

Knights Messenger

October 29, 2022

New Interim Executive Administrator

Mr. Ruben Dueñas has been serving as the Interim Executive Administrator since October 10, 2022. He will take over the leadership of Bert Corona Charter High School for Mr. Larry Simonsen who has decided to pursue other opportunities for personal reasons.



Mr. Dueñas has been working for YPI Charter Schools in various capacities for the past 16 years. He has served as Principal and Executive Administrator of Bert Corona Charter (Middle) School, and as the Chief Operations Officer of YPI Charter Schools. As Chief Operations Officer, he helped to open BCCHS. While serving as the Interim Executive Administrator for BCCHS, Mr. Dueñas will continue with his responsibilities as Chief Operations Officer for YPICS.

Mr. Dueñas takes great pride from his family and his family history. He is the youngest son of immigrants. Mr. Dueñas is married to Rocio with whom he shares two daughters. His daughters are proud Bert Corona Charter School graduates!



PBL Classes have begun!

Project Based Learning (PBL) Classes have begun. By working on these projects, students will continue their growth in mastering critical college and career readiness skills. Students will be engaged in research, interacting with experts in the field, field trips, making presentations, community service, and most importantly, reflection. Project Class teachers will use the VALUE learning outcomes to evaluate student growth.

Students projects will cover topics including:

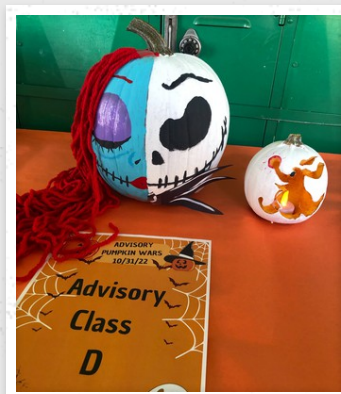
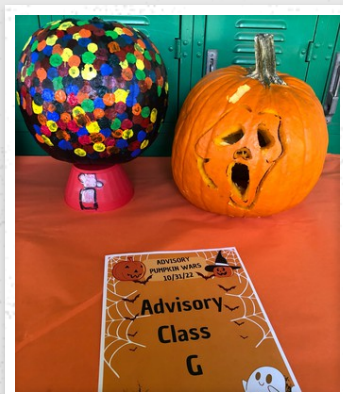
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- health
- art
- homelessness

- animal rights
- voting rights

We can not wait to see what solutions our students discover and implement.

Halloween Advisory Challenges

Students participated in various challenges for Halloween through advisory classes. The Spooky Chalk Art Challenge required our students to use their drawing skills. The Pumpkin Decorating Contest pushed our students creativity. The Toilet Paper Mummies... well, was just fun!



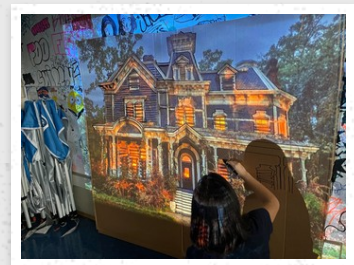
2022-23 Toilet Paper Mummies

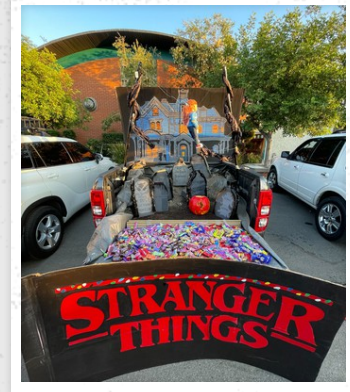
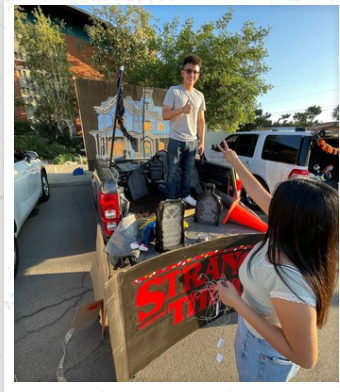


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5th Annual Trunk or Treat @ BCCS

Community Service is a focus of our schools. With the support of Mr. Benavides and Ms. Gonzalez, BCCHS students participated in the 5th Annual BCCS Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 21st. Students decorated a "Stranger Things" themed truck and displayed their Spooky Chalk Art with the Pacoima community. Over 500 people attended the event.





Spooky Chalk Art Competition



Girls Volleyball Season Ends

Our Lady Knights ended their volleyball season on Friday, October 28th with another win against Magnolia Science Academy 4- Venice. The Lady Knights dominated the game and won the match 3-0. They ended the season with a record of 6 wins and 1 loss. It was a great session full of competition, growth, and fun. 8 seniors played their last high school volleyball game and "signed out" after the match was over!



2022-23 Girls Volleyball Seniors "Signing Out!"



Student Led Conferences

Thank you to all the parents and students who participated in our Student Led Conferences on October 10th, 13th, and 14th. A student-led conference is a pre-planned meeting in which students demonstrate responsibility for their academic performance by providing a review of their work for parents and teachers.

We had 87.44% of our students and parents attend our conferences. We look forward to even better participation at the next conference on March 13th, 16th, and 17th of 2023. Mark your calendar!

And a big shout out to all the parents who gave us feedback on our parent survey after the conferences. Mr. Pelayo, Ms. Peña, and Mr. Dueñas are looking forward to sharing the data with you!



Parents of Seniors Financial Aid Workshop

30 families attended the the Parents of Seniors Financial Aid Workshop with our Director of College and Career Readiness, Max Garcia. Mr. Garcia shared his personal journey with students and parents and his expertise about the college going process. Students and parents learned about all of the opportunities to pay for their college education and what they need to do to access the resources.

Families were also treated to some tacos from a local taquero. Food is always necessary for learning!

We hope to see you at the next College and Career Readiness Workshop.



Upcoming Events

- Nov. 1st- 12th Grade Field Trip: Icons of Darkness
- Nov. 10- Homecoming Dance
- Nov.11- Veterans Day, No School
- Nov 12- UCLA vs Arizona Football Game, I'm Going to College
- Nov. 18- Student Assembly
- Nov. 21-25- Thanksgiving Break





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