

THE SCOTCH TAPE



SECOND ANNUAL COLLEGE APPLICATION DAY A ROARING SUCCESS

Hundreds of students make forward progress on their college and career plans with LHHS staff and representatives from local organizations on hand to assist. Read on to see specific student experiences (*continues on pages 2-4*)



LHHS HOSTS FIRST ATHLETE SOCIAL

By Liam Howard

Coaches and players across all sports on our campus came together on Saturday, August 24 for the first-ever Athlete Social,

hosted by the LHHS Athletic Department.

La Habra High School has made history with the launch of the first-ever launch of its Athlete Social.

This event brought all coaches together to celebrate all the hard work student-athletes have achieved with their studies and sports.

For many, the athlete social was just seen as a regular event but in reality, it was a way of the school's commitment to all student-athletes.

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COLLEGE APPLICATION DAY

For the second year, the LHHS Counseling Department provided Seniors with dedicated time outside of class to plan for their futures.

The result: on Tuesday, November 5, the Gym and Lecture Hall were transformed into work zones where students could get help applying to college and find out information about potential career opportunities.

Representatives from the UC and Cal State systems were on hand to help students progress through their applications. Advance! (La Habra's local non-profit created to help students plan their futures) also had representatives present to assist with applications, essays, and financial aid information.

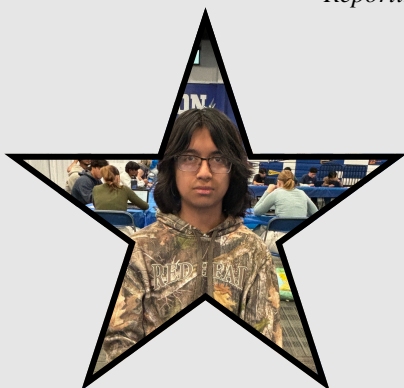
Thanks go out to the entire counseling department: Dr. Flores, Ms. Gasaway, Ms. Murphy, Mr. Paik, Ms. Reyna, Ms. Lopez, Mrs. Arredondo, and all of the other critical front office staff and administrators who made this another successful event! And thank you to Paul Luna for all of great photos!

College Application Day gave students the opportunity to talk to teachers, build their confidence and applications, and look through their educational options for the future.

I had the opportunity to interview senior Kevin Garcia, about his college plans. Kevin is planning on applying to two colleges and plans to get his Bachelor's degree. Though Kevin is undecided about his major, he hopes to be accepted into either Cal Poly Pomona, or Humboldt State University.

"It's helpful for the kids who know nothing, I think it should be held twice a year" said Kevin, "I think the school could include more in the announcements to promote additional future planning for the students."

Reporting by Audrey Beasley



Seniors full of ambition and hope gather in the gym to apply to their dream schools. Senior Janel Pavia is one of these students. She plans to apply to eight schools, with her top schools being San Diego State University, UC Santa Barbara, and Cal State Long Beach.

"I plan to study Human Development or any Pre-nursing," she says, "I want to get my BA in Nursing."

She plans to work towards this dream as medicine piqued her interest when she had to take care of her grandparents at a young age.

"I try to involve myself in volunteering opportunities within this field."

To Janel, College App Day was very valuable: "I think it's really beneficial for students who may need help. This also helps out students who don't have much support or aid necessary for the college application process."

Reporting by Evelyn Garcia



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For many, College Application Day was an invaluable experience where students could actually dedicate their time and focus on their applications without worrying about any other work.

Daniel Arroyo, a senior aiming to major in Aerospace Engineering, expressed appreciation for the guidance that was provided.

"I think the event is very helpful for students who don't have access or don't know what they are doing," he said.

Daniel plans to apply to nine different colleges, including UCSD, UCLA, UCI, and USC.

Due to this day, seniors like Daniel were able to apply to colleges, fix their PIQs, and find more information about certain Colleges.

Reporting by Liam Howard

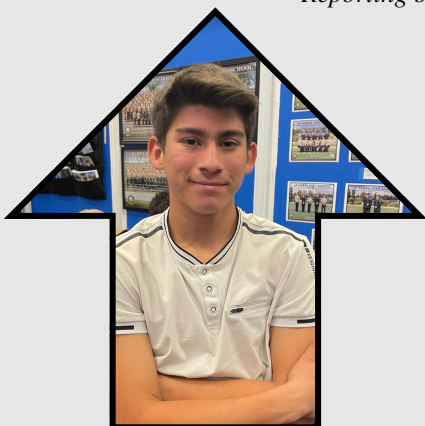
Joaquin Rios spent his day applying to five colleges, including the US Naval Academy, Norwich, and UC San Diego.

