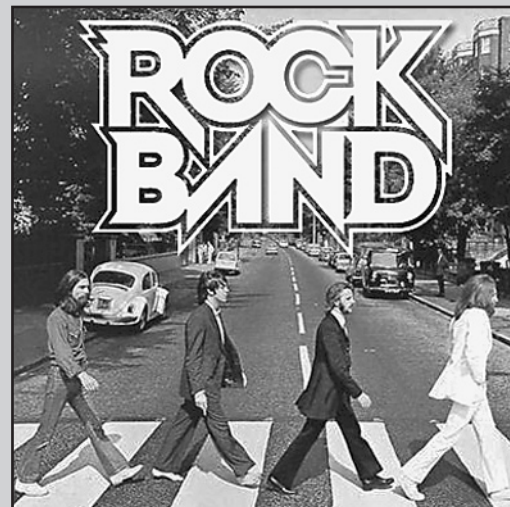


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ORCHESTRA POLISHES NATURAL TALENT

The 09-10 Valencia High School Orchestra prepares for a great new school year. Beginning with their first concert on the night of November 3rd. Playing with El Dorado and Esperanza High Schools, the tigers are sure to shine and make Valencia proud.

By Nathaly Romanes
Reporter

It's a new school year and a new Orchestra group. Orchestra has recently held auditions for the string playing musicians who are motivated to progress in the musical art.

There are three levels of Orchestra. The first group is Concert Orchestra, which is the more basic level that consists of growing talent. The second group is Chamber Orchestra, which is the level above concert, that is also maturing their talent. Sinfonia Orchestra is the highest playing Orchestra at our school that plays, which seems, at a professional level. These three groups are full of impressive musicians whose talents grow immensely every year they continue their unique career and grow as artists.

Every year, Orchestra has a special rehearsal schedule. Concert Orchestra meets every zero period to rehearse their music. Tuesdays and Thursdays, during zero periods, Chamber Orchestra meets. They also rehearse after school on Mondays from three to five thirty p.m. Sinfonia Orchestra meets Wednesdays and Fridays during zero periods and after school on Mondays starting at five thirty until eight in the evening.

Just like many of the students in extra-curricular activities in our school, the musicians for Orchestra have to meet for extra rehearsals so they can improve their talents. It is quite difficult to meet some of these because they are often early in the morning or late in the evening. They also don't have a designated period so they can rehearse and meet.

Many wouldn't prefer all of these before and after school schedules of practice but hope that three hour rehearsals will significantly improve their sound. Students this year hope that most can make it to rehearsals in time to go over their music and practice playing their parts together in time to sound flawless during performing days.

Jason Wan (10), who is in the Sinfonia Orchestra says, "[the best part about being in Orchestra is] being able to play delicious music and making memories, [the worst part about being in Orchestra is] the Orchestra rehearsal time and sight reading."

Maybe all of those hours of after school rehearsals will proceed into delicious and beautiful music from Valencia's Orchestra.

October 12th, Orchestra will be working on audition tapes to send to Disneyland. They do this to see if Disneyland is interested in having our school's Orchestra perform there.

November 3rd is a District concert, the first concert for our school's Orchestra. Valencia does have one of the best Orchestra groups in the district due to raw talent, long hours of practicing, and well-experienced students and teachers who aid in the

CHAMBER ORCHESTRA MEETS TOGETHER EARLY IN THE MORNING ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS PHOTO BY: MICHELLE POWELL



Tiger Tube Advancements

By Palmira Muniz
Reporter

This year, Valencia's own Tiger Tube, a class which is offered to the students who plan a weekly televised report of the news on the at Valencia campus, viewed during Home Room, has made tremendous changes and has had outstanding advancements to its program. These technical advancements include: a new Tricaster Pro that lets three screens become accessible, new broadcasting quality, a new boom microphone, ten new cameras, along with many other new gadgets, The Tiger Tube crew members have also received a double in size of their Green Room Studio, that has upgraded from the previous 6x10 "closet" like space the team had before first starting out two years ago.



PRODUCER BRYAN ESCALANTE EDITING THE FINAL VIDEO. PHOTO BY: MICHELLE POWELL

These advancements have helped them produce some amazing and enjoyable clips and will continue to help Tiger Tube become a better sense of communication to the student population. It will also help connect the Tiger Tube students to edit and transmit their clips faster. These new technologies also help the Tiger Tube Team plan and organize future episodes ahead of time and make it possible for advertisement or commercials to be aired on Tiger Tube, or for teachers and students to make announcements as often as they please.

Since the Measure A Bond passed, a portion of the money from this was used to purchase this new equipment. The community put money into schools in order to keep this bond; Tiger

Tube has been able to help better the program and achieve its goals due primarily to the passing of the bond. This measure helps other school programs as well.

