

# BEYOND THE CAVE

## A Grueling Battle for Garlington

By Layla Zukal  
Social Media Editor

A normal school day started at 7:55 a.m. Emmett attended four sophomore level classes, followed by a two-hour baseball practice, and finally went home to have dinner with his family and began his homework.

This was a "typical day" in the spring of 2022 for then-sophomore, Emmett Garlington.

Today, days are anything but "typical" for the 16-year-old junior at Summerville High School.

His world changed last spring after he went to his pediatrician with groin pain and what he thought was a hernia.

"At first I thought I had a hernia. It wasn't hurting me, so I kept playing sports until it got really bad. After a few months of enduring the pain, I finally told my mom and we went to the doctor. Mentally, I didn't really care about it because I did not know it was a tumor until after the surgery. The surgery was only supposed to be for a hernia," said Emmett.

That tumor was tested to see if it was malignant or benign.

The diagnosis came back: cancer.

Since that day, Garlington's world flipped upside down. His days are now filled with doctors appointments, chemotherapy infusions, and staying up with his studies, independently, through Summerville High's Independent Study Program (ISP), all while battling Rhabdomyosarcoma, a rare type of childhood cancer that targets soft-tissue cells, tendons, and muscles in the body.

Emmett is being treated at Oakland Children's Hospital in Oakland, Calif. He travels every three weeks for chemotherapy infusions for three different medications, yet he shared that the radiation component of his treatment ended.

Throughout his battle, Garlington continued to stay positive with the support from family and friends.

His mom, Jasmine Garlington stated, "It has been any parent's worst nightmare. Terrifying would be an understatement."

The unknown regarding his diagnosis and treatment was daunting.

"There is so much we are learning, and so many scary things that have happened along the way," she said.

Photo courtesy of Jasmine Garlington



MAN'S BEST FRIEND. Emmett enjoys a sunny afternoon with his black lab, Fox, near Kennedy Meadows.

Although chemotherapy and radiation can be grueling, Emmett did not allow it to slow him down. He continued to pursue his passions.

Emmett is a competitive athlete; he participated in both soccer and baseball while at Summerville. Now, he also enjoys golf and fishing.

Emmett transitioned to ISP in the spring of his sophomore year, and it is clear his absence left an impact on students at Summerville.

Kenidee Ballard, senior and close friend of Emmett's, shared her thoughts on his diagnosis.

PURSUE YOUR PASSIONS. Golf is a passion of Emmett's and it has allowed him to have a hobby in his free time. Here, Emmett is playing at a course in Napa, Calif.



Photo courtesy of Jasmine Garlington

"It's really sad to see him going through this, but it has brought us closer, and ultimately made him a stronger person. It is also neat to see how the community has rallied together to support him. Kids have been praying for him in Mr. Suggs's room at lunch [during "Walk the Talk"], and are always sending him lots of love and support," said Ballard.

His friends know that he is a positive person and will remain confident about his prognosis.

"My favorite thing about [Emmett] is his kindness, his humor, and how reliable he is. He's the friend that will drop whatever he's doing to help you," said Ballard.

Emmett's friends wish this nightmare was over for him, but continue to support him just the same.

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"I love his ability to always stay happy and make the best out of every situation. Of course it is sad and I wish it was over already, but he is making the most of it, and still being the same charismatic kid as always," said sophomore and close friend of Emmett's, Jesse Verheul.

Emmett's friends have often wondered how they can best support their friend through this traumatic experience, and Marcus Rodriguez, sophomore, said it best.

"Watching my best friend go through this has been very hard. We have been close for years now, and I know he is strong. Knowing that has helped me walk with him through his battle."

Beyond friends rooting for him, teacher and family friend of the Garlingtons, Mrs. Peterson, commented about how heartbreaking and scary his situation is.

"It is hard to know that someone so young has to endure such a horrible thing. He seems to be so stoic. My heart breaks for his mom, because I'm a mom and I can't imagine what it would be like to have to endure something so heavy and scary with your child. His mom is

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## Garlington's Battle

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a rock star for all of her strength," said Mrs. Peterson.

