

# THE KNIGHT TIMES

## Seniors Steal the Spotlight at Talent Show

By: Justice Barnes '26



SOCES musicians, dancers, and comedians take the stage at Senior Talent Show

On January 30th, the Senior Cabinet presented the annual Senior Talent show. For the last few weeks, seniors and even teachers have been practicing and perfecting their acts to be prepared for the show. The show ranged from singing, dancing, to comedy, and it featured around 10 entertaining acts.

Garrett Arch, a senior comedian, set the stage for the show walking out in a purple Teletubby costume and had humorous bits to engage the audience. Other acts such as a band, singers, dancers also did very well and kept the show running.

When asked about preparation for the talent show, senior student Bruno Marvelli, drummer of the senior band, said "He didn't have a drum set at home, so he had to use chopsticks and

pillows to practice," highlighting his ability to make things work even without having all the resources and still put on a great performance.

A singer in the talent show, Sydney DeVore said "She had a lot of fun performing as a band. We were preparing the weeks prior and it was cool seeing things all come together." A teacher who performed, Mr. Pak, made a last minute decision to perform.

He stated that his students "Joseph and Victor wanted to perform but they had to join Mr. Pak's slot and he agreed to help his students." He added that their performance was meant to be a joke and funny, with them "practicing for 20 minutes Friday morning and for 10 minutes after school, but the lyrics were still

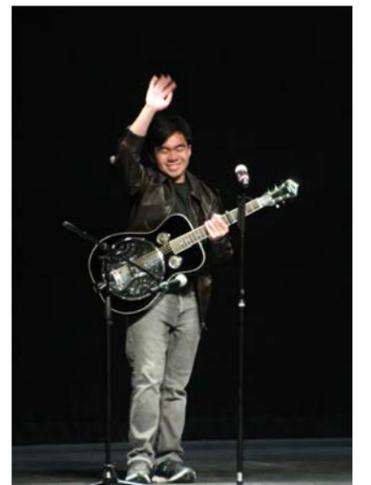


sincere, being a tribute to student and friend Daniel." Talking with people in the audience after the show, they seemed very satisfied with the performances and seemed to have a lot of fun watching the seniors and teachers.

Reyn Campbell, a member of the audience, stated, "It was really interactive because Garrett's comedy was engaging and made the show a fun experience not only for the performers but the audience too." Overall, the Senior Talent Show was a success,



with performers feeling satisfied about their performances and the audience feeling entertained and engaged.



## Edith Repeats!

## Spelling Bee Sees First Back to Back Winner!

By: Ashley Levine '29

New year, new spelling bee, but last year's winner has returned to triumph again! 8th grader Edita V. wins her second spelling bee in a row, making SOCES history as the first back to back winner.

Edita won the spelling bee with the word purloined. She shared, "I am very surprised. I studied, but not as much as I did the year before. For regionals, I will make sure to study a bit more."

The school's annual spelling bee took place on January 29th, 2026. The contestants, ranging from fourth to eighth graders, competed in classroom spelling bees until one speller remained in each classroom. The classroom winner went on to compete in the school wide spelling bee.

Mrs. Strong, who is one of the judges in the spelling bee, explained, "One of my jobs was



Photo of spelling bee winner

to organize. Along with Mrs Dietz, we put everything together, got all the information out, and we informed all of the English teachers how to do it."

When asked how the competition differed from last year, she shared, "I think the

competition was a lot more challenging. I noticed that in the first five rounds, we lost a lot of people. The words were harder, and even in the classroom bees, the kids were getting out faster." The spelling bee this year lasted a whopping 25 rounds.

In addition, Zarif B. is the first SOCES student to place in all spots on the podium. This year, he placed third, in sixth grade he placed first, and in fourth grade he placed second!



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## Letter From The Editor

Dear Reader,

I hope this letter finds you well. My name is Anya Vaiman, and I'm the Editor in Chief of The Knight Times.

I am happy to present our Valentines Edition! In this issue, you will find articles about Valentines Day, Aca Deca, Culinary, and political pieces about Venezuela and ICE.

In a time when Americans are suffering, and rights are being violated, it is important to recognize our freedom of speech. The culture of Journalism relies heavily

on not only investigating stories, but also upholding truth and facts. It is imperative to promote factual news when voices are silenced, and continue writing even when creativity is weaponized.

In this class, our values lie in addressing world news, representing our student body, and teaching students how to become stronger journalists.

I would like to thank every writer that wrote for us this month, and every photographer that volunteered to take photos.

Readers, please enjoy this issue, and check our



website Socesmedia.com for more articles!

- Anya Vaiman

## Culinary CCAP Team Cooks Up a Win

By: Eva Bublil '26

Our culinary students took part in a cooking competition at the ICE Culinary School. There were about 300 students from around 40 different schools. All of the students were in culinary arts programs. It was a big competition, and many students were nervous but excited to compete.

The competition had several rounds. In the first round, students had to make a salad using a ring mold. This round focused on knife skills, being careful, and making the food look nice. Students also had to show basic cooking skills, like making a French omelet and cutting vegetables the correct way. The judges watched closely and looked at how clean the students worked, how well they used their tools, and how the final dish looked.

Only high school seniors were allowed to compete,



CCAP team posing at competition

which made the competition very important for them. From our school, six senior students competed in the first round. The competing seniors were Junia Park, Moss Dunavan, Mariel Lukban, Siena O'Rourke, Wylie Peterson, and Leibee Sue. After judging, only three students moved on to the final round. The students who advanced were Siena O'Rourke, Leibee Sue, and Mariel Lukban. Making it to the final round was a big achievement because there were so many students competing.

One of the finalists, Si-

ena, talked about her experience in an interview. She said it was her first competition and she was very nervous. "It was definitely an unforgettable experience," she said. "I thought I was going to fail, but in the end I was really proud of myself." Her experience shows how trying new things can help students gain confidence.

Overall, the competition was a great experience for all the students. It helped them learn new skills, feel more confident, and see what it is like to work in a real culinary setting. The competition also showed how hard



## South Korean Students Visit SOCES!

By: Leibee Sue '26

SOCES has recently had South Korean students come and visit. Many of the students were only familiar with American culture from seeing movies or tv shows, so having in person interaction was so much more than they expected. Mrs. Pak, the SOCES sponsor, helped welcome students and tour them around campus. The students varied between different grades and schools. SOCES proudly hosted Jangsu Elementary School, Dain Middle School, Gyeonbuk Foreign Language Highschool, and Gyeongju High school.

