

History of the SUHSD

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Opinion Editor

In 1921, the first Sweetwater Union High School District (SUHSD) high school, Sweetwater High School, was established. After SUHI, Chula Vista, Mar Vista, Hilltop, Castle

Park, Bonita, Montgomery, Southwest, San Ysidro, Otay Ranch, and Olympian High School were established. According to statistics, SUHSD is the largest secondary school district in California. SUHSD serves over 42,000 high school students and

32,000 adult teachers. The district serves the community of Chula Vista, Imperial Beach, National City, and the San Ysidro portion of San Diego. SUHSD is one of the most ethnically and economically diverse districts in California. The district is most recognized

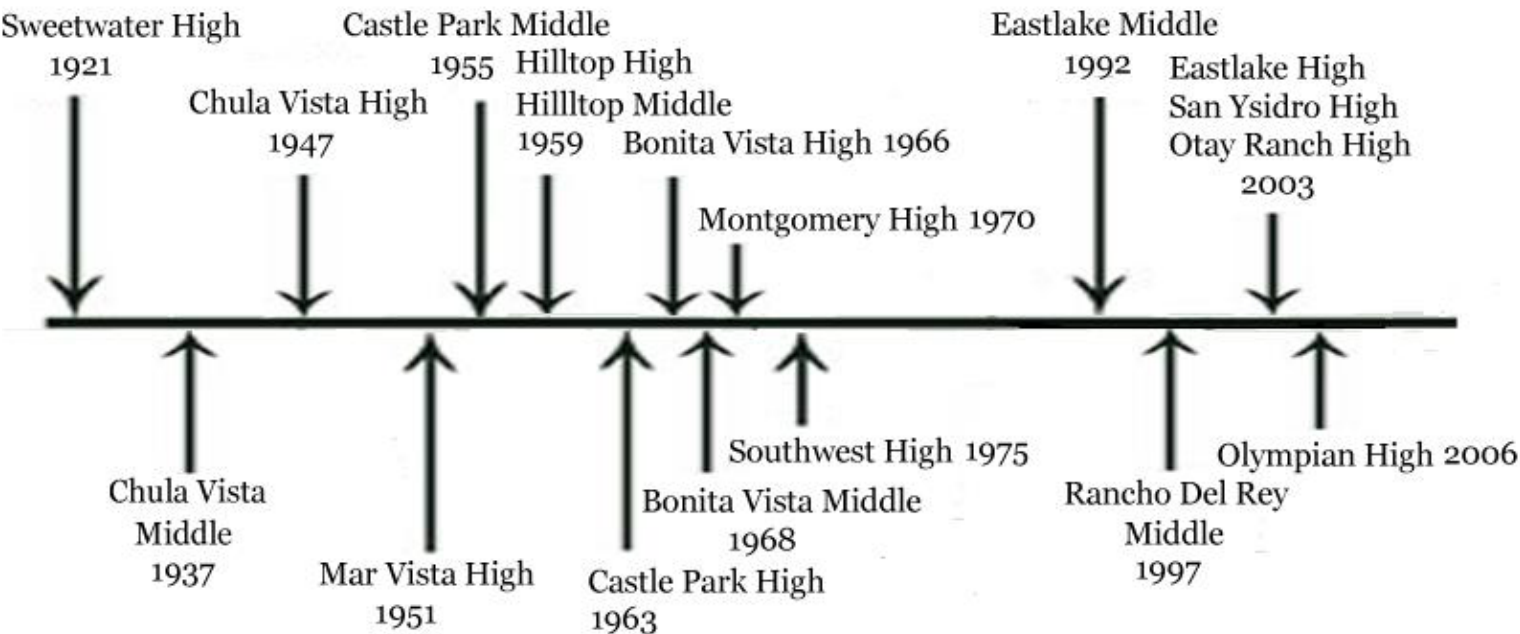
for its “Compact of Success” program, a deal made with San Diego State University that guarantees graduates admission to SDSU if certain requirements are met. SUHSD is also one of the few districts in which a school in the district offers IB programs.

According to Eric Byers, librarian of ORHS, Chula Vista High School started off as a lemon orchard. The orchard was destroyed for the purpose of creating the high school. This is partially why Chula Vista City’s symbol is a lemon.