In BTC's most recent interview with Emmett, he shared the current state of his Rhabdomyosarcoma.

"I did scans recently, and the doctors didn't see anything, so when I finish chemo, if tests come back the same, I will be done with treatment," said Emmett.

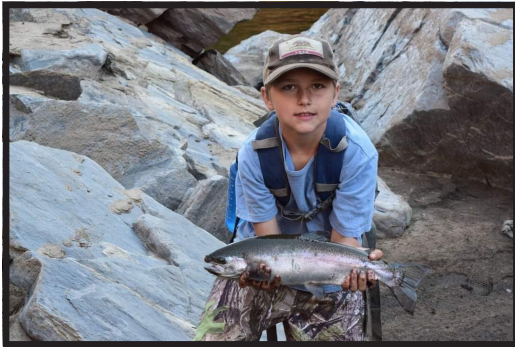


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**THE GREAT OUTDOORS.** Young Emmett, pictured left, shows his enthusiasm for fishing. A pastime he still enjoys. Competitive sports are off the table for him currently, but anytime he is fishing, he is happy. "I still fish pretty often. Yeah, it's pretty much just fishing for me these days," said Emmett.

## Sleep Schedules: The perpetual state of being tired

By Chloe Miller  
Reporter

It is no secret that mental well-being and sleep are closely related. Going to school after only four hours of sleep and trying to stay attentive and productive is nearly impossible, yet that is the reality for some Summerville High School students.

"Studies show that teens need to get between 8-12 hours of sleep," said Summerville High School Crisis Counselor, Mrs. Nelson. As someone who focuses on the mental health of high school students, she understands how difficult sleep can be for some students.

For instance, we questioned two students who have different daily routines about how much sleep they are actually getting.

Lillia Macon, senior, is taking eight classes on campus and along with that, she is a talented artist that spends her free time creating her latest abstract piece.

Macon describes her sleep schedule as "random" and when asked what time she usually falls asleep she states, "It depends on my mental state. On a good day, I'll go to bed at 11 p.m., on a bad day, I go to bed at 3 a.m."

Macon mentions that she feels fatigued, irritable, and less motivated at school on nights she gets less sleep. She notices her performance in school is heavily dependent on how much sleep she gets the night before.

The second student interviewed was junior, Cierra Bettencourt. Bettencourt has a 10 period schedule including zero-period ASB and Jazz Band, attends college classes, and works two jobs.

"It's hard for me to stop moving," Bettencourt said.

When asked about her daily sleep schedule, Bettencourt said that she starts her day at 5 a.m. and ends it at around 9:30 to 10 p.m.

In order to keep up with her productive and busy lifestyle, she discussed the importance of routine and organization.

The amount of sleep humans need differs from person to person. It is dependent on your genes, lifestyle, and diet. If you find yourself with constant feelings of exhaustion,

## Foreign Exchange Students: Gaining an unique experience

By Chloe Miller  
Reporter

This year Summerville High School welcomed seven new students from all around the world. So far, they have been enjoying their visit and many expressed how kind and welcoming the students are. All of them were kind enough to be interviewed and share their thoughts about life as a teenager in America.



*Sofi Vasquez,  
Chile*

Q: Do you have any new favorite foods?

A: "Poptarts," said Vasquez. Sadly, where she lives there are no Poptarts. Along with delicious breakfast foods, Vasquez is enjoying football games and electives. "This school is way easier [than at home]," she said.



*Malu Silva, Brazil*

Q: What is your favorite thing about Summerville?

A: "It's the people here," said Silva. She commented how nice and kind everyone is here. "Everybody was interested in making new friends," she said. When asked what she missed the most about Brazil, she said, "I miss my family."

Additionally, BTC asked what her least favorite thing about California was, and she stated, "How dry it is here."

difficulty focusing, irritability, and bodily fatigue, it may be time to put down your phone or controller earlier on school nights and see if your performance in school, and every day life, improves.

It is no secret that good, quality sleep improves one's mental health and overall well being.



