



The Panther Press

September Recap Issue

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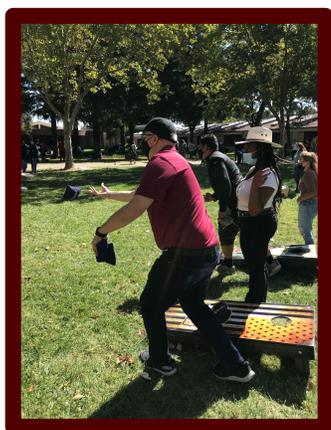
Lunch on the Lawn and Friday Lunch Activities

On Friday the 10th, Florin celebrated its senior class with an exclusive lunch event. Lunch on the Lawn is an ongoing tradition for Panthers where seniors can kick back for a lunch period on the green grassy lawn behind the library. With beverages, snacks, friends, and all, our 4th year Panthers on the last leg of their high school career had the chance to savour all the memories they've made here, laughing and relaxing with cupcakes in hand. And a special thank you goes out to Senior Class Advisor, Ms. Howland for creating opportunities for seniors to enjoy their last year here at Florin and prepare for the future ahead.

Friday's lunch activities were also a fun arrangement for students. Connect four, table tennis, and a hot game of soccer were played during the 40 minutes. These games are set up every Friday. If you want to join in on the action, feel free to invite a friend and play. After all, the best memories are the ones you don't think you're making, you just know you are having fun.

Cornhole!

Cornhole is an annual Florin custom that continues this year with the added wrath of teachers' competitiveness after a long stretch of distance learning. The first round of throwing started on Monday, September 27th. Half of the pool played on this day, making 11 teacher-student vs teacher-student matchups. 27 feet apart, each team stared down one another for cornhole supremacy. Some got their way, some fell victim to the cornhole curse, having each bean bag slide off the board one after another. Never before did we see teachers this excited to unleash destruction upon fellow staff and students. Similar stories occurred the day after when the second bracket of competitors dueled it out. Playing carried on until only two duos were left to go head to head. The final round was held that Friday, where the winners took home the bragging rights. In addition to the many moments of fun, this event also brought out the whole school's energy and showed us that our Florin High community is stronger than ever. Thank you to all who participated and watched.



Sports

Athletics Article and Photo Contributor: Mario Perez

Thursday, Sep 9th: The JV and Varsity Volleyball games were cancelled.

Friday, Sep. 10th: Today was our Junior Varsity Football team's first game of the season, and our Varsity team their third. These two away contests against McClatchy High School (Sacramento) were played at John F. Kennedy High School in South Sacramento. Oh boy was it a game. Great performances were put up by both McClatchy's JV and Varsity squads during this event. The stands had fans for both sides, cheering on their respective schools. This time around, we were unlucky, ending up losing each one. But we ought to cheer up, for this game was a valuable learning experience for our young men who gave it their all, especially the Florin JV team for putting up a trying effort in their season debut. The silver lining? Now our young men can study the film of these games, find their mistakes and successes, and improve.

Tuesday, Sep. 14th: The JV and Varsity Volleyball games against Rosemont High School were cancelled.

Friday, Sep. 17th: Today's football game was a wild ride! Both teams put out on the field their best and gave the fans an entertaining spectacle to watch. Go Panthers!



Monday, Sep. 20th: And the timer starts! The JV Volleyball teams of Florin and West Campus begin pretty even throughout most of the first two sets. Not until near the end of the second does West Campus begin to gain the advantage, eventually ending up with the win. Although it didn't go our way, we still have the passion and spirit to charge forward and fight for the victory another day.

Now the Varsity teams start their bout! This game went identical to Junior Varsity one. The only difference was that this was a little more slow paced of a match, very close for the first 2 sets again. The last set belonged to West Campus. We feel next game will be the lucky one as we play our rivals, Valley High School. Our young ladies will play their hearts out during that one. Go Panthers!



Wednesday, Sep. 22nd: Congratulations to our Junior Varsity Volleyball team for securing a win against Valley High School tonight! These young Panthers dominated this match against our rivals, the Valley High Vikings. The first set of this game delivered a wallop. Our ladies quickly finished up the job and set Valley's JV team packing to go home defeated.