“Otay Ranch was also once a big ranch that was once owned by a prosperous family,” said Mr. Byers.

The sole reason SUHSD has so many different schools in one district is because of World War II. After the relocation of Rohr Aircraft Corporation to Chula Vista in early 1941, months before the attack on Pearl Harbor, Chula Vista employed 9,000 workers in the area at the height of its wartime production. With the demand of housing due to increased jobs, the land was depleted of its orchard groves and the population of Chula Vista tripled from 5,000 residents in 1940 to more than 16,000 in 1950.

During these years of population growth, Chula Vista was able to create more houses and schools—schools that compose SUHSD today.



The Hunger Games

The first book in a captivating trilogy

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The Hunger Games, written by Suzanne Collins, is an intense and suspense-filled novel that is difficult to put down because of how brilliantly it is paced. The plot wrenches your heart, paints thrilling images in your mind, and keeps your nerves on edge. You won’t be able to stop reading.

The story is set in the future, with twelve districts occupying the ruins of North America, now called Panem. A little less than 100 years before, the districts tried to pose a rebellion against their oppressive government known as the Capitol. The rebellion was almost successful, but the Capitol was able to crush it right when the districts had almost won. After the rebellion,

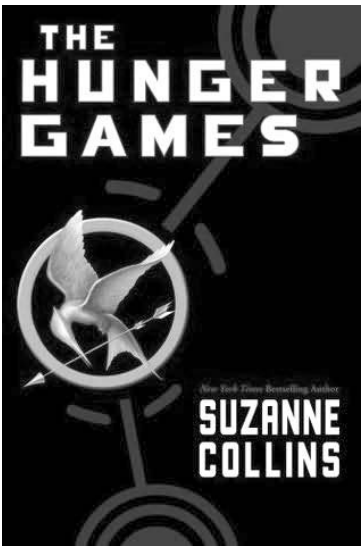
the Capitol decided to host an annual event to remind the districts that they are still under the Capitol’s rule and that it would be foolish to try and rise up against the Capitol again.

The annual event is the *Hunger*

Games, in which two tributes, one girl and one boy, from each district fight to the death in an arena. The arena can vary from a desert to a tropical jungle and is always rigged to target the 24 tributes’ weaknesses. The last tribute alive wins a lifetime of riches and a whole year of compensation for their district. These Hunger Games were also made as the main form of entertainment for those living in the Capitol; therefore, the Games are shown on live TV, 24 hours a day. While those living in the districts watch helplessly as their sons, daughters, friends, acquaintances, etc. run, hide, and kill in order to stay alive, those in the Capitol respond to the Games as if they’re World Cup matches.

The main character of the novel, Katniss Everdeen, takes the place of her sister in the Hunger Games. Once she enters the arena, the storyline becomes even more fast-paced and practically crackling with energy. In the arena, you can finally see the person who Katniss really is. She’s driven, fiery, strong, clever, and very risky. There’s plenty of action to keep you on your toes and even more twists and turns to keep your hands glued to the book. Collins was also able to perfectly fit in a little romance along with the action.

I highly recommend *The Hunger Games*. The novel completely surpassed my expectations and kept me on the edge of my seat the whole time. It is perfect for all ages (young adults and above) and genders. Be sure to read the next two books of the trilogy as well, *Catching Fire* and *Mockingjay*, both as captivating as the first.



Fun at the Farmer’s Market

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Along the main street of Otay Ranch Towne Center, between the stores of Justice and Anthropologie, is Otay Ranch community’s very own certified farmer’s market. Since the market is not majorly based on farmers, this “farmer’s market” stands for the gathering of different individuals and groups that are willing to share and sell their products.

Sandwiched between the stores is a variety of stands selling things ranging from food to accessories, and there are different activities to partake in. Although the market is still very small, it has potential and has many things to offer.

There are many different stands specializing in ethnic foods, like East African, Mexican, Belgium, Italian, and Filipino foods. They not only have food based on nationalities, but also have specialties like homemade kettle corn, lemonade, and cupcakes. Farmers also sell their own grown organic goods like fruits and vegetables.