The students were accompanied by new people and

selected SOCES students who are in the Korean Class. Once the students arrived, they were warmly greeted. They performed traditional Korean dances in uniform and then watched Dance Production and Cheer perform. They enjoyed the Culinary treats provided by Chef Avila, with a fun Thai Tea soft serve station.

Korean 6th grader, Eunseo Song, said "I have really enjoyed the school a lot, it was so fun watching the dancers and I loved the ice cream so much!"

Later the SOCES students were able to engage in traditional Korean activities like fan decorating, mask decorating, and a fun rope game. The students



SOCES students pose with Korean students outside of the school.

finally finished up their visit at the pep rally. Something fun and new was an amazing way to end the day. Three students from the Gyeongju Highschool enjoyed playing a Half-Court contest. This was unexpected, but a fun way to break the ice and learn new experiences. Once the students were settled in they made numerous friends with fellow SOCES students, eventually exchanging social media contacts.

SOCES senior Junia

Park said "I really enjoy touring around the students because it introduces me to new traditions and it is so much fun seeing them approach a different culture."

It was a fun experience and both students enjoyed it a lot. Last year SOCES was honored by hosting another school. Many of the students who helped last year were able to help host this year too. Junia Park said, "I really enjoy touring around the students because I enjoy seeing the amazement on their faces as well as seeing how they handle different situations." Many students said that they enjoyed going to a new school and that compared to those in Korea, SOCES was special. SOCES did an amazing job hosting this year's students and hope to continue this beloved relationship from now on.



Photo of Korean and SOCES students

# CAMPUS NEWS

## Academic Decathlon Competitions Begin!

By: Sophie Kundel '26



Photo of Aca Deca students celebrating

On Saturday, January 24, 2026, the first part of the Acadeca competition was held and the students were ready to start their winning journey! This was their first competition of the season and they have been pre-

paring for their competition since May of 2025. Now, this is their chance to show off their smarts and the skills they have.

Sarah Kovalev, team captain, said, "I was very excited, and I think we all did well.

I'm looking forward to seeing the results!"

This competition was not available for public view because it was just a combination of individual tests. On February 7, the next competition will be held. It will be a speech that they have written themselves ahead of time. They will also be evaluated for their presentation of an on the spot "impromptu" speech.

There is also a live broadcasted jeopardy game that will be a team game and everyone has to participate in. This competition is in 10 parts, which is where the name Deca comes

from. The first 7 parts are in the test they took on Jan 24 and the next 3 are the Feb 7 competition. The scores will be released in the last week of February, and there will be a huge ceremony on Feb 28 where anyone can come and watch. Come support your Acadeca team at Garfield High-school!

If they do well on this, they will be able to proceed to nationals in Santa Clara. Interviewing seniors from the team, we asked why they joined Aca-Deca in the first place.

Rose Ortiz says she joined "for legacy because my

older sister was on the team and helped them win the first year they placed in a while."

Jeremy Rodriguez says he was "recruited by my avid tutor" and Sarah Kovalev joined for "college apps, but stayed because of the community and the opportunities Aca Deca gave" her. Don't forget to come support your team and watch their next competition on Feb 7!



## SOCES Shines

### Wins Excellence Award

By: Reyn Campbell '27

Sherman Oaks CES was awarded the Magnet School of Excellence by the Magnet Schools of America. It is the second time SOCES has won this prestigious recognition. The first time was in 2024.

The award was awarded to the hard work of students, staff, and community members who have helped make SOCES one of the premiere academic schools in LAUSD.

"It's about showcasing the hard work of the staff, the students, and the parents, said Magnet Coordinator Ms. Taabares about the award's significance. "It gives us a recognition. It makes SOCES a nationally recognized School. It reminds us how good this school really is. But I think we can do better. I always feel we can do better." The sentiment fits the philosophy of many educators which is to teach students to be life long learners and that learning never ends.

Ms. Tabares is quick to emphasize the role Mr. Firestein played in winning the award for the school, Mr. Firestein was her partner in the application process. "I firmly believe, besides all the great work the kids do, it's Mr. Firestein who makes us sound as wonderful as we are."

LAUSD introduced Magnet programs in 1977. Originally, the magnet program was created following the supreme court decision ruled in Brown v. Board of Education in 1954. This ruling was carried out in order to prevent segregation in schools nationwide allowing for greater integration of people of different races and ethnicities. This decision fueled an LA-specific case to be carried out as seen in Craw-

ford v. Board of Education of the city of Los Angeles. This case, inspired by the supreme court's decision, required LAUSD to specifically take active steps in order to reduce segregation on a more intricate level.

Thus, the Magnet school solution was born. They were designed to offer education to students from the entire valley and give everyone equal opportunity, no matter where they are from or what they looked like. Mrs. Rogers—a teacher at SOCES—explains the importance of this aspect of our given title. She elaborates how "We [SOCES] are one of the only and original magnet schools where it's for diversity, with races... We have to [have a student population] of around 40% white, and 60% non white students total". Diversity has played a major factor in our school, which is one of the best things about our school.

Racial Equity and Integration isn't the only reason SOCES was given the award to be a magnet school. Our school has to have certain magnet academic focuses that differentiate from other schools in LA. SOCES students are chosen based on their high academic ability, which explains why our school is known as the Center of Enriched Studies. We strive for academic excellence. Our school offers many focuses such as STEM programs, Performing arts, AP Classes, and various electives that allow students to be academically well-rounded, and ready for life after high school.

## How do Students Balance School with a Part Time Job??

By: Dresden Jones '26



Picture of Judah in a Canes sweater

As SOCES students continue to stumble up the stairs of growing up, many of us have come back from winter break with much larger wallets than before. However, that larger stack of cash has come with a cost, as students begin to face the hardships of balancing their student life with their newfound employee life.

Judah Sapong, a student in his senior year, is on the extreme side of this discussion after he turned eighteen and became eligible for late nights. Yet, he still makes the most of it. He said, "Yeah, late nights get hard, 10PM to 4AM, but it pays well and I've made some good friends, so I honestly can't complain, you know? It's just a part of life and it gets easy once you get the hang of balancing it with school." Although our friend Judah has to be at Raising Canes a little before the sun comes

up some nights, he knows he's making good habits and making the most of his time.

There are plenty of benefits to being an employed student, aside from rolling the dough. Students relish in getting their foot in the door of the workforce.

Nick Bilicic, another senior working part-time, said "Although it's taken a bite out of my free time, I can't tell you how grateful I am to start early. I'm happy I don't have to deal with looking for my first job after I graduate."

For some, becoming employed as a student isn't as smooth of an adjustment. When shifts start picking up, so does the homework, and sleep begins to feel like luxury. For students that already manage a lot, whether it's AP's, clubs, or other extracurricular activities, adding to that pile can feel impossible.