Rios plans to major in aviation and is working towards an EMT or drone pilot certification, explaining that he likes to fly and has private lessons for flying.

Although guidance techs did visit Senior English classrooms, he wishes they would have spoken more specifically about the layout of the gym, who would be on hand to help, and how each section would be labeled.

Regardless, Rios and many other Seniors benefitted from the day!

Reporting by Jack Lee



If there's any moment high school has prepared us for, it's applying to our dream school.

Senior Kiara Robles says "I'm applying to two colleges, Fullerton and Cypress College," says senior Kiara Robles. "I want to get my AA in science or forensics."

Most of the time people apply to a certain college to pursue the study of their favorite subject or to pursue their dream job.

Robles states, "I've always been interested in science... its always been my favorite subject"

"It's a good opportunity for people to learn how to apply," says Robles, speaking about the success of the event. "Spreading the information out more and being more clear with it would help the students more."

Reporting by Kiki Huizar



With a future of pursuing automotive tech/engineering at a community college and then a four-year university, Collin Ramirez's future is shining bright.

After high school, Collin plans to attend a community college for the first two years to save money and get his AA. After achieving his AA, he plans to pursue his BA in automotive technology. He plans to apply to Fullerton, Cypress, Golden West, and Santa Ana.

As for why Collin's dream is to work on cars, he shares that he's always had a special love and fascination for cars and racing. In his free time, he works on his own car, modifying and constantly approving it.

When it comes to LHHS hosting its college application day, Ramirez feels this, "I think the school is doing a great thing for students by holding an event like this to motivate them," says Ramirez about the event. He then further explains that in the future, he could hope LHHS has more college representatives from various schools.

Reporting by Cecelia Munoz



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La Habra High School just hosted its 2nd annual College Application Day, and senior Erica Wiessner took advantage of the senior's fantastic opportunity to prepare for the next significant phase of our lives.

College Application Day allows seniors to enhance their applications for whichever universities spark their interest. For Wiessner, shyness isn't an option when choosing schools to apply to.

"I'm applying to 34 universities," said Wiessner. "My top choices are USC, Stanford, UCSD, UCSB, TCU, SDSU, UCLA, SLO, Pepperdine, and UCSC."

Being the high achiever she is, she hopes to earn her master's degree in teaching so she can share her work ethic and aid future generations by "shaping minds, creating a brighter future, and inspiring and guiding the next generation."

Wiessner also intends to "help children build foundations for their futures and contribute to their educational development."

When it comes to College Application Day, she believes it has various benefits regardless of how on top a student may be on their application.

"It's really beneficial and helpful," said Wiessner. "We can talk to our teachers and counselors and just focus on college applications. It helps us get extra input on our application despite how on top of them we might be."



With that being said, Wiessner still feels that some changes can be made despite how great of an opportunity she believes College Application Day to be.

"Some more PIQ-focused help could definitely make it even better," she advocated. "But overall, I was really happy with what it was."

As the due dates for college applications approach, remember that there are still numerous opportunities at La Habra to advance your application. Asking a teacher or even a friend for guidance can go a long way.

Reporting by Mia Soza





GET INVOLVED: HOW JOINING A CLUB HELPS YOUR HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

by Evelyn Garcia

It is never too late to get involved, and right now is the prime time to join a new club so that you can meet new people, gain new experience, and help set your resume apart from other students.

Many students get involved often due to the fact that it looks good on college applications.

“While grades and test scores are important, colleges also want to see the person you're becoming and the skills you've learned outside of class,” says “Big Future,” The College Board’s website to help students apply to college.

Students who have participated in club rush also have a lot to say about the matter.

Sophomore Jimena Hernandez started “The Swifties Club,” which is dedicated to exploring and appreciating the music and work of Taylor Swift.

“I started a club because I wanted to be more involved in school and because a lot of people like Taylor Swift,” Hernandez says. “I think getting involved is important because you open up many more opportunities for

yourself. Being able to be a part of something at the school is an amazing opportunity and can help you in the future.”

The sentiment is shared by Junior Adrianna Vargas, secretary for the LHHS Gardening Club, which devotes meetings to gardening helping you get community hours.