*Wiktor Fraczek,  
Poland*

Q: Do you think you'll ever come back to visit Tuolumne?

A: "I like this country, but I will only come back if I can drive," said Fraczek. After graduation, he plans to earn a law degree, or pursue a career in the automotive industry.



*Sofia Tinti, Italy*

Q: What is something you find strange that people do here?

A: "Putting ice in all drinks," said Tinti. Tinti says her favorite subject in Italy was English, but at Summerville, she enjoys "Photography and Government," she explained. Tinti gave BTC a bit more of insight to her daily life in Italy. "The driving age is 18 in Italy, and I drive a Moped," Tinti stated.



*Nanoha Konno,  
Japan*

Q: Who is your favorite teacher?

A: "Mr. Johnson," she said. Konno's hobbies consist of listening to music and trying to find her new favorite song in English. In terms of settling in, she said, "People are not usually this social in Japan," Konno pointed out.



*Giovanni Fornasiero,  
Italy*

Q: Are the girls prettier in Italy?

A- "I don't know if they are prettier, but definitely more difficult." Giovanni said on his way here he was feeling "nervous and excited--a 7/10."

When he arrived he said he noticed people ate a lot and it was noisy, but he enjoys his Saturdays off. In Italy, school goes from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Saturday is a school day.



# Cross Country: A sprint to state

By: Sarah Azevedo  
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After facing many hardships throughout their season, the Summerville Cross Country team overcame challenges to end their season successfully.

The men's team won the league title and the women's team competed in sections. Further, senior, Cruz Vasquez and junior, Anna Martinez were able to qualify for state.

In prior years, the cross country team has competed in D-V, but this year, they had to race in D-IV. One would think this would prove to be difficult for the runners, but as sophomore Jackson Moses stated, "We trained harder than we did last year."

Their hard work clearly paid off with the men's team taking home the league title and multiple runners on the team moving on to sections and state.

Aside from that, coach Chris Vasquez said that the team trained in Mammoth during the summer and thanks to success from prior years, they were invited to compete in preseason races, such as the Cool Breeze Invite in Southern California.

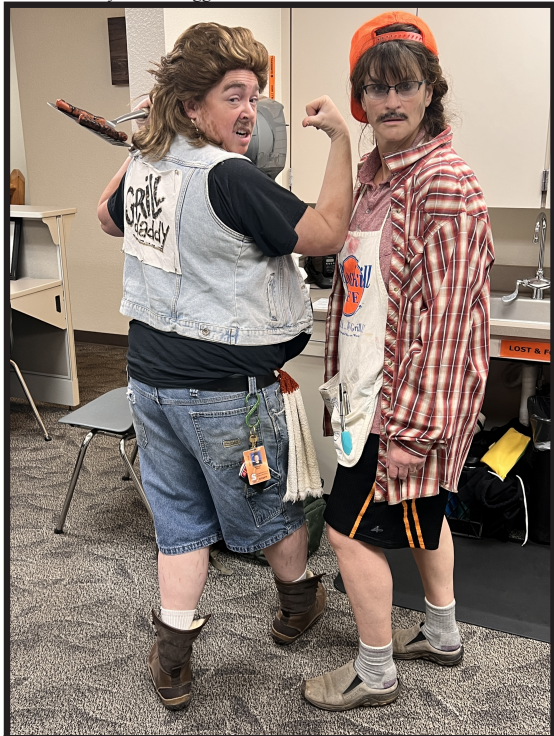
The team also had to support one another considering all the difficulties they faced.

Freshman Ryden Rivera started out on junior varsity but ended up running on varsity for his last five races of the season. When asked why he thought he got the chance to run on varsity, he commented. "Some runners were getting injured or [had] bad grades," Rivera said.

Coach Vasquez added that the team came together by tutoring teammates to help

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**GRILL DADDY.** Maggie Beck and Mrs. Banks dress up, quite cleverly, for the BBQ Dads Dress up Day. "I think it's important to not take life too seriously; I like to be goofy and laugh at myself, and I hope the students see me do it and realize it is okay and fun to be a fool sometimes too," said Beck.