Still, it's more commonly believed that the pros certainly outweigh the cons, especially considering what teachers and counselors think. Maturity is built, we learn how to communicate professionally, and how to truly take responsibility.

As winter break cash slowly turns into gas money and savings, SOCES students are discovering that adulthood isn't going to wait until graduation. Between late-night shifts and early morning classes, we're already learning one of life's most important lessons, that with independence also comes a great deal of responsibility.

# Gift Date Ideas

By: Adlai Garcia '26

Valentines day is celebrated every year on February 14. It is focused on love, kindness, and appreciation. Many people celebrate it with their husband, wife, girlfriend, or boyfriend. But it can also be a day to show love and appreciation to friends and family members. The whole purpose of this day is to make others feel loved and cared for. Gifting gifts is a very popular tradition on Valentine's day. Some popular gifts include chocolate, flowers, cards, and stuffed animals and even things that are meaningful to one another. Liam Clinger said, "Even a small box of chocolates can make someone feel special." Personal gifts are

also very popular. Handwritten letters, photo albums, or customized things. These gifts show and feel more meaningful because they show that the giver took time to think about the other person. Personal gifts are more common to create stronger emotional connections with one another and they are to be remembered longer. Valentines is not just about giving gifts, but a lot of people enjoy just spending quality time with their loved ones. Some people enjoy going to fancy restaurants or ordering takeout to make the day special. Others like doing small activities that mean a lot to them, and these moments help build and

strengthen and create memories that will last longer than gifts. Lots of young teenagers mostly do not have the money to spend on fancy expensive gifts for their friends or lovers. Valentines Day is also a day and time where you can express your feelings through small meaningful words, "I appreciate you" can mean a lot to one, or just doing small gestures you believe one would appreciate. At the end of the day Valentines day is not about gifts or spending money but being with the person you love most and creating unforgettable memories that will last a lifetime.  
Happy Valentines Day

Happy Valentines Day to my special someone you know who you are, I hope you ready for a day full of surprises and love.

Dear Drea, Happy Valentines Day. Smell my feet. I love you.

## VALENTINE'S MESSAGES

Dear Lizelle,  
Roses are red,  
Violets are blue,  
I will never have a friend  
that I love as much as you  
-anonymous

**I love my friends so much they make me laugh and cry and although we have banter I will always have their support and they will always have mine. Love yall**

Dear olga, you are so beautiful! - secret admirer

Happy Valentines Day,  
I always love your beautiful smile!  
Love, Caleb Steinbach

To Monet and Knarik, you're the best galentines I ever could've asked for <3

To my friends, you guys are the sweetest and I wish you all a happy valentine's day  
-olga b.

I'm so grateful to have my sister Rebecca, my friends Hailie, Gizelle, Abbie, Abby, Bridget, Alice, Azuka and my boyfriend Rasheed in my life. You guys have impacted my life in so many great ways and created such fun memories. I appreciate you guys being in my life. Happy Valentine's Day!

Dear Mr. Pak,  
I just want to say how amazing you are. You are my hero. Your beauty knows no boundary. Your eye shine brighter than a million Super Novas. You are the light of my life. I love you now and forever!  
Love,  
Mr. Pak

"Dear Valentine,  
I love every moment we have together and you make me so happy. I hope this Valentine's Day is as sweet as you. I love you!"  
- Noa

To Daniel,  
You light up the world!  
Anonymous

To my world and my only, the bane of my heart and soul. Ever since the first moon fell after we laid eyes on each other, I haven't known a world without you. Happy Valentines Day, my love.

Dear my love, Thank you for everything you are truly one of a kind i love you so much. I can't wait to make many more memories with you  
-Adlai G

Any,  
Don't tell Rowan but you're my favorite.  
Mr. Pak

Rowan,  
Don't tell Anya but you're my favorite.  
Mr. Pak

# Pop Culture

## 2026 is the New 2016

By: Sammy Montantes '27'

Wake up, it's 2016! This year, all over Instagram and TikTok, people are looking back and posting old pictures of themselves, or of them reliving 2016. Even people who didn't exactly get to 'live' in that time era are catching up with the rest by posting with the Rio de Janeiro Instagram filter, the Snapchat dog filter and more.

Why are people who didn't fully experience 2016 still drawn to the aesthetic? Junior, Elizabeth Melikyan (11th) says, "everyone who didn't get the chance to experience 2016 dreams of having the opportunity to live the 'LA dream.'" Throwbacks aren't new, but this year, the shift to the 2016 culture is so amplified because of social media. To most people, especially regarding social media, 2016 stands out as the last era "before everything changed."

It happened before the pandemic and the stress of all of it, political tension, and division in our society. Anna Ginosyan (12th) and Armine Sulikhanyan (12th) share their thoughts on why 2016 is worth remembering in the first place. Armine says, "In 2016, people didn't make the focus of social

media wanting to be famous and wanting to show off. It was just to have fun and there was no pressure to be perfect." She says that overall it was a fun year and nostalgia is a big reason for everyone now wanting to go back to their free, fun, colorful



Photograph taken from TikTok

and care-free childhood. Anna adds that, "everyone was united." With time, people separated and divided and it became harder to connect as easily as before. 2016 is truly one of the most memorable years. It reflects a time in LA when the media was opening up, Musically grew with Baby Ariel and more, and everyone was on Snapchat. Lyric Heck (12th) mentions her

favorite part of 2016 being the music and pop culture. Bruno Mars, Taylor Swift, Khalid, and, of course, Fetty Wap were iconic at the time and Starbucks released the Unicorn Frappuccino. "It was definitely the music for me," she says. Besides that, visually and aesthetically, 2016 just comes out to be one of the best years.

Even celebrities like Kylie Jenner are reliving the era, bringing back her King Kylie pink hair profile picture. Armine and Anna share what they feel is welcoming back 2016. They say, "everyone has agreed that it was a better time, so slowly the musicallys, all the tiktok trends, and being care-free are coming back. Most importantly, Fetty Wap came out of jail, #come to LA for us." After the last few years of recovering from the pandemic and shifts in our society, people desire the optimistic and care-free time that 2016 was. Although this year might not be a genuine cultural reset, society has collectively decided to make this year into an opportunity for a turning point and overall a better year after the last few.

