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POM: Jade Schreiner busts a move on the dance floor

by Delaney Brown
People Editor

Dance team captain **Jade Schreiner** wows the audience as she pops and locks on the Los Gatos football field almost every other Friday. The talented senior became a member of the team her freshman year. She believes that the dance team is "a great way for people to see what I do and what I'm proud of." Schreiner has been dancing since she was seven years old at The Dance Company Of Los Gatos. Trained in all styles including ballet, contemporary, jazz, and hip hop, she is a well rounded dancer who hopes to pursue choreography and dance as a career.

To prepare for this grueling career choice, Shreiner takes classes from professional choreographers and teaches dance classes at her studio. She truly loves teaching and would "love to continue it as [she] gets older." She sees teaching as an opportunity to develop her choreographing style and foster an appreciation for the technique and strength required in her favorite type of dance: hip hop. She explained that "hip hop requires a lot out of a dancer. To look good, you have to be really aware of your body and muscle movements." She also stated that many of these techniques, including hard-hitting, smooth, and

sharp movements, are required for all styles of dance. It has taken her many years to perfect her movement, but she now dances with expert levels of precision and poise.

In addition to teaching in a professional classroom, Scheiner choreographs for the Dance Team's four minute rally dance. Four minutes

may not seem like a lot of time, but it can take hours of choreographing. She makes sure to create moves that are versatile, leaving room for each dancer to bring her own sense of style. In addition to self-choreographed dances, she teaches the dance team snippets of choreography from professional dancers that she learns from YouTube tutorials or classes. Her favorite choreographer is Matt Steffanina, who travels around the world to teach his master classes. Shreiner has met Steffanina a number of times at different master classes and dance conventions.

Schreiner loves taking classes from famous choreographers and even travels to Los Angeles at times to learn and become acquainted with them. She hopes that in the future, she can travel there more often and get an agent to help her organize auditions.

With the knowledge and experience gained from the presence of such successful people, Shreiner feels that she now has the tools to pursue her dream. In a thoughtful tidbit of wisdom, she encourages aspiring dancers: "stay true to your own style and be confident. It's never too late to find your passion. You're always there to learn and you can never know too much." Watch out world: Jade Schreiner is taking the dance community by storm.



A TRUE ATHLETE: Schreiner (right) spends every day performing a variety of new dances. courtesy J. Schreiner

Girls Wapo begins the year

by Madeline King
News Editor

The varsity water polo girls opened their season with the First Contact Tournament, in which LG crushed in all three of their games against Lynbrook, Burlingame, and Woodside on Aug. 31 and Sept. 1. In their game against Woodside, senior **Alison Berg** led the team with six goals for the Cats. Seniors **Devon Ottinger** and **Corlista Davison** scored four and two additional goals respectively, with Ottinger leading the pack with three steals. Freshman **Lindsey Adams** also made one goal and had two assists. Freshman goalie **Lucy Holland** saved three shots during the first half of the game, with freshman **Jackie King** following with seven in the second half.

The varsity girls had a solid start to their official season on Sept. 4 with a home-game win against Los Altos High School. Although they were down 2-1 at the first quarter, the Lady Cats made a comeback, finishing the game 10-4. Senior **Christina Kulick** contributed an outstanding five goals and two assists to the win, with Berg following with one goal and five assists. This year, girls water polo has two JV teams, JV Black and JV Orange. The JV Black girls also had a successful first matchup, destroying the Los Altos Eagles 12-0. Junior **Eleni Bauman** stood out with three goals for LG, with freshmen **Josephine Minert** and **Zoe Frangieh** adding two apiece.

Both teams also emerged victorious from their second games, this time against Mountain View. The varsity Cats started the game strong, already up 8-3 by halftime. They finished the game with a score of 12-6. Kulick contributed four goals and two steals and Davison added another three goals and one steal. King and Holland both had four saves in the game, with King adding three steals to help the team to victory. On JV Black, Frangieh and junior **Sophia Cavallini** both added two goals, with freshman **Mackenzie Lindholm** contributing



INCREDIBLE SHOT: Adams seeks a goal opportunity from afar. courtesy W. Ottinger

one goal and six steals to finish the game with a 7-3 win. Junior goalie **Katie Knol** kept the cage safe, blocking five shots.

The JV Orange team competed in the Monte Vista Tournament where they fought through two tough losses before a single win on Sept. 7-8. The JV Black team also competed in the Valley Christian Tournament the same weekend, beating Valley Christian and St. Francis before facing a crushing defeat against Leland.

Los Gatos matched up against Gunn for their toughest game of the season so far on Sept. 11. The varsity girls came out ready to play; the score went back and forth between the Titans and the Cats until LG finally pulled ahead with just under three minutes left in the game, defeating the rival Titans 10-9. The JV girls also destroyed their competition with a 13-6 victory.