“I wanted to be a part of a club to promote something that could help our community as well as boost people's community service hours” Vargas says. “It was so important for me to join because in the future when I apply to colleges, they could see how much time and effort I put into that club”.

Getting involved in your school can help to make the high school experience so much more enjoyable as it gives you an opportunity to meet new people and also make your college application look good.

Although Club Rush is over, it is never too late to join a club. Swifties Club meets every other Thursday at Room 53 and Gardening Club meets every other Monday and Friday at the Library.

SECURITY GATES CREATE A NEW NORMAL ON CAMPUS

by Liam Howard

Students were stunned after seeing the once infamously open campus of La Habra High School now surrounded by metal fences, limiting access and raising several questions in the students' minds concerning their daily livelihood at school.

The new fences, which provide only three regular entrance and exit points for students to the campus, start from the north end of Monta Vista Street and stretch down to the 20s hall, where they continue west between the hallways and finally fill in the courtyard and driveway between the Band Room/Lecture Hall and the PAC.

The three entrance points are located the west side of the school at the student parking lot, at the south side of the school at the entrance of Main Hall, and on the east side of the school on Monta Vista. The designated entrance points open at 7:15 am and are closed during school hours. Campus Security briefly reopen them for HiStep and lunch, but then close them again at 1:34 pm. They are again opened at 2:37 pm and remain open for sports and students and are later closed for the night.

“I’m not a big fan of the gates because they can make leaving and coming back to the school difficult if you're out during lunch,” says Senior Liam Fuller.

“I don’t have a 6th period and when leaving after 5th, none of the kids including myself could leave the school.”

Senior Liam Fuller expressed.

The student concerns reflect a common sentiment among the student body: they all hate them.

However, school and district administration sees the addition of the fences as the logical next step in ensuring the security of our school.

“We started working towards making sure that we are more proactive instead of reactive,” says LHHS Principal Steve Garcia, “there was a huge amount of support in securing the safety of our students and staff so there was a continuous effort to make it possible and we are lucky as over the course of the summer we were able to get that done.”

Additionally, in addressing the student negative feelings towards the fences from the general student body, Principal Garcia points out the obvious: “you've gone through K-8th grade with gates and security.”

At the end of the day, the fences and gates are here to stay and their presence is slowly becoming a part of our everyday reality.

“It’s a shift,” says Mr. Garcia, “but we still have the same opportunities for lunch that we had before, it’s just a new part of our history.”



THE LONG-AWAITED SENIOR PROM *by Kiki Huizar and Mia Soza*

As seniors return for their final year, they have a bundle of senior activities to look forward to. While each activity is fun in its special way, the La Habra High School class of 2025 is mostly excited about prom.

Prom, the most popular event in any high school movie, show, or musical, just so happens to keep that same reputation in real life.

As she enters the last year of her high school experience, senior Cindy Jaramillo is most anticipating prom since it's a special teen memory, especially since it's specifically for the senior class.

"A lot of people tend to save the dances for their last year," she said. "Because we're seniors and we try to go to everything."

In the past, various seniors have complained about prom themes and even location. For example, Prom 2024's "Mission Impossible" theme and setting at the Fullerton Airport was met with a lot of controversy. Some students felt as though the theme wasn't dance-like, and the location wasn't fancy enough.



While past themes and locations may not have been student's favorite, that doesn't mean they've given up hope for a favorable theme this upcoming year.

"The Great Gatsby is cool," said Jaramillo. "I would like something nostalgic"

Senior Gizelle Perez has similar hopes for the Prom theme as well, hoping for an "elegant old-fashioned theme."

Speaking of controversy, seniors have differing opinions about whether or not freshmen, sophomores, and juniors should be able to attend Prom.

"I think no", Perez replied. "Being a senior, you get to do certain things and it's more memorable if you do more things for your last year."

Jaramillo has a slightly different opinion, going on to say she thinks it depends on the grade level. "If it is a sophomore then yes, but a freshman no."

While seniors may have differing opinions regarding controversial prom topics, there's one thing that's important for them to remember: To make the most out of their final high school dance, because at the end of the day, you only get to experience your senior prom once.

"CLUE" ACTORS OPEN UP ABOUT REHEARSALS

by Kiki Huizar

La Habra High School's best actors and actresses have come together to begin rehearsing for the theater department's fall play, "Clue".