Photos courtesy of Coach Vasquez

[PICTURED LEFT] PERSEVERE. After a tough season with difficulties to overcome, Cruz Vasquez found himself competing in state thanks to his ability to overcome all the obstacles thrown at him.

[PICTURED RIGHT] REPEAT.

Anna Martinez competed at the California State Cross Country meet in Fresno for the second year in a row. She said it is something she strives for because not everyone is able to compete at that level. Pictured right is her run from the first League Cross Country meet at Wildcat Ranch on Sept. 21.



Photo courtesy of Mr. Suggs

## Staff & Faculty Showcase their School Spirit

By Bee Cathcart Randall  
Reporter

What a scene: staff getting their beards spray painted orange at rallies, a Hippo Flash Mob on Halloween, and Post Malone making a guest appearance in the school office.

The staff spirit this year is high and what's more, there is a competition unfolding.

These efforts made by the staff and teachers have brought a fun and lively spirit to campus. A program called "5 Star Students," ran by ASB, allows students and staff to earn points that reflect their involvement on campus. The "5 Star" program kept a running tally of points for not only students' involvement, but staff too.

For first place, there was a four-way-tie between Spanish teacher, Mrs. Banks, paraprofessional, Mrs. Bettencourt, Math teacher, Ms. Gissler, and History teacher, Mr. Suggs.

"I did do all red, white and blue for America day. That was a lot of fun. Same with the Black and Orange dress up days," stated Mrs. Bettencourt.

Another tie for first place was Mrs. Banks.

**STRIKE A POSE.** Mr. Johnson and senior, Autumn Jachetta were partnered up for the teacher-student cheer dance, during the Sonora vs. SHS rally. "I am so excited to see more teachers getting involved with dress up days and other activities around campus. After so much upheaval and disruption to the schools in the last couple years, it sure is nice to bring back more of the things that make school FUN!! For the students AND the staff," said Johnson.

"I am thrilled! Everybody else is going down!" Said Mrs. Banks, when asked how happy she was to be in the running for first place.

Attendance secretary, Maggie Beck, is surprisingly in third place.

It has been hard to miss her enthusiasm when it comes to dress up days. Her most iconic looks being the BBQ Dad on BBQ Dad versus Soccer Moms dress up day and dressing up as Post Malone on celebrity day.

"Was I shocked to find out that I was in third place? Absolutely. That was a hard pill to swallow. Through an extensive investigation, Jameson Baldwin figured out that it was because I was not checking in with Mrs. Soto on all of the Fridays that were not a part of the dress-up days."

She will be sure to not make that mistake again.

"I do love the dress up days. I think it is a fun way to show school spirit and I enjoy making a fool of myself. When I was young, I wanted to be a professional clown. I had the shoes and everything."

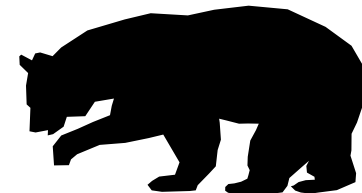


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# SHS & CVPAA Presents: "Snoopy" The Musical

By Bee Cathcart Randall  
Reporter



LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION. TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: Rod Harris, Van Gordon, Dana Spurrier, Bethany Kirk, Lisa Cathcart Randall. MIDDLE, LEFT TO RIGHT: Trislin Morgenstern (10), Elizabeth Cathcart Randall (12), Harley Blue (12), Kaiden Spurrier (12), Noah Diamond (12), Caeley Vincent (9). BOTTOM ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Ane Tangitau (12), Fiona Rose (12), Owen Bartholow (11). With the cast in costume and ready to perform, Lucy, played by Blue, commented on her first performance, "I was really happy with the way it went and I was just proud and happy to finally be in a play with all my best friends."