So far, the Cats have been down on their luck in regards to player health, after facing three concussions on their varsity team. The girls are focusing on taking care of themselves in and out of the pool, and will hopefully have a full team back in the water as soon as possible for their upcoming games.

Football faces off at Levi's

by Erin Grasty
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For the first time in Los Gatos history, Levi's Stadium is hosting the LGHS varsity football team tonight for our game against Homestead. Every year, the 49ers organization uses the Levi's Stadium High School Football Series as an opportunity to connect with high schools in the Bay Area. This year, the organization selected the Los Gatos Saratoga Union High School District for their fourth annual event.

Administration at Los Gatos received the invitation to play at the stadium at the beginning of August. However, the public wasn't aware until the 49ers organization published a press release on Aug. 10 announcing that Los Gatos and Saratoga High School would be the chosen teams for this year. In order to accept the invitation, both Homestead and Santa Clara High School needed to agree to play at the location rather than at the originally planned fields.

Tonight, Saratoga plays Santa Clara at Levi's at 5:00 PM, and Los Gatos plays Homestead at 7:30 PM. The visitor side of the stadium is open to the public for the event, as the 49ers organization cannot provide security for the entire arena. All spectators will sit in the visitors section, where concessions will

be provided as well. The Los Gatos varsity football team will stand on the visitors' side of the field, closest to the fans, and Homestead will stand on the home side. At halftime, the LGHS cheer and dance team will perform. The marching band will not perform their typical halftime routine, but the pep-band will be there to play throughout the game in support of the team.

Students and families of Los Gatos are encouraged to attend tonight's game, as it is a very rare opportunity. Members of the cheer, dance, and football team are permitted access to the locker rooms, giving them a sneak peek at what professional performers and players get to experience. Vice Principal **Amy Drolette** described the event as a privilege for our school, explaining, "I hope that it's one of those things that they'll never forget."

Not only is this an exciting occasion for the athletes, but it is a milestone for students, teachers, alumni, and other fans of LGHS. Drolette added that "we have such a history of loyal supporters in the community... so it's another way to give back to them for giving to us." LGHS has an allotted number of tickets to distribute for the game, so the school is choosing to use them as invitations to honor those who have donated and supported the school throughout the years.

People with ASB and Cat's Corner cannot get in free to the game because the athletics department is losing the funds typically accumulated from a home game. Attendees under the age of 18 can purchase tickets for \$15, while adult tickets cost \$20. Please come to support LGHS at this exciting event! (Sources: Levi's Stadium)



LIKE THE PROS: The LGHS Football team will play at Levi's Stadium. courtesy Wikimedia Commons



Scan the QR Code to receive information about tickets for tonight's game. PROMO CODE: LOS-GATOS. You can also go to the link: <http://tiny.cc/LGFBLevi>

Tennis team strives for another unforgettable season

by Gabrielle Pollock
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The LGHS girls tennis team hopes to start their season off right after their successful season last year with wins at CCS, Norcals, and Leagues. This year, they plan to continue on that same trajectory.

After tryouts and training during the first few weeks of school, the varsity team attended their first tournament at Stanford for the Golden State Classic from Friday, Sept. 7 to Saturday, Sept. 8. Not competing as well as they had hoped, the team won their first two matches and lost their last two.

After their weekend at Stanford, the girls varsity and junior varsity teams went right into their League matches of every Tuesday and Thursday. Their first matches of the season were on Tuesday, Sept. 11 and Thursday, Sept. 13. On Tuesday the team played against Monte Vista at home and varsity won 4 matches to 3. Later in the week on Thursday the team played at Los Altos and varsity won 6 matches to 1.

The Girls Tennis coach, Byron Nepomuceno, has been with the team for the past four years and has made an amazing impact. Varsity



ADVANTAGE LGHS: The Varsity team aspires to keep a strong record this year. © Petroff

Captain **Annie Kettmann** stated that, "he is very involved with his athletes and is a very experienced coach. He also adds a great personality to the team dynamic, which is really fun and allows us to play at our best."

This year, varsity team captains Kettmann and senior **Remi Snouffer** are leading their team to another victorious season. Kettmann explained, "As captain, I am passing on a lot of information and planning events outside of our season. It's really cool to be a captain for a team that I've been on for four years, and I'm excited to see what we are able to accomplish and do this year."

Also, two of the Seniors on the varsity team are committed to universities for tennis. Senior **Ashley Yeah** is committed to University of Illinois and Senior **Yana Gurevich** to University of California Davis.

During the weekend of Sept. 27 through 29, the varsity team will be heading to San Diego for the CIF San Diego Section. Until then, the team will continue forward in their matches and shoot for a successful season.