As we dive deeper into the school year, new opportunities, especially in the theater arts, open up. Theater arts is for people with the talent and confidence to be on stage, and it is a place to develop those skills.

Senior Avery Gomez is one of the people who auditioned for the fall play. "So we were given the option to choose between a bunch of different roles," she says, "I chose to read for two: Walsworth and Professor Plum."

The production has a listed cast of 12-13,



but with 19 students coming out to audition, Mr. Migliorini, the theater teacher, would certainly have some tough decisions to make.

"This is my first time being in a fall play that the school has put on," continues Gomez, who was cast as Professor Plum. "The auditioning process itself was not that bad, I think it was a lot more nerve-racking the first year because I didn't know the theater teacher Migs."

However looking at this year, Gomez explains that the smaller cast size helped to take pressure off of herself and her peers.

After a day of auditions, the actors and actresses found out if they got their part on Friday, August 30.

"Clue" closes with a final performance on 11/22 in the PAC

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FROM THE FRONT PAGE: LA HABRA HIGH SCHOOL HOSTS FIRST ATHLETE SOCIAL

by Liam Howard

"It was a great idea to get all the athletes together and make them feel appreciated," said Senior Rex Castille.

During the athlete social, there were games such as football, soccer, basketball, volleyball, and even a relay race for all to enjoy. Coaches and staff were even giving out free shirts, and tickets to Angle games.

After all these activities the students were directed to the front of the gym where they could eat burgers, sweets, and drinks. There were even fun activities to enjoy with your peers like cornhole, volleyball, and even ping pong.



"The goal is to make this a yearly event," said Athletic Director Paul Caffrey, who, along with several other coaches, helped to organize the event. He also explained that he would like to explore the possibility of having an end-of-the-year awards ceremony for student-athletes.

And for those asking what opportunities are available to students who are not involved in sports, Mr. Caffrey reminds us that there are several other events, such as assemblies, dances, rallies designed to be inclusive of all students.

READY, SET, HUT! SANABRIA DISCUSSES HER EXPERIENCE ON FLAG FOOTBALL'S INAUGURAL SEASON

by Kiki Huizar

La Habra High School's first Girl's flag football team has come to share their great experience with the new teams and teammates.

Girl's flag football was added to the La Habra High School women's sports program this year. Athletes from grades 9 - 12 have come to try out for the teams and meet some new teammates.

Senior Sarah Sanabria was one of many girls to try out for the team and make Varsity.

"I tried out for the team because I thought it was cool, something new, and it seemed fun," says Sanabria.

Our Lady Highlanders has had about ten games and won about five. Not bad for a first time and season.

"We kind of just learn the basics like the rules and regulations," says Sanabria, explaining that the team dedicated time during practice to learn what players would

be best in specific positions.

Even though La Habra High School is known regionally for our sports, we sometimes have hiccups in the games and with other people, we don't know.

"I think in the beginning when we first started, everyone was just close to their own sport so we weren't very together as a team or sisterhood as the coaches would call it," Sanabria says, "but, now we are all very close."

Before our ladies could play or add a new sport to the school, they had to gather enough people to sign a paper stating that they wanted a flag football team. This obviously was a "touchdown."

The Varsity team ended their season with a 8-9 record, making it to the second round of CIF, where they lost against Cajon High School 14-0.

Congratulations, ladies, on a historic inaugural season!

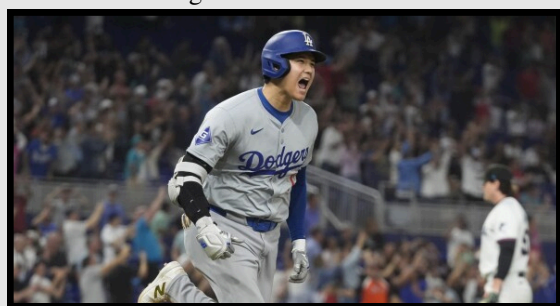




SHOHEI OHTANI'S 50/50 IS JUST ANOTHER CHAPTER IN HIS FANTASTIC FIRST YEAR WITH THE DODGERS *by Mia Soza*

As if he hasn't tormented other teams enough already, Shohei Ohtani has become the first player in MLB history to reach 50 stolen bases and 50 home runs in a single season.

On September 19th vs. the Miami Marlins, Ohtani had video game numbers at the plate to make history. On some ordinary Thursday night late in the season, Ohtani put up shocking numbers— even for him. Upon reaching his 51st home run and 51st stolen base, he went 6 for 6, batting in 10 runs and homering 3 times.