## Stranger Things Ending

By: Hesara Kahawitaga Don '27

Alfalter over the final hurdle. From 2016 to 2026, Stranger Things has accumulated a large fanbase. Its seasons 1-4 caught the attention of many for its accurate depiction of the 80's, alluring storyline, VFX, and interesting characters. But, in contrast, the recent finale and overall season 5 have been prosaic and fallen short. From the Chat GPT scandal, to the divorce 'gate' and conformity gate theory, a majority of the Stranger Things fans have been left dissatisfied with the final season of the show that has led to all this feedback. A recent documentary was released during 2026 on the behind the scenes called, "One last adventure, The making of Stranger Things." This documentary makes way to many aspects of the show that led to the feedback on the finale.

To start, in one shooting scene, one of the Duffers says, "I've never read a script and we're just shooting it. I've never done anything like this before." While it is common for productions to be filmed without a finalized script, The Stranger Things team has never done this before.

The issues lie within the writing; as the Duffer Brothers are more known and skilled for their directing skills and used writing as a way to get into Hollywood. The writers were given vague descriptions and

ideas from the Brothers and were expected to accomplish a solid script in a short period of time. While the brothers did contribute to the writing, it was not as exceptional as their directing. The final season is criticized for its massive plot holes and inconsistencies. For example, the Demogorgons - a fictional monster from the show- go from being invincible, to being wounded by ammunition, back to invincible, and then having a glass bottle injure them. With the pressure of Netflix and the lack of structure among solid concepts in the script, the entire team struggled.

The production team however, can be exceptionally admired during this documentary for the level of work and sets they were able to produce with short time and directions. The contrast between VFX of the two seasons has been interpreted this season as weak and poor quality which explains peoples' negative reactions.

Like George Lucas says, "It's not a matter of how well can you make a movie, it's how well can you make it under the circumstances..." While there are many aspects that have left fans disappointed, through the documentary we can see, against all odds, the team was able to create the final season with their circumstances. And to that there should be at least some credit.



Photo from Variety



Photo from Rotten Tomatoes

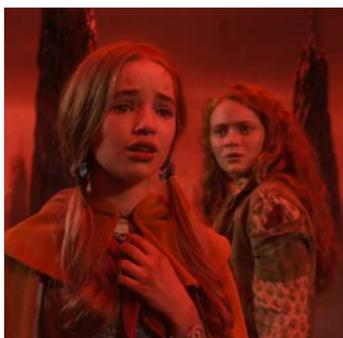


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## Valentine's Day Playlist

By: Justice Barnes '26'

Something - The Beatles  
Just The Way You Are - Milky  
Still Into You - Paramore  
Everybody Here Wants You - Jeff Buckley  
Kiss Me - Sixpence None The Richer  
Going Away to College - Blink-182  
You - George Harrison  
Time After Time - Cyndi Lauper  
Summertime - The Sundays  
Hey Lover - The Daughters of Eve  
Still Dreaming - Silverstein  
When the Sun Hits - Slowdive  
Emily - From First to Last  
Your Love Is Forever - George Harrison  
Lovefool - The Cardigans  
Just Like Heaven - The Cure

## Starbucks Menu

By: Yeva Bublil '26

Starbucks recently dropped its new drinks, including the Dubai Chocolate Matcha Latte, Dubai Chocolate Mocha Latte, Iced Double Berry Matcha, Iced Banana Bread Matcha, White Chocolate Strawberry Cream Cold Brew, and New Strawberry Shortcake Frappuccino.

I got to try one of these; the first one is a Dubai Chocolate Matcha Latte. I was honestly surprised. Even though I don't usually like matcha, I still wanted to give this drink a try to see if it would change my mind, and it actually did. It was really good because it was super creamy and smooth. I don't know if it tastes exactly like Dubai chocolate, but it definitely has a rich chocolate flavor with a slight pistachio taste. For me, it was okay, so I would give it around 6/10. I know people who love matcha, and this drink was 10/10 for them, so for each their own, but you should definitely try it.

The next drink that I tried was a Strawberry Shortcake Frappuccino. This one is definitely one of my favorites, it has strawberry puree, and let me tell you, it literally tastes like heaven. It's very sweet, so if you don't like very sweet stuff, you won't like it. It was very creamy with vanilla and had a strong strawberry taste. It also reminded me a little of strawberry ice cream. This drink was definitely a 10/10. I recommend it to everyone.



Photo from Starbucks Historians



Photo from Reddit

## MARTY SUPREME

By: Noa Cohen '26

**M**arty Supreme is a new film directed by Josh Safdie, starring Timothée Chalamet, among many other well-known actors, and was released on Christmas Day in 2025. The movie takes place in 1970s New York, following Marty Mauser, a competitive table-tennis player whose drive to win borders on self-destruction.

While Marty Supreme is framed as a sports film, it is ultimately about masculinity and the pressure to succeed. Marty defines his manhood by associating strength with aggression and self-worth with victory. The movie is fast-paced, just like Marty—he never slows down, never looks back on his choices, and never allows himself to ap-

pear weak. His identity is built around winning, and he refuses to accept anything else.

His mindset comes at a cost. As Marty chases success, he isolates himself from others and ignores the emotional effects of his obsession. The film repeatedly shows him pushing past people who try to slow him down, choosing competition over connection with those closest to him. This is where Marty Supreme becomes both dangerous and effective at the same time.

The movie is shot and paced in a way that makes Marty's behavior feel exciting, even admirable. His confidence, aggression, and refusal to quit are framed as traits of a winner.



Photo taken from WWD

But when the glamour fades, Marty is not someone to look up to—he is narrow, insecure, and completely consumed by winning. The film risks sending the message that masculinity is demonstrated through domination and emotional detachment. His behavior is never seen by him as a flaw, which can make his self-destruction look like dedication rather than desperation.

This does not make

Marty Supreme a failure; in fact, it's the opposite. Safdie intentionally blurs the line between admiration and discomfort, forcing the audience to question why Marty's behavior feels exciting in the first place. At just over two hours long, it is fast, overwhelming, and thrilling.

Marty Supreme is a great movie, specifically because Marty is not a great man. By making his obsession look cool

on the surface, the film exposes how easily toxic ideas about masculinity and success can be mistaken for strength. If viewers walk away impressed by Marty, that may say less about the character and more about the culture that teaches us to admire men who are willing to lose everything just to win.

## UPCOMING MOVIES

By: Caleb Steinbach '26

**T**his year is expected to be a big break for many film pieces, with highly anticipated films set to release in theatres soon. 2026 may become one of the most memorable years for the film industry with several intense and nail biting films. Horror enjoyers can look forward to 28 Years Later: The Bone Temple directed by Nia DaCosta, which expands on the famous zombie franchise. Other early release films include, The Rip, a crime thriller starring well known actors and Send Help!, a survival movie about coworkers stranded after a devastating plane crash. As spring approaches, a notable release this year is The Bride!, a new take on the Frankenstein story that still holds the same horror and drama as the original films and book. One of the most exciting additions to this year is Christopher Nolan's, The Odyssey, a film adaptation of the ancient epic.