On the accessory side, individuals sell items, including jewelry, bags, and clothes, at stands. There are even accessories for dogs, like leashes and name tags offered for many of the dogs strolling around the market with their owners. Live music is provided by a local band or group that serves as background music as you stroll around the market or devour your purchased food. Llama rides, a unique attraction at the farmer’s market, are offered where REI is located.

Stop by Otay Ranch Towne Center on Tuesdays at 4-8 p.m. to see what’s cooking at the farmer’s market!

Let your voice be heard...
Write a letter to the Editor

Reyes to the fifth power

Adele, Audrey, Gerard, Gilbert, & Garner = **R⁵**

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Otay Ranch High School has started off another new school year by welcoming its new students, including a set of quintuplets - the Reyes siblings. These five new students are Adele, Audrey, Gerard, Gilbert, and Garner. They are all starting their first ever year of high school. Their mother, Lily Reyes, specifies that they are just like all the other kids. They are like typical brothers and sisters; they get along well, but have their occasional arguments. However, with five children all the same age, fighting isn't the only thing their parents have to worry about.

"It gets a bit difficult to provide for them, especially in this stage of their lives. They're trying to have what their peers have, so it's difficult at times," said Lily Reyes, mother of the quintuplets and the Director of Nurses at the Sharp Chula Vista Birch Patrick Convalescent Center.

They are all involved in their own way in school.



The quintuplets pose for the camera in their backyard.

Photo by Sara Gagarin

They have all followed their interests and passions and joined clubs that fit with their own personalities, activities that include band, Anime Club, KIWIN'S, choir, and cross country.

According to their mother, Gilbert wants to become a pediatrician, Garner is

working on becoming a pilot, Audrey and Adele want to enter the medical field, and Gerard is still unsure of his potential future vocation.

Though they are quintuplets, they are just normal students who intend to become involved in school and accomplish their goals.

Fortunately, their peers in school haven't treated them any differently than they would other students.

"I don't think people know we're quintuplets," said Gerard Reyes, the oldest out of his siblings.

Campus Clubs: Meet new people, get involved, improve academically

Elena Park
In-Depth Editor

More than thirty new clubs have been created at Otay Ranch High School for this school year. It is an excellent idea, especially for freshmen, to join new clubs; joining allows for students to meet new people and get involved in campus culture.

"Clubs are the places people can experience new things and there are a lot of different clubs that promote different objectives. In addition, clubs are where people can meet new people," said Kevin Lee, president of Korean International Student Association (KISA).

"I think it'd be an excellent idea for someone to join a club so that they can meet new people in club and get involved in the campus culture," said Elvia Estrella, counselor. "Most kids who are a part of our campus culture and clubs or sports do a lot better academically."

Students are encouraged to explore and experiment in many clubs in order to get an idea of what's out there and to also pick the right one(s). If students find that none of the established clubs appeal to them, they can create their own club.

"I was thinking of a club to join and I wanted to be in something for a good cause and well, I decided to make a club for cancer awareness because not only is it a big cause in America but also around the world," said Zully Maldonado, president of Cancer Awareness Club.

To make a new club, a club charter must be completely filled out and submitted to the ASB to be approved. Remember, there are no deadlines to make a club.

New clubs this year include Art Club, Book Club, Creative Writing, Jeans for Justice, Optimist Club, Quidditch Club, Red Cross Club, Cancer Awareness Club, and more.

"Joining a club is a great opportunity to help others, get to know people, and even benefit from community service. I really encourage others to do it and spread the word," said Maldonado. "It will be lots of fun."

- AIA
- Anime
- Art Deco
- Book Club
- ICARE
- M.E.C.H.A
- C/O 2012
- C/O 2013
- C/O 2014
- C/O 2015
- DDRE
- KISA
- Get Outside Club
- ESC
- GSA
- Huck Fin
- National Honor Society
- Japanese Culture Club
- KIWIN'S
- Listos
- Liberal Arts
- Absolute Christian Club
- PEP Club
- Tae Kwon Do
- Dual Language
- Best Buddies
- Desert Rats Club
- Cancer Awareness Club
- Quidditch Club

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