ALL THE WORLDS A STAGE. Kaiden Spurrier (12), "Snoopy," and Musical Director Rod Harris are "chilling with our fantastic scarfs, right before a show." That show being Saturday Nov. 12, 2022. Harris has shown up to almost every show at Summerville to cheer on the students. Over the rehearsals for "Snoopy," Spurrier has become super thankful for Harris. "Rod has been amazing, I was really bad at singing until he taught me how to sing. Without him, I wouldn't be in this show; I would be cut," said Spurrier.

## Cross Country

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ensure that everyone could be eligible.

"I saw teammates tutoring teammates before and after practice and in the vans and on the way to races. That was inspiring to see as a coach," said Coach Vasquez.

Not only that, but Coach Vasquez described several obstacles the team had to overcome, which included sicknesses, aches, and pains, but also just getting through the fall season.

Coach Vasquez explained just how they worked through these trials and tribulations.

"I believe perseverance is always the key to overcoming obstacles in cross country and in life," he said.

By the end of the season, however, both the men's and women's varsity teams were able to call their respective seasons a success, especially after overcoming many hardships.

The men's team won the Mother Lode League title while the women's team placed third.

Following that, both teams competed in subsections in FrogTown, Calif. and Vasquez and the women's team were able to qualify for sections over in Folsom, Calif.

After a hard fought race at sections, Vasquez and Martinez were able to qualify for the D-IV state meet in Fresno as individual runners.

Senior Cruz Vasquez declined to interview.



However, he placed 72nd and had a time of 16:48.8.

Junior Anna Martinez felt as though the season went well and expressed she was excited to have a women's team, which is something Summerville has not had in a few years.

She stated, "It was a fun season. I enjoyed the teammates and the bond we created."

At state, Martinez said "it was a good race but that it was tough because she got pushed to the back, however she was able to push through the crowd of runners."

Martinez added, "I was so proud to go to state because not everyone gets to go. I am very thankful for qualifying."

In the end, the team had a very successful season with the men's team taking home the league title, the women's team and Vasquez competing at Sections and Vasquez and Martinez running at state.

## Senior Spotlight



Photo courtesy of Mr. Stiggs

### Jayden Hardie

Something about me: "I was born in Texas at Fort Bliss."

Quote: "High school is the time to get out there and experience all that you can because those experiences will help you in the long run."

Future Plans: "After High School I will most likely be in college trying to get a degree in Engineering."



Photo courtesy of Mr. Stiggs

### Madi Cribbs

Something about me: "I have a hairless cat with no name."

Future Plans: "After high school I plan to play softball at Wisconsin and study forensic investigation."

Quote: "My favorite part of high school was hanging out with my friends."

## Summerville School Board: Two new members and one incumbent to take the oath in December

By Ellery Stewart  
Copy Editor

Summerville High School welcomed two new board members on Dec. 14., Andrea Ransom and Jake Hurst, and one returning member, Randy Richter.

The Summerville High Board has remained consistent over the years with many board members choosing to re-run for their respective positions. This election cycle, however, two board members chose not to return.

Bret Taylor, who served on the board for 12 years and Hans Degroot, who served on the board for four years, both chose not re-run for the board.

Newly elected board members, Richter, Ransom and Hurst, beat out local real estate agent Darren Daily for the three open seats.

As an alumnus of Summerville High, Hurst appreciates the opportunities that he had here, and he wishes to discover what additional means can be implemented to improve and continue to provide students with quality high school experiences. He hopes to do this by making himself available to the community and listening to their thoughts and ideas.

"At this time, I do not have an agenda for changing anything on campus," Hurst said.

"I had really great opportunities when I was [at Summerville], so I would like to look into what can be improved on, as well as speak with students, parents, and faculty to find out what their thoughts are."

As a mother of three Summerville High students and a former SUHSD employee, Ransom has a unique perspective and opportunity to see the effects of the board in real-time.

Prior to her election to the board, Ransom worked in the district office as a business clerk, having contact with both staff and students. She held the position from 2019 to 2022, before giving her two-week notice in April 2022.

During her time on the board, Ransom hopes to represent members of the community by asking tough questions, adding diversity, and being a voice for others.

"I wanted diversity on the Board," Ransom said. "There were no moms on the board; there were no women on the board."