Sebastian Hamilton in Grade 11 states, "I am very excited for The Odyssey because I believe that it will be another Christopher Nolan masterpiece."

The movie follows the hero Odysseus as he faces the foes in his path, and the long journey he faced trying to return home after war. The summer months of 2026 are where the big hitters come in packed with major blockbusters. Video game

fans will be thrilled with the release of The Super Mario Galaxy Movie, which continues Mario's adventures in space. Another video game inspired film includes the Mortal Kombat II, delivering a fast paced action movie to 2026. DC Universe fans will be excited to see the upcoming Supergirl. The Star Wars Franchise is releasing The Mandalorian and Grogu, which brings the popular characters to theatres for the first time this summer. A beloved fashion drama returns to the big screen with The Devil Wears Prada 2, reuniting fans from the original drama. Finally one of the biggest parts of 2026 will be the two major theatrical releases for Marvel, the first is Spider-Man: Brand New Day, where Tom Holland returns as Spider-Man which at the end of summer in theatres. The other big Marvel film is Avengers: Doomsday, set to release in the beginning of Winter 2026 where heroes come together to fight a new powerful villain.

Overall 2026 has a wide range of movies across many genres releasing. With thrilling sequels, unforgettable sequences, beloved universes, and classic tales all coming to life, the year promises absolute cinema for all types of audiences and will remind us why going to the movies will always be an unforgettable experience.

## Patriot Games: Real Life Hunger Games?

By: Siena O'Rourke '26



Photo taken from people.com

**P**resident Donald Trump recently proposed a high school athletic competition as part of the celebration and anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The event is planned for later this year and is referred to as the Patriot Games. The event itself has sparked various controversies for many reasons since its public announcement.

Many netizens were quick to call out the intense similarity between the Patriot games and the famous dystopian story of the Hunger games. The Hunger Games is a popular book and movie series written by Suzzane Collins. It tells the story of a dystopian society where children are forced to compete in televised survival games. The story follows main character Katniss Everdeen as she is forced to compete in this cruel deadly competition where only one person can survive. The games are used by the government to control the population and remind them of its power. As someone who has read the books and watched the movies, when I first heard about Trump's Patriot Games, my mind immediately

went to the Hunger Games.

The Hunger Games has districts which many compare to the States in the United States of America. They have a wealthy capital in the first district where the citizens are able to dress lavishly and live carefree lives. The Capitol is able to constantly party, eat delicacies, and have highly unrealistic beauty standards. This is very different from the other districts such as district 12, who have to constantly work in order to survive. Fans compared this to the beauty standard in Hollywood, where being slim is something you want to be by taking Ozempic and other medicines. In Hollywood, being skinny is a form of beauty and wealth, not something that is developed from food scarcity. On another note, the wealth gap in both the Hunger Games and the USA are similar. Many of these similarities were already clear and had been compared since the original release of the books in 2008. Over time, the two get compared more and more as they rise in similarity. Since the announcement of the Patriot Games, many more people began to heavily argue that we are liv-

ing in a dystopian society similar to the one in the book.

A dystopian society is often defined by persuasive propaganda, constant surveillance, restrictions, fear of the outside world, and dehumanization.

Ms.Kaur, a high school English teacher, dedicates a unit to helping students identify the key characteristics of a dystopian society. She uses literature such as the Hunger Games and Fahrenheit 451 to teach students how to analyze and draw comparisons to our society. Her class teaches students to compare real life to dystopian novels similar to how Patriot Games is like Hunger Games.

Unfortunately, many people believe that most of these categories have already been filled by Trump's America.

With the planning of the Patriot games, the Hunger Games seems more real than ever. Both games choose one male and one female from each state/district in order to compete against others in a publicly televised event meant to promote patriotism.

# World News

## Ice Minnesota *By: Olga Blanco '26*

On Wednesday, January 7, 2026, 37-year-old U.S. citizen Renee Good was in a residential street in Minneapolis, Minnesota, when she was shot. As news spread across Los Angeles, many learned that the incident occurred during an enforcement operation that had already drawn the attention of locals. According to video footage given to Fox 9 News, it can be seen that Renee Good's vehicle had stopped on Portland Avenue, as masked federal agents approached. Good was then ordered to step out of her vehicle, as one officer stood in front of her car and the other tried to open her door. As Good began to drive away from the agents, one of them opened fire, her vehicle then crashed and she was later found unresponsive. She was rushed to the hospital but ultimately was pronounced dead. For some students here at SOCES, it raised concerns about how such a force has been reducing the amount of safety.

Later, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security released a statement claiming that the ICE officer shot the woman in self-defense and the action in itself followed training protocols. However, Jacob Frey, the Minneapolis mayor, opposed this statement, saying, "This was a federal agent recklessly using power that resulted in someone dying" (Minneapolis, C. O.)

Additionally, BBC News reports that on Saturday, January 24, 37-year-old U.S. citizen Alex Pretti was shot while protesting at an immigration enforcement operation in south Minneapolis, Minnesota. Before the incident, footage from a

bystander was released, where Pretti was seen trying to protect a woman before being pepper sprayed in the eyes. Another video surfaced from a different angle, where Pretti is on the ground being pinned down by around six federal agents, with one striking his head. Another agent arrived at the scene and shot the citizen once before continuing to fire at the motionless body. After the incident, Homeland Security released an image of a firearm they claimed Pretti was holding. Yet, Minne-



*Photo from ABC news*  
apolis police chief Brian O'Hara said he was a lawful firearm owner with a permit and there was no official evidence he was holding a firearm. Nonetheless, Homeland Security continued the claim that the federal agents were following protocols and was a defensive action taken to defend the agent's life. In the end, both families were left with anger and in shambles, only fueling the amount of protesting and anger against violence and immigration enforcement operations.

Here at SOCES, a student shared, "These causeless actions bring fear into students because now we believe we can't have our own freedom of speech because we can get in trouble

for it. The people we consider protecting us are, in fact, the people we need protection from. I am glad people are standing up for this and not looking the other way, because many are being brutally hurt for no reason. Students will fear leaving their house because they'll think what if I'm next, since everyone is being stripped away from their rights."

Students in LA have resonated with the hurt that the family has experienced and such an incident has created an encouragement for seeking change and protesting. In our very own school and many others, a walk out was scheduled for Friday 6th, 2026, where various students left the school with the purpose of speaking their mind about the immigration enforcement operations.