When asked how these advancements improve student morale, Ms. Sue Sawyer, who supervises Tiger Tube, says "It's easier to keep students on task because they like what they are doing." Students come in and out of the Tiger Tube lab during their free time to work on future episodes and to make sure everything is done perfectly. Sawyer, along with her students, are very excited for the outcome of Tiger Tube.

"It feels great with all the new equipment and technology in the labs," says Senior Bryan Escalante, who is this year's producer of Tiger Tube, and who shares the same excitement as Sawyer. "It makes our lives easier because the speed in which we perform our tasks has improved and we are very proud."

What is in store for Valencia's Tiger Tube? Possibly multiple sections, an even bigger lab, and an episode everyday instead of once a week. "I want a waiting list and Five Sections of Tiger Tube" Says Sawyer. "[I want Tiger Tube to become] the Ceramics class of the technology department."

If you are interested in joining the Tiger Tube program, feel free to contact Ms. Sawyer in room 1103 at break or after school.

"Teachers seem to be improving every year... they can come back for each tournament unlike many

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REVIEW OF *FAME*: FROM MUSICAL TO MOVIE

By Sargun Singh
Editor

Fame is a remake of the hit musical in the 1980s that shows the lives of talented students attending LaGuardia School of Music and Arts in Manhattan. The musical takes the audience through each person's individual story that is intertwined with the others. It gives the audience a taste of each person's struggle and issues faced in order to reach their dreams. The musical starts off at freshman year of high school and how the new students adapt to their new environment. Though similar to "High School Musical", this movie is levels above it. It has drama, lessons, and an interesting story line that starts off slow but progressively captures the audience's interest in time. The talents include actors, pianists, singers, movie directors, dancers, and music producers. The most impressive sequence in the entire movie would be the ending finale performance in which all graduating students perform and shine with their talents.

The movie begins with a hard working student actress, Jenny Garrison who is played by Jenny Panabaker. Her personality is that of a hardworking student who because of her focus, loses sight of the fun things

in life, and forgets her morals for a slight second. She faces problems with her boyfriend Marco, who is played by Asher Book who is brilliant at singing without putting in much effort. Marco, the boyfriend is worried about Jenny losing herself in the struggle for her passion and warns her from the bad such as the actor who



A SNEAK PEAK OF THE NEW MOVIE. PHOTO FROM: MSN.COM/MOVIES

wants to take advantage of her. This story was slightly lost in the midst of the other students who also went for their dreams. Another part of the story line was

the story of an aspiring music producer Victor and an outstanding ballet performer. It showed the clashing backgrounds of both these people and their different thought. When it came to background, the movie showed many types, from poor and rich, to self sufficient and broken families. There is also a story of a boy whose unfortunate family and personal circumstances hindered him from reaching his potential which he soon broke out of and a young pianist who wanted to branch out in her talents but was hindered by her parents. In general, the movie is slow to start but ties in each different story well. The ending concludes each person's story as well as the collective story in a pleasant manner. Though the movie isn't a breathtaking experience, it is certainly a one-time watch family oriented motion picture.

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Book Review: *The Five People You Meet In Heaven*

By Isabel Hsu
Editor

The Five People You Meet in Heaven, by Mitch Albom, is a novel about the life and death of a stately, 83-year-old man named Eddie. Eddie, who worked at a carnival called Ruby Pier, is killed when he tries to save a girl from a ride that collapses. He goes to Heaven, but feels like he hasn't lived a life of purpose and that he achieved nothing. He however, meets five people that show him, with memories, both sides of multiple events that changed his life.

The five people Eddie meets all teach him a life lesson and tell him how he personally affected each of their lives. The first person he meets, the Blue Man, is a freak show performer that Eddie met when he was

eight years old, The Blue Man was killed in an accident when a young Eddie ran in front of his car. From this incident, Eddie realizes that he learned there is no fairness in life and death, and that everybody's lives are somehow intertwined and interconnected. The second person Eddie meets is his captain from his days fighting in the war. Many years ago, his captain rescued him from being burned in a fire by shooting him in the leg. Eddie didn't realize this until now, and had been resentful and bitter about his crippled leg for post-war life. He learns that people die for a purpose or reason, and that no one dies in vain. The third person Eddie encounters, Ruby, tells him to forgive his father for the wrongs he did in the past. She teaches him that anger is self-destructive, and that one must have forgiveness. Then, he meets his wife, Marguerite. He and Marguerite shared a happy marriage, al-

though they did go through a few rough patches and several fights in the duration of their life together. In Heaven, though, he learns from Marguerite that love is something that lasts forever, despite any problems or obstacles they encounter. The fifth and final person he meets is Tala, a young girl who he tried to rescue from a fire while serving for the military in the Philippines. She explains to him that his life was indeed full of purpose, although he may not have realized this. From these five people, he gains insight into his life, in addition to how he made a difference in the lives of others. He discovers that he didn't lead a pointless existence, but one that had profoundly and drastically changed the ways others lived or died.

The Five People You Meet in Heaven is a touching, meaningful book, and will lead the readers to think about their own purposes in life.