As crazy as it sounds, if you've watched Ohtani enough, it shouldn't be surprising that he's the one to accomplish the remarkable feat.

"When you think he can't rewrite the script or rise to a certain expectation at any moment, he does", credited Dodgers manager Dave Roberts. "If you're looking at skill set, then if there's anyone who can do it, it's Shohei."

Even though the standard set for Ohtani is quite high, it was hard to expect such a prolific accomplishment from the 30-year-old because of his physical condition, due to Tommy John surgery he underwent in September 2023.

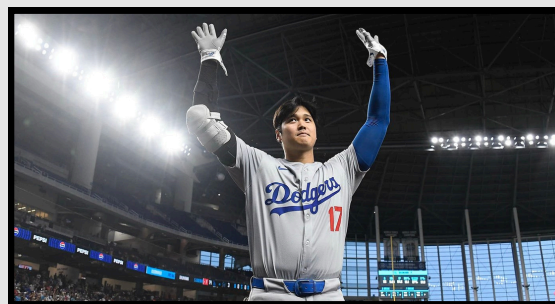
It was advised that Ohtani likely shouldn't step foot on the mound until the 2025 season even though he could bat, which would resultantly— at least everyone believed— diminish the two-way star's effectiveness. But with Ohtani's batting achievements in barely his first year with a new team, it's hard to be mad about him being held back from a pitching standpoint.

To make matters worse for Ohtani this offseason was a betrayal like no other: from his longtime friend and interpreter. This March, Ipezi Mizuhara was fired by the Dodgers for reportedly stealing millions of dollars from Ohtani to cover his gambling debts. Though some were skeptical that Ohtani himself knew about the situation before it came out for everyone to hear, Mizuhara pleaded guilty in June for stealing a whopping \$17 million from Ohtani.

While such news was shocking to the baseball world initially, the two-way phenom's impressive performances at the plate despite a whirlwind offseason has allowed everyone's focus to return to his exceptional and unparalleled talent, finishing the season with a .310 average, 54 home runs, and 59 stolen bases. But there's still one thing Ohtani has yet to achieve: A world series championship.

Now, the regular season has officially come to an end, and the Dodgers have secured the 12th straight playoff berth and the best record in baseball. With that, comes an opportunity for Ohtani to be at the forefront of the Dodgers rush to their 8th World Series championship, and a chance to add on to his already history-book-worthy first season.

"My goal has always been to make it to the playoffs," Ohtani told reporters for the Los Angeles Times after reaching 50-50— a goal only the best of the best could even dream of accomplishing. "Now, my goal is to deliver in a playoff situation."



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LORE OF “DRESS TO IMPRESS”

by *Miranda Jones and Kayla Walsh*



Lana, the beloved figure from the viral Roblox game “Dress to Impress”, has had her identity stolen. Now, she’s dropping anonymous clues, urging players to help her escape and reclaim her identity.

“Dress to Impress” is a game where you can climb the ranks to be the best of the best in that fashion world. You are given a theme in the beginning of the game and have to dress the part. Other users are able to rate and choose a winner for the round. There are three tiers for the winners of each match: 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

The first encounter with Lana and her backstory was on April 20th. A page was shown from Lana’s diary that expressed her yearning for revenge. The diary entry, which shows her user ID, transports users to Lana’s account when entered into Roblox URL.

As of May 17th, updated news reveals that a doppelgänger has taken over Lana’s life at the salon. She explains that Submicy has kidnapped her and is holding Lana hostage at a closed location.

“I’ve known about the game since the end of April,” says Senior Maryann Sandoval, “it’s entertaining because I enjoy fashion and love making creative outfits for different themes.”

Maryann goes on to explain that she is most interested in the lore of the game and that finding the hidden easter eggs is what is most enticing to the growing audience.

“I play it a few times a week and I love it,” she says.

This past summer, “Dress to Impress” released several updates, including “Summer Update 1,” “Summer Update 2,” and the “Charli XCX Brat” update, featuring new poses, makeup, and hairstyles.

The Brat trend gained massive popularity not only in the game but even influencing Kamala Harris’s presidential campaign on TikTok and Instagram.

“Dress to Impress” is always evolving, staying ahead of the latest trends to keep its audience hooked and coming back for more. This commitment to modern fashion has made the game a must-play for users.



CLUE PRODUCTION PHOTOS