One student expressed, "I'm glad that people are speaking up and fighting for change. It's just unfortunate that people had to die before further action was taken. I think that the support that Minnesotans have been showing their neighbors, whether it be by getting each other groceries or protesting, etc., is inspiring and reminds me that there are thousands of ways I can help my community and my neighbors."

Overall, the impact has been strongly felt in our Los Angeles school communities. As investigations of the deaths of Renee Good and Alex Pretti continue, fellow students continue to recognize the importance of justice and nonviolence.

## Trump Arrests Venezuelan dictator

*By: Janelle Rosales '26*

In the early hours of January 13, American forces, directed by President Donald J. Trump, captured and arrested Venezuelan dictator Nicolás Maduro and his wife, Cilia Flores de Maduro. The couple was brought to the United States to await trial. Courts will revive charges "tied to a 2020 indictment from the U.S. Department of Justice on multiple federal charges, including narco-terrorism and drug trafficking" (U.S. Department of War).

Multiple branches of the military executed the arrest after months of planning. With events now underway, the U.S. plans to oversee Venezuelan politics until the country reaches stability. Vice President Delcy Rodríguez has been sworn in as president. She has ties to both Maduro and his predecessor, Hugo Chávez; nevertheless, Trump says he is confident in her leadership. Rodríguez has long appeared on a high-priority list for the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. Though not publicized, she has been linked to drug trafficking, gold smuggling, and money

laundering in the Caribbean. None of this appears to concern the Administration, which views her as an ally. After a recent phone call, Trump described her as a "terrific person" (CNN).

Though some struggle to believe the news, Maduro's removal is not as surprising as it seems. Trump has prioritized consequences for Venezuelan "criminals." After his 2025 inauguration, he pledged to deport thousands of Venezuelan immigrants he claims threaten national security, asserting links to Tren de Aragua and the Cartel de los Soles. Early in 2025, hundreds were sent to El Salvador's CECOT prison—flagged by many humanitarian groups—without a fair trial. Later that year, 13,000 more were deported.

In August, the U.S. military sent missiles to Venezuela's coast. A month later, the U.S. struck a boat Trump said was operated by Tren de Aragua, killing 11 people. On September 15, a second strike killed three more. When questioned, "Trump told reporters that big bags of cocaine and fentanyl were spat-

tered all over the ocean. Images of what Trump described were not released by the military or the White House" (PBS News).

What gives a U.S. president authority to arrest a foreign leader? According to international law: nothing. Trump's assertion of American rule over Venezuela would "challenge customary international law and treaty law ... specifically the prohibition on using force against another state or interfering in a state's internal affairs" (Brookings). Because the United States does not recognize the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice, international organizations such as the United Nations have limited options, though Venezuela could still pursue challenges. Trump also has plans for Venezuela's economy. He aims to revive the nation's oil industry and has invited companies such as Chevron to expand exports. He argues this will lower prices in the United States, though experts doubt it. Trump added, "I have just been informed that Venezuela is going to be purchasing ONLY American Made

## Fire Anniversary

*By: Sofia Marvelli '25*

January 7th marks a traumatic day for families across LA County, when several fires erupted in Southern California. The first and most destructive fire ignited in the Santa Monica Mountains, burning through Pacific Palisades, Malibu, and Topanga. The Palisades Fire rampaged across 23,500 acres of land, burning through homes, businesses, and restaurants along the PCH, where almost everything north of Sunset Boulevard was destroyed. It was not safe to stay in the Palisades during or after the fire, with numerous road obstructions and toxic ash in the air. The high winds that occurred during the fire made its path unpredictable, causing the fire to spread so widely and rapidly. A SOCES Senior shares her experience as a student affected by the Palisades Fire.

"My family and I had to evacuate our home right away and didn't have any time to prepare, but we collected our documents and what we could as soon as possible. I couldn't go to school or get back into my routine after the fire started because I didn't have any clothes, my backpack, or any items... It was a hard time, not just leaving behind my stuff and belongings, but rather the memory and way that it could all be gone."

No doubt, undergoing a natural disaster such as this takes great strength. This student is one of the many resilient individuals who were confronted with this event and continues to live with its repercussions.

For her, moving back into her house in the future is a possibility, but she goes on to explain, "for many, moving back isn't an option because there is no home to return to, or it's too expensive to reconstruct. Instead, they'd move to another state."

This proves that not only are wildfires destructive and

incredibly difficult to contain, but the aftermath is certainly a lengthy process.

Also highly affected by these winds was the Eaton Fire in Altadena, which ignited on January 7th. The Eaton Fire and the Palisades Fire both reveal the danger that severe winds and a dry climate can pose when they act together in California. The Eaton Fire erupted in the San Gabriel Mountains in the Eaton Canyon, and was propelled by the Santa Ana winds. The fire spread over 14,000 acres of land, burning through foothill communities including Altadena. Altogether, the two fires resulted in over 30 direct fatalities and harmed many more due to exposure to the fire's air pollution.

In addition to the deadly Palisades and Eaton fires, numerous other fires began to erupt across the valley. Some were the Hurst Fire, Woodley Fire, Kenneth Fire, and Sunset Fire, all taking place during the second week of January. Several evacuations were ordered across the valley and westside, affecting over 200,000 people.

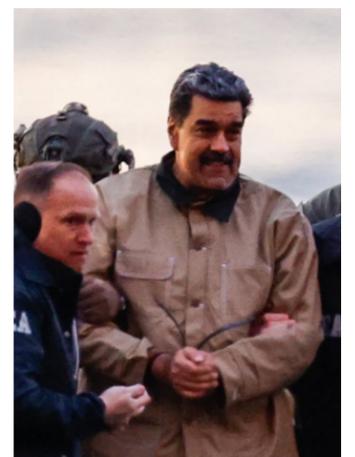
We have much to owe to our firefighters who put their lives on the line, and put in their all into saving our city and lives. Their time and effort spent on containing the Palisades Fire, the Altadena Fire, and several other wildfires is truly noteworthy and shouldn't go unrecognized. The same goes for California Fire Relief, the non-profits, and organizations that helped support fire victims and our community recuperate from this traumatic event. It is good to see how the winter rains we've received this year have contributed to the regrowth and greenery in the affected places. Many of the plots of land in both areas are vacant or being worked on, but it is great to see a path towards recovery.



*Photo from OBP*

Products, with the money they receive from our new Oil Deal" (CNBC).

Following Maduro's capture, the administration urged Americans in Venezuela to return home immediately and avoid threats from militia groups. With Maduro jailed in Brooklyn, the United States continues to insist it is not at war with Venezuela.



