

LES MISERABLES

SUHSD presents the student edition

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Les Miserables is a musical, composed in 1980 by the French Composer Claude-Michel Schönberg, that is known across the globe. The Sweetwater Union High School District presented the student edition of *Les Miserables*, directed by Cynthia Stobes.

The performance was held at the Ruth Chapman Performing Arts Center in Eastlake High School. Some of Otay Ranch High School's very own Mustangs had been cast in the musical, including Ciarlene Coleman (senior), Lorena Salazar (sophomore), Landen Baldwin (senior), Rachael Ecklund (alumni), and Louige Oliver (alumni). The cast had been preparing since July 5 and a lot of blocking and staging went on to prepare the production for opening night. To produce a play takes a lot of teamwork.

"Being a part of this cast was amazing... The fact that everyone was so talented individually created something amazing when put together - everyone knew what they were doing and we could only go forward from whatever point we were at!" said Coleman.

After hard work and long rehearsals, the doors opened on August 4, and the musical was performed on August 4, 5, 6, and 7. Not only were ORHS students cast in the play, some were lucky enough to be a part of the audience as



Photo by Matthew Gerard

Ciarlene Coleman and Louige Oliver perform with the cast of Les Miserables.

well. "I loved every second of it, and I literally could not take my eyes away," said Sujin Shin, junior at ORHS.

Being a part of a theatre production can be a great experience and can produce a very successful play/musical.

The *Les Miserables* student edition is a perfect example.

For anybody interested in making theatre activities a part of his or her life, Coleman offers advice.

"The best advice I can give to anyone pursuing theatre is to experience it.

Skills and friends increase with the experiences. Audition for whatever you can find, and even if you don't get [the part], you've gained more experience. You always get better with every experience, trust me!" said Coleman.

The End of a Magical Decade



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Every moment he has lived has led to this. It ends where it all began. We've followed him until the very end. The final, much-anticipated motion film, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2* premiered July 15, 2011.

Directed by David Yates and produced by David Heyman, the film continues the story from *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1*, with Harry Potter (Daniel Radcliffe) and his two most trusted friends, Ron Weasley (Rupert Grint) and Hermione Granger (Emma Watson) continuing to hunt for Horcruxes, hoping to finish off Voldemort once and for all. In this epic finale, the battle between the good and evil forces of the wizarding world escalates into an all-out war.

This film had the biggest *Harry Potter* opening weekend, and it became number one in the industry's opening weekend record, including holiday weekends. *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2* brought in nearly half a billion dollars, breaking records even before its opening.

The film itself didn't disappoint even its hardest, most picky fans that expect only the best for the *Harry Potter* series. It was a spectacular

and satisfying end to the movies and characters we know and love. The film showed the magic and love that makes the *Harry Potter* series so popular. Being a loyal and steadfast fan of the *Harry Potter* books and movies for ten years, criticizing any part of it is hard, but the *Deathly Hallows Part 2* wasn't perfect.

Unfortunately, David Yates decided to cut out parts that should've been in the movie, or added in scenes that did not happen in the book. Seeing the movie is like seeing what you see in your head while you're reading the book come to life. Although there were crucial bits of the plot that Yates and Heyman decided to cut out, the movie still managed to warm and excite the hearts of the *Harry* followers. They captured the essence of *Harry Potter*; the tale of friendship and love conquering evil was shown magnificently.

Both the *Harry Potter* books and movies had a huge impact on millions of lives throughout the years, and bittersweet emotions swept across the nation as the fans who sat through the last, epic movie cried once it ended. This film depicted the reason why *Harry Potter* has so many loyal, even obsessed fans; it was an amazing finale that showed the love, power, and friendship of the *Harry Potter* series.

ON FASHION*

INTRODUCING RYAN CORPUS,
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RYAN IS A SOPHOMORE AT OTAY RANCH HIGH SCHOOL AND AN ASPIRING JOURNALIST FOR *VOGUE*. A NEW MEMBER OF *THE RANCH REVIEW* STAFF, RYAN LOVES ALL THINGS FASHION.