The Varsity game however proved to be a challenge. Florin lost the first set but rebounded with a close second set win. This back to back trading of rounds happened once more, tying it up 2-2. It is now the fifth set, with Florin's Varsity squad looking to replicate its JV team's success. This last one was a true battle. Each side left a part of their soul on the court tonight, making it clear neither team was willing to let this opportunity slip. Although our effort was noble, we narrowly lost this one to Valley, thus concluding the game. The young women of both teams showed excellent spirit in their play, surely indicative of the energy of games to follow.



Friday, Sep. 24th: Tonight were two bouts between Florin's JV and Varsity Football teams against those of John F. Kennedy High School. The JV game kicked off first at 5 p.m. The clock starts! Defense was the main highlight of the first quarter, only having one score belonging to Kennedy. As the second quarter came and passed, our young men continued to play hard and made Kennedy pay for every yard they gained. Going into the half, JV's players were confident they would come back from the two touchdown deficit. Unfortunately the second half wasn't as fruitful. Our Panthers began to slip off their early game improvement and gave up two additional scores by the middle of the fourth quarter. Our JV squad showed sparks throughout the game with many noticeable improvements from their last match with McClatchy.

Now it's time for the Varsity team to play! This game starts off quick and offense-dominant, both teams getting close to one another's endzone. In a fast run play, Kennedy scores a touchdown. Our players suffered a loss, but were already learning and preparing for the fight against Valley High next week, the first league game of the season. The same is true for the JV team as well; both are eager to defeat a long time rival. Gooooo Panthers!!!



What are teachers up to?

As a music fanatic, Mr. Perry not only enjoys the art of sound but the many notes of life outside of school. He finds enjoyment in the simple pleasures: the movies, video games, and venturing around the city. As a huge Star Wars and Marvel fan, Mr. Perry can binge watch movies from these two series all day and night, reciting every trivia fact conceivable about them. One of his favorite forms of entertainment is playing games on his Nintendo Switch, namely ones from the Pokemon line-up and Stardew Valley. In addition, as with many of the wonderful teachers here on campus, nature is another joy that Mr. Perry finds solace in. He and a few other staff members often find themselves stuck admiring the grandeur of hiking trails around the Sacramento and Sonoma county area. A quote from him: "Don't fear, Mr. Perry is here!" - Mr. Perry



Mystery Teacher

Last issue's Mystery Teacher: **Ms. Vaughn** (ASB & Activities Director)

This is a riddle you will have to solve. Guess the teacher described here and win 25 Panther Points, redeemable on the Five Star Students App. The google form attached below will allow you to submit your answer up until November 7th. If it is correct, you will be rewarded with your points.

Link: <https://forms.gle/5M4PRNyPzbAdpwzy5>

Having been a teacher for 25 years and counting (20 of those at Florin), he has seen almost all there is to students and staff over this timespan. This week's mystery teacher grew up in Orange County down near the beaches of Southern California. In high school, he dominated the basketball court, once atop the best field goal shooters in the state. He would study the subject he now teaches here while at Chico State University. Living there for 9 years, he also worked shifts as a Red Lobster waiter where he would further hone his people skills, of which are very evident now. His weapon of choice when dealing with aloof students is a sharp jab of sarcasm. When not making jokes in the classroom, he is a jack of all trades sports enthusiast. Golf and basketball are especially close to him. His enjoyment of the subject he teaches manifests also in his travels, two of his favorite being to England and Italy for their culture, food, and history. This teacher has also coached girls basketball here at Florin eons ago, providing pivotal mentorship to the players of the sport while the dinosaurs were still roaming the Earth. After retirement, he hopes to sit back on a hammock on the shores of a sunny beach and travel the world to experience the many wonders it holds. However, this all hinges on him going big with his golfing prowess, which sadly is unlikely to happen.



Club Highlight - Science Olympiad

Throughout Florin High School's history, the many clubs that have been formed have created impactful memories and greatly molded the young minds of students past and present. They have exposed them to new experiences, perspectives, and people. For many students, certain clubs have cemented themselves as notable hallmarks of their high school career. Here, we highlight them and their contributions to students.