*Photo from ABC News*

# SPORTS

## Andre O'Daniel Shatters Basketball Record with 53 Points.

By: Judah Sapong '26

On January 9th, Andre O'Daniel broke SOCES Basketball records with a whopping 53 points. He was playing his 18th game this season and scored with his unstoppable offense. To start the game, Andre was on pace to reach his average of 32 points per game.

However, Lincoln was outplaying the Knights the majority of the game. Andre only scored 14 points in the first half of the game. That didn't stop him from getting to the rim and hitting from deep the rest of the game.

After a rough second quarter for Andre and the rest of the Knights, his mindset became- no matter if he misses or makes the shot, all that matters is the next play. In the third quarter after halftime, Andre said he wanted him and his team to come out more aggressive since they were down 9 points. At

the end of the quarter they had slimmed Lincoln's lead and Andre began to feel a certain way.

Andre said, "Lincoln was still playing very well and during the 4th quarter we were down 13 points, I knew at this point I had to start making plays and creating my own chances while still looking for open teammates." The Knights ended up out scoring Lincoln in the 4th quarter 25-11 with Andre having 22 of those points and 5 of those being three pointers and lead the Knights 74-73 win over Lincoln.

Andre also discussed their team dynamics. He said, "I am confident that my guys want to win and even though we have a small squad all of us have heart. We play for each other so that means diving on loose balls, stepping to the weak passes, and keeping each other's moods up." He seemed in very good spirits,

as being the clear leader not only in points but on the court helping his teammates with assists and rebounding. Andre is an exceptionally strong player and leader overall.



Andre scoring during the game

## Spring Sports Begin to Bloom!

By: Bruno Marvelli '26

As the 2026 baseball tees off, a collision of fresh energy, excitement and concern is brought to the team this year. With the sudden and unexpected resignation of the new Varsity head coach, Ryan Davis, players who were ready for a new season, are now wondering if there will even be a season.

Third baseman Caleb Steinbach stated, "I'm extremely excited and looking forward to this season. We're practicing harder than ever. We're aiming to win the league this year." Caleb's determination mirrors his teammates' competitive mindsets as well, sharing their excitement to give it their all. After falling short in the 2025 season and exiting the playoffs only a few games short of the championship, the Knights Baseball team aims to finish the 2026 season with a grand slam, winning the championship and awarding its many senior players who will leave after this season.

The 2026 SOCES softball season is just around the corner, and excitement is already building among the team. With a mix of returning players and new talent, this year promises to be full of energy in hopes of many wins to come.

Outfielder Lyric Heck said, "In my senior season I am working to play confidently, stay consistent, support my teammates, and finish the season proud of my growth on and off the field." Her commitment reflects the softball team's mindset, ready to work hard this season. As practices start to become in full swing, athletes sharpen their skills and teamwork, having the

SOCES softball teams prepare for a season full of unforgettable moments and victories.

SOCES's boy's tennis team is stepping onto the courts with a lot of energy as well as a goal to make this season unforgettable. Returning players bring experience and leadership, while newcomers reveal what they are capable of bringing to the team.

Varsity player Larry Barash states, "I'm excited to see what we can do this season and how our new players will contribute." Practices are heating up, giving time for players to perfect their serves, returns, and footwork. The 2026 season for boy's tennis looks competitive, so every rally, swing, and point is an opportunity to grow stronger as a team and represent our school with pride.

The boy's volleyball team is getting ready for an exciting new season, eager to bring energy, skills, and teamwork to every match.

As returning players lead the way and make room for new athletes who are ready to help contribute towards the team's goals, practices are filled with intensity.

Vinh Le, Varsity player in his junior year of high school stated, "I'm ready for a great season. This is our year and we have to take advantage of our seniors while we still have them." From strong spikes to precise serves, the team is working hard to sharpen and refine their skills and build chemistry on the court. Each practice is a vital step closer and closer to an unforgettable season full of thrilling rallies,

competitive matches, and many victories.

As the SOCES track team hits the 2026 season running, excitement is building across the school. After an incredible season the year before, this year's athletes are running with even more determination. Returning athletes are motivated to build on last year's many successes, new runners are excited to contribute their fresh energy and talent.

David Boussi, an amazing runner on the Varsity team said, "I'm excited to see what the team can do." From sprint drills to long distance endurance, each athlete focuses on improving speed and technique, all in hopes of making this upcoming season unmatched with any other.

Our SOCES swim team dives into the 2026 season with determination, returning back after the previous year's season full of wins and overcame challenges. Returning swimmers are ready to build on last year's success, while new athletes are excited to swim their way to victory in the pool. As practices begin, speed drills, stroke techniques, and endurance training keeps athletes sharp, setting the bar high this season in hopes of finishing with many victories.

Swimmer Shumei Umemoto said the team is "feeling great... We had no graduating seniors last year so hopefully we can build off of last year's progress."

## Boys Basketball Dominating in Playoffs

By Knight Times Staff

The SOCES Boys basketball team won their second round playoff game against the Foshay Wolverines 84-64 on Friday, February 13.

The Knights were led by senior guard Andre O'Daniel who led the Knights with 50 points. He was three shy of tying his SOCES scoring record of 53 which he achieved on January 9.

O'Daniel also had 9 rebounds, 4 assists, 6 steals, and 2 blocks. Senior guard Kace Clark finished with a double-double scoring 17 points with 10 rebounds.

The win was the second straight 20 point or better playoff win for the Knights. The beat the South East Jaguars 89-57 on February 11. The Knights will next play Verdugo Hills in semifinals of the Division III

CIF Tournament. SOCES played the Dons on January 6 winning a close game 53-48. O'Daniel scored 43 of the Knights 53 points.

Verdugo Hills is 14-16 overall this year with a 6-6 league record, good enough to finish 4th in East Valley League. They are the 10th seed in CIF Division III tournament.

The Dons upset the 2nd seeded Los Angeles Romans 59-58 in the quarterfinals scoring 17 points in the 4th quarter to rally back against the Romans.

The Knights - Dons semifinal game is scheduled for February 20 at a neutral site.



# SPORTS

## A Tale of Two Coaches Softball Hires New Coach but Baseball Loses Theirs

By: Alison Oliva '27

With the spring season arising at Sherman Oaks CES Varsity softball and baseball have new coaches this year. Softball's new coach Ms. Myers is known as Coach Nic, a new fourth and fifth grade teacher at SOCES this year. This is her first year coaching a school's softball team but she played D2 Softball in college. As for Coach Davis he has been coaching baseball for over 10 years.

Last season softball went undefeated in league but unfortunately lost in the second round of playoffs to Taft. This year they are looking forward to a new season with more competition and getting the championship win. While this is Coach Nic's first year coaching a high school softball team, she will have assistant coach David Altamirano who's been with the team for 2 years.