LADIES

- Headbands are always in style; they're one of the most classic accessories out there so remember if you're going to wear one, make sure that the color pops if you want to get noticed or even complimented on your style.
- Dresses, remember, must be as long as or longer than the palm of your hand and can't be strapless or have low necklines. Cute dresses can be bought at H&M, Love Culture, and Forever 21. If you can afford the more pricey dresses, you can shop for Oscar de la Renta, Vivienne Westwood, and my personal favorite, Marc Jacobs.

GENTLEMEN

- Button-up shirts make you look amazing and classy; they make you look like someone worth spending time with.
 - You can never go wrong with simple skinny jeans and they make your legs look more muscular, which is a bonus.
 - Tailored jackets can also do a lot for you.
- You can get all of these items on a budget at H&M and Kohl's. If you want more pricey clothes, you can shop for Ralph Lauren, Michael Kors, and Gucci.

Remember, keep it clean and classy.

Upcoming Events

- *Adele*, August 18 @ **Open Air Theater**
- *Daniel Tosh*, August 20 @ **Copley Symphony Hall**
- *Lil Wayne*, August 25 @ **Cricket Wireless Amphitheater**
- *Bring Me The Horizon*, August 31 @ **House of Blues**
- *Selena Gomez*, September 9 @ **San Diego Sports Arena**
- *The Kills*, September 11 @ **House of Blues**
- *Blue October*, September 13 @ **House of Blues**
- *Ke\$ha*, September 18 @ **Open Air Theater**
- *Rascal Flatts*, September 18 @ **Cricket Wireless Amphitheater**
- *Santana*, September 21 @ **Cricket Wireless Amphitheater**
- *Two Door Cinema Club* (with Grouplove, The Lonely Forest), September 24 @ **House of Blues**
- *Arctic Monkeys* (with TV on the Radio), September 24 @ **San Diego State University**
- *Portugal the Man*, September 30 @ **House of Blues**
- *The Misfits* (with Agent Orange and Juicehead), October 3 @ **House of Blues**
- *Blink-182*, *My Chemical Romance*, and *Matt & Kim*, October 6 @ **Cricket Wireless Amphitheater**
- *Avenged Sevenfold*, October 9 @ **Cricket Wireless Amphitheater**
- *Colbie Caillat*, October 16 @ **Humphrey's Concerts By The Bay**

The Dark Knight Rises THE FINAL EDITION

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With his early beginnings in the late 1930's, Batman has become a well known fictional character around the world. After the success of another fictional super hero, Superman, Bob Kane and Bill Finger came up with the idea of Batman for a well known comic company that is now known as DC Comics. Batman made his first appearance in *Detective Comics* #27 and throughout the years has developed to what is now the modern idea of a man in a black cape and suit fighting for justice in Gotham City. Later additions to his character and story include his accomplice Robin, and the ever so famous Batmobile, as well as villains such as the Riddler, and the Joker.

The original story of Batman begins with Bruce Wayne, Batman's secret identity, as a small child born to wealthy parents. The murder of his parents causes him to swear an oath to rid the city of evil due to the fact that it took his parents' lives. He begins developing the Batman and takes in an orphaned acrobat, Dick Grayson, to be his sidekick, Robin. Batman becomes one of the founding members of the Justice Society of America and is made an honorary member of the Gotham City police department. Being an aid to the police brings

about the famous "Bat signal". Batman's secret headquarters are known as the Batcave, where his automobiles as well as weapons and suit are all kept. Although Batman isn't exactly a "super" hero compared to other DC Comics characters, he relies on his knowledge and skills to fight off evils much like other heroes.

The popularity of this character has brought about many films. First beginning with Tim Burton's version of the Batman story, and due to several attempts that failed in the box office, director and co-writer Christopher Nolan rebooted the films with *Batman Begins* (2005). Nolan's version is where the modern era of Batman truly comes into view for our generation. Nolan has directed two films and is recently directing a third to complete the trilogy. The last Batman film he filmed was *The Dark Knight* (2009), which earned \$18.5 million on its first night and around \$67 million total in the United States, somewhat of a success compared to previous attempts at portraying the Batman story. The last film, *The Dark Knight Rises*, includes celebrities such as Christian Bale, Gary Oldman, Morgan Freeman, Anne Hathaway, and Joseph Gordon-Levitt. Although filming is barely in session, a teaser trailer has been released which has fans already on their heels. The film is scheduled for release on July 20, 2012, only a year away.

