



# Pirate News

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## School Administration Listens to Student Input By Ava Casey



Last year, Mr. Swanitz selected a group of hardworking and well-rounded students to come together and share their thoughts on new administrative ideas. Two years ago, after a series of violent fights, Mr. Swanitz felt students needed a platform to discuss and change the culture on our campus. The Student Senate was a success and Mr. Swanitz decided to renew it for another year. The Student Senate had their first meeting of the 2018-2019 school year on Friday, October 12th. Harry Mullin, the only freshman member, says, "It is a place for students to share ideas to help improve the

school...we are going to do a project to build school spirit." Gabriella Saxon, a Senior member, says, "We discuss issues at our school, and brainstorm ways to fix them. Mr. Swanitz organizes it, and listens to our ideas. We get to work with him and each other on how to make our campus a better place...We hope that we can impact our school in a positive and beneficial way, and I can't wait to be a part of the change that makes it so." Principle Swanitz made sure the group of 30 student senators were diverse, so the group reflects and represents our campus. When asked about the upcoming project, he said, "We haven't determined a project yet, although we are leaning towards something eco-friendly." Now, after the first Student Senate meeting of the year, the 2018-2019 school year is off to a successful start in making positive change on campus.

**Meme of the Month**  
By: Elija Swolggaurd

In Señora Estrelles' AP Spanish classes, she tasked students to create a meme that encouraged people to use less plastic and, thus, save the ocean. This homework assignment was apart of her new "medio ambiente" unit which aims to teach students spanish and environmental awareness.



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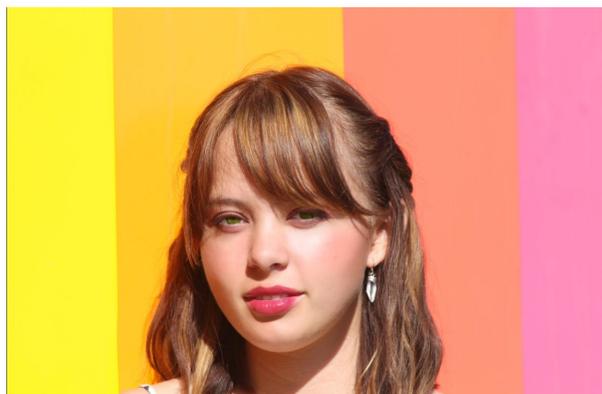
## Coach Coelho, Sports Fan and Role Model By Kiara Costarelli



Mrs. Coelho, beloved math teacher and coach here at SYHS, has always been interested in sports. Since childhood, she has always participated in sports; first playing basketball, volleyball, soccer, and track and field in high school, then going on to do track for all four years at UCSB. Now, she snowboards and skis: doing “crazy stunts” (as Mrs. Coelho says herself) and admiring skiing moguls. She also is the head coach for the Girls Varsity Golf team, for six years, the Girls JV Basketball team, for five years, and for the Girls and Boys Track and Field team, for nine years. Being one of the few female coaches, Mrs. Coelho says that “[she] [has] to overcome obstacles often with most of [her] sports”, but that “[she]

always stand[s] up for what [she] believe[s] in, and [she’s] never afraid to speak up”. Mrs. Coelho stands up for herself to be a role model to those she coaches, some of whom are her students as well. To help all the students she teaches and coaches, she says “[she] [is] always willing to help kids academically...[offering] so much of [her] time to tutoring students – before school, break, lunch, and after school that none of [her] athletes have the excuse that they can’t get their work done.” Mrs. Coelho very much cares about the athletes she coaches, as her favorite part of coaching “is watching the athletes compete at their best and seeing the effort they put into practices come out when they play games or have meets/matches” and “being a positive female role model to our high school students”. To her, her biggest coaching achievement “is when an athlete feels successful at the end of their seasons... seeing athletes pursue their dreams and hitting all of their season and team goals at the end of every season...As a coach, you know you’re doing the right thing... when your past athletes stay in contact with you and share their success stories as they go through their journey in life”. Mrs. Coelho can be found in classroom E5, where anyone can go get assistance with math, talk about sports, or chit chat about her life.

## To Hannah Getcher Art is “Communicating without speaking” By Libby Padfield and Lauren Thorburn



Hannah Getcher, a senior on our campus, is very involved in the Valley’s art community. From attending classes at Santa Ynez Valley Teen Arts Program to being the president of the high school Art Club, she is always looking to for new experiences to perfect her craft and encourage others to do the same. From a young age, Hannah Getcher drew anything that caught her eye. From pictures in a book to her friends and even drawing actors from movies. Charcoal was the first medium

that Hannah found interesting because it helped her learn how to work with shadows and light. Now, she uses a range of different mediums, even using technology to create art digitally. She describes her art as semi-realistic; she adds elements that can not be