Coach Nic has emphasized how important it is for her to have a good successful team on and off the field. Coach Nic said, "I want our softball team to have good chemistry and team bond on and off the field which leads us to do better and play better." Varsity softball player Victoria Gonzalez who said, "I am really excited to have a new coach and very excited to play my last season of softball and definitely hope to win championships this year as a way to end

senior year."

As for Baseball they went 14-5 overall, finishing second in the league and losing in the third round of playoffs. This year they are looking forward to making it to winning championships. However, the Knights have already been faced with a major obstacle before their first game. New head coach, Coach Davis has suddenly resigned this week days before the first game of the season. Without a coach the, entire season will now be in jeopardy if a replacement can not be found.

Prior to this week, Davis had been looking forward to coaching the Heading into the new season Coach Davis said, "I chose to coach this school not only for the competition but for the high academic discipline this school has which is a very important part to the game." Varsity Baseball player Colin Hauser who said, "I am really happy about the new coach. I also want to spend my last ride with the boys and definitely win championships."

SOCES students look forward to supporting the baseball and softball teams on their journey with new coaches. Good luck to them and the other spring sports!!

## Cheer Team Hires New Coach Spring Season Saved

By Knight Times Staff

While the SOCES 8 Man football team charged toward a dominating City Championship victory and a perfect undefeated season back on November 22, a very different story was unfolding just a few feet away on the sidelines. Behind the smiles and halftime routines, the cheer squad was quietly imploding. When the dust cleared, the team no longer had a coach, forcing the cancellation of the winter competition and no cheer support for the winter teams, and raising an unsettling question for many on the team: Would this be the end of the cheer team?

Junior Captain Sienna Lumlert felt the void of the loss of the winter season. "After I was on the team and did all the seasons year round, I got so used to seeing everyone every day and coming to practice that the thought and reality of not being there made me feel empty in a way," she said. "But honestly, all the drama and uncertainty of the situation of not knowing what to expect left me not knowing what to feel."

For junior Briana Martinez, the loss of the winter competition season was especially gutting. "I was kind of upset because in my opinion comp season is more fun than sideline and the team bonds so much more during comp, and I personally love competing and going with my team because we get so close and it's like a sisterhood."

With the winter season canceled, the spring Game Day competition season was in jeopardy until a few weeks ago, when Trinyon Heck — a parent of a current student and the school's Parent Student Liaison — stepped forward. Known across campus for the trust she has built with students and families, Heck volunteered to take the reins as the new cheer coach, giving the squad stability, direction, and, most importantly, a chance to keep cheering.

"I knew the majority of the girls, and with a large portion



New Cheer Coach, Trinyon Heck

of them being seniors that have been cheering for a while, I felt they needed a competition season their senior year," said Heck. "If my daughter was on this team, I would hope someone would do it for her."

Besides feeling the need, coaching cheer is a skill the new coach is already well versed in.

"I danced and cheered my entire high school life. I knew I could step in and be a positive leader for these girls to provide them with the opportunity to come together and do what they enjoy doing," reflected Heck.

For senior captain Angela Acosta, it was a true deliverance. "Because of the bond and trust that I have with Trinyon Heck and on top of knowing what a wonderful, energetic, and uplifting person she is, I was very excited to hear that she wanted to take a chance on us and make the team bigger, better, and stronger," said Angela.

Brianna shared the assessment, adding, "She seems really uplifting and positive and like she has the type of energy I think all cheer coaches should have."

Heck's energy, knowledge, and strong interpersonal

skills have led to a positive start to the first Game Day practices.

"Practices have been really good, super chill, positive, and she's [Coach Heck] very understanding," said senior Yeva Bublil. "We've already learned a lot in just a few practices, which makes me really happy. I can't wait for what's coming next. I'm just super excited for this season."

Angela has felt the difference, especially from a captain's perspective.

"The role of being a captain has changed for me now since Trinyon has taken the lead of being the coach. Back then, all of the decision-making and big responsibilities that should fall on a coach would constantly fall on myself as a captain, and now that we have a leader of a coach," said the senior. "I feel supported and ready to have fun my senior year and serve my duties as a captain and not a coach!"

The first competition is on March 13. Rather than replaying setbacks or wondering what might have been, the team is getting the ending they thought wasn't a possibility a month ago. They're moving forward together, performing with joy.

## Girls Basketball Loses in First Round

By Knight Times Staff

The SOCES Girls Basketball team lost their opening round CIF City Tournament game 47-40 to the San Fernando Tigers on February 12.

The 14th seeded Knights played hard until they end, but the #3 seeded Tigers was too much for SOCES.

The loss ended the 2025-2026 season for the Lady Knights who finished a 15-9 overall record going 8-2 in Valley League play, good enough for finish 2nd place.

## Girls Soccer Lose in First Round of CIF Playoffs

By Knight Times Staff

The SOCES Lady Knights lost to Bell High School 3-1 in their opening round of the CIF Playoffs on February 11.

It was a disappointing loss after expectations of a deep playoff run after a successful 12-2-1 regular season. The loss also snapped a four game winning streak.

SOCES finished second in the Valley League going 8-1-1 in league play.



Senior Sophia Norinyan goes for the ball.

# SPORTS

## Winter Sports Pep Rally



## Winter Sports Recap

By: Leibe Sue '26

The SOCES Winter Sports have done an amazing job this season. Boys Basketball did amazing, ending the season with a win of 67-61 against Vaughn. They have done an amazing job and ranked at third place for California Ranks.

They have been able to make it to playoffs and won their rival game against East Valley with 59-30. Another game they had major success in was against Sun Valley Magnet with the score being 101-36. Their first playoff game will be on February 10, 2026 against the South East Jaguars.

Girls Basketball won their game against the Vaughn White Tigers with 60-30. With their new head coach; Salvador Garcia, they have been able to have a good season. This season's players have done an amazing job and their captains could never be prouder. With their athleticism they were able to make it to the playoffs, with

a game on February 12, 2026 against the San Fernando Tigers.

The Knights Boys Soccer has had an amazing winning streak this season and ended the season with a 0-0 draw. Their new players have helped make the team even better and their hard work has pushed them into playing in the league. SOCES is super proud of their Soccer team and can not wait to see more of their great sportsmanship.

Finally the Girls Soccer did an amazing job and won 6-3 against Vaughn. They have done an amazing job and have seen lots of improvement in the players. The players have been dedicated to going to practices and the results have been showing. They won their game against Verdugo Hills with 1-0 and were able to make it to the playoffs. Their hard work has done them a justice and has made their season so fulfilling.