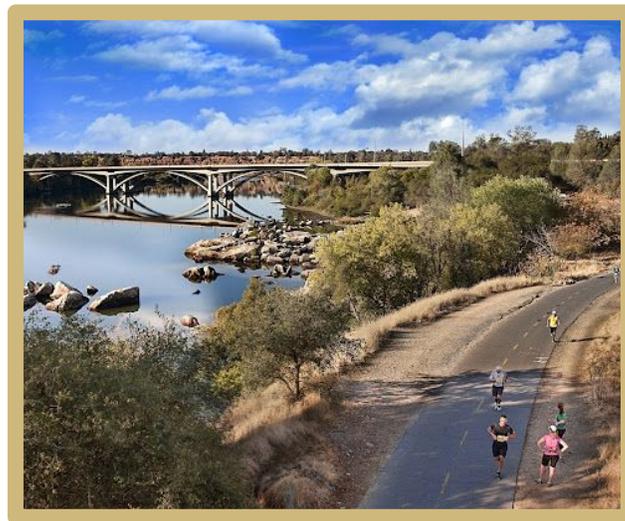
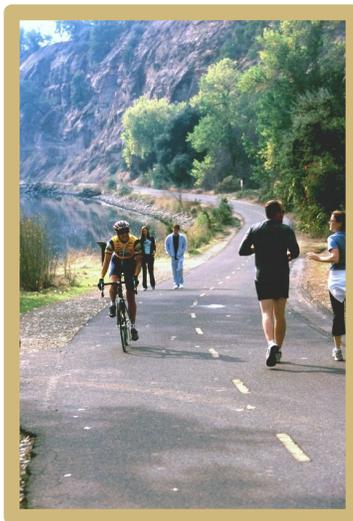
Science Olympiad has set itself apart from many groups here on campus with its academic pursuits and competitive spirit. Students who participate utilize their critical thinking and problem solving abilities in order to apply their understanding of scientific concepts to real world experiments. Members decide from a multitude of fields the one they will compete in on competition day: physics, astronomy, biology and chemistry. Each meeting is a congregation of the brightest minds of our school planning, researching, designing, and experimenting with different ideas and contraptions. Students may be sketching and building the most aerodynamic wooden vehicle that can fly across a floor or be putting together components of a rocket that will send itself flying into the sky. Everybody in Science Olympiad is a part of a community, a community of learners who will help each other and collaborate to further expand everyone's understanding of the intricate world around them. From Mrs. Rico, the club advisor, "It's always fun when members from a team have built something for the competition and the whole team watches and cheers as they test it during our meetings. It's so satisfying to see the group put in the effort to reach their goal. We all want to celebrate together." The added bonus is having Mrs. Rico be your mentor for the hour, it's a true treat to be taught by this woman. All the mad scientists of the world do in fact come from here, just to set the record straight.



A Cool Place to Visit - Jedediah Smith Memorial Trail

Jedediah Smith Memorial Trail is a wonderful getaway for those looking to take off an afternoon to admire the peacefulness of a calm hike-through. Spanning 32 miles from Old Sacramento to Folsom, this bike and foot path follows the elegant flow of the American River the whole way. Much of the unpaved and paved trail offers wonderful views of the nearby trees and river bank. There are also certain stops along this path that often draw in many crowds. At Discovery Park, nature enthusiasts can savour the views of the Sacramento-American river confluence. An archery range is also set up for those of all ages and skill levels to shoot and have fun. This scenic trail also passes through Paradise Beach, a small beach and swimming

area that often sees families taking pleasure dips in the freshwater bay. Most stops like this along the trail are free to enjoy. Bike, walk, jog, or horseback ride, this trail can be traversed by nearly any means except motorized vehicles. More information can be found at <https://regionalparks.saccounty.net/Parks/Pages/JedediahSmith.aspx>

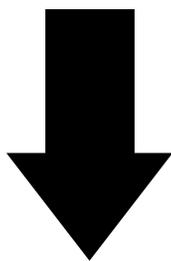


Sudoku Puzzle

I'm sure many of you have seen puzzles like this. The one below is an easy, beginner-friendly grid. Don't worry, there isn't much math here; you just need to know the numbers between 1 and 9, that's all.

Whoever fills it in correctly and submits a photo of his/her completed grid (you can make a copy on paper if you wish) in the google form here <https://forms.gle/5M4PRNyPzbAdpwzy5> is going to be rewarded with 25 Panther Points redeemable in the Five Star Students App. The deadline to submit a photo will be on November 7th. Have fun!

Directions are on the next page.



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So here's how it works. On the grid should be the numbers 1-9 only. Every **row** (left to right), every **column** (up and down), and every **minigrid** (small grids of 9 squares, like a tic-tac-toe one) need to **contain every number between 1-9** without any repeats of a specific number. Your job is to use the ones already given, along with your brain's logic muscles to fill in the rest of the grid. The more numbers you fill in, the easier the puzzle gets. **Below is an example of each requirement (Row, Column, and Minigrid).**

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