While she serves her term, Ransom would like to increase access and opportunities for

people to attend board meetings.

By switching back to hosting board meetings virtually, Ransom believes that more community members will be able to be in attendance at more meetings, allowing for further engagement and community input.

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Randy Richter has served on the Summerville Board for 12 years, making this his fourth term. He was voted in to serve another term on the Nov. 8 election.

Though Richter does not currently have children attending Summerville, he did have three kids who went to Summerville from 2004-15. When asked what his motivation is to continue serving, he commented.

"The student achievements over the years, the staff, and a consistent quality school board are some of my motivating factors. My biggest motivating factor is that though good, we can always look for better outcomes for our students. They are the reason I am serving on the board," said Richter.

In regards to changing and updating the campus, Richter has many ideas.

"We need to replace some outdated classrooms, probably through a future bond. I would also like to continue our commitment to increasing our math and science scores. That takes money and time," said Richter.

Superintendent Merrill spoke out on the new board.

"I'm very excited about them coming on, they seem to have a good interest in serving the students of Summerville," said Mr. Merrill.

To reach out to any members of the SUHSD Board, you can find their contact information under the staff directory on the school website. Board meetings are held the second and fourth Wednesday of every month, except July, in the school library.



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Photo courtesy of Andrea Ransom



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PICTURED TOP: Jake Hurst. MIDDLE: Andrea Ransom. BOTTOM: Randy Richter. When asked what Richter thought of the new administrative team, he shared his thoughts. "As a returning board member, I realize we have had some changes over the last couple of years. I believe based on observation, and numerous school community opinions, that we have a great administrative team that really enjoy working with one another. That trickles down to the rest of the office, teaching staff, classified staff, students and parents. I'm very proud of the current team and expect the excellence to continue."

# ASB Shows Appreciation for Teachers and Staff

By: Isabella Wickman  
Reporter



**GIFT OF GRATITUDE.** ASB members, Zachary Radzikowski (12) and Ashleigh Hansen (12), serve soup and salad at the Teacher and Staff Appreciation Day luncheon. Pictured above are Mr. Dibble and Mrs. Schutt. Mrs. Schutt stated that she enjoyed, "sitting and talking with colleagues because we don't get a chance to do that very often."

As the anticipated holiday of Thanksgiving approached, the Associated Student Body (ASB) organized a luncheon to express their appreciation to all teachers and staff.

On Friday, Nov. 18 the ASB students prepared a luncheon in the staff room, which consisted of soup, salads, rolls, cookies and brownies.

The Summerville staff and teachers are not only beloved by their students, but by the town as well. When requesting a food donation for this event from Tuolumne Market, owner Adam Egger, did not hesitate in assisting.

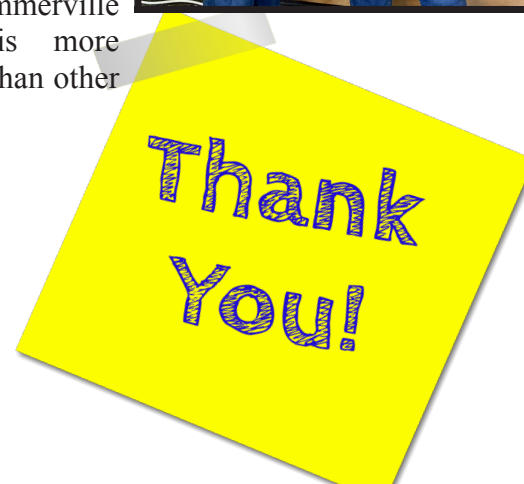
"I'd be happy to help. What I can do is give you a gift certificate so you can buy whatever is needed," said Egger.

With the support of Tuolumne Market's donation, Summerville's ASB was able to provide a variety of lunch options for the staff.

At the end of the day, as students left for Thanksgiving Break, attendance secretary Maggie Beck shared her thanks and gratitude.

When asked what her favorite element of the event was, she stated, "Well of course the food. Food is the way to my heart. The other thing is that it is just nice to be appreciated and recognized. I love the students, staff, and all of the people I work with and for," said Beck.

**THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON.** ASB advisor Mrs. Soto, Terra Pfeiffer, along with Summerville's ASB class, prepared the Teacher and Staff Appreciation Day luncheon. Mrs. Soto stated that her favorite element of this event was, "Watching the teachers and staff be appreciated for what they do on campus every day. In a lot of cases, the Summerville community is more like a family than other schools."



## Get Involved: Clubs on campus

By Alex Calabrese  
Reporter



**Art Club: Mr. Hall (Fridays)**

**Band Club: Mr. Johnson (Varies)**

**Chess Club: Ms. Gissier (Tuesdays)**

**ECOLOGY Club: Mrs. Castongia (Fridays)**

**FFA Club: Ms. Kinlaw (monthly meetings may vary)**

**Forensic Science Club: Mrs. Schutt (M/W/F)**

**Friday Night Live (Mrs. Soto Thursdays)**

**GSA: Mrs. Soto (A-Day Wed.)**

**Mock Trial Club: Mr. Patey (Varies)**

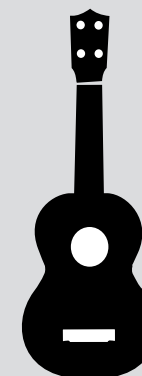
**POETRY OUT LOUD: Ms. Gissier (A-Day Thursday)**

**Robotics Club: Mr. Smale (After School T/Th)**

**Ukulele Club: Mr. Johnson (B-Day Fridays)**

**Walk the Talk: Mr. Suggs (Mondays)**

**World Club: Mrs. Banks (B-Day Tues.)**



# SHS Football: A record breaking season for the Bears

By: Hailey Tuggle  
Reporter

The Summerville High varsity football team made school history with their 2022-2023 season, advancing to the final round of the Sac-Joaquin Division VI playoffs.

After regular season standings of 9-1, BTC caught up with two senior players, Kai Elkins and Logan Slater, to get their thoughts on their final season of high school football.

Elkins described his role on the team and gave credit to his teammates.

"For defense, I play outside linebacker. I am really good at pushing all those guys into my teammates so that they can make the tackles. Also running back, I do a good job there. I have to give credit to my line, they do a heck of a job—week in and week out, so without them, I could not have any success. It is a whole team effort," said Elkins.

The coordination and ability to work together was visible during each and every game this season.

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"The best moment during playoffs was when the clock hit zero and it was the first time I think this school has ever won the second round of playoffs before. So we are the first ever to do that, which is pretty sweet."

-Kai Elkins

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The Bears had a bye in the first round of playoffs, and beat Esparto 31-0 in the quarterfinals. The Bears were met with their next opponent in the semifinal round, and came out on top against Bradshaw Christian, 40-14, on Nov. 18. The final game, the section title game, was played at Saint Mary's High School in Stockton on Nov. 26.

Unfortunately, this was the end of the road for the Bears, but they did not go down without a fight. The Bears scored all 13 points in the fourth quarter, and the game came down to the final play.

A decision was made to go for a two-point conversion, instead of having kicker, Dean Trimeloni, go for the extra point.

Leveroos commented on the decision to try for the two point conversion versus go for the point after touchdown.

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Although Summerville did not bring home the win, Coach Leveroos is proud of this team.

"I am most proud of my team for coming back from 14 points down with seven minutes to go, and having a chance to win it," said Coach Leveroos.

Although wishing the final outcome was different, Coach Leveroos spoke of the success and journey of the team this season.

"We have been the most successful this season with our wins and losses," said Leveroos.

While coaching a team with many drastic wins and close losses, he went over the aspects of what it is like to be a coach.

"The best part of being a coach is the relationships, the worst is when the season is over and the finality sets in," said Coach Leveroos.

The way the team has played this year has impressed thousands of spectators here at Thorsted field and on the road. This team has been highlighted on social media by @NorCalFilmz on Instagram, an account which has recently posted some of the best plays of the team.

The Bears had a successful season and the compatibility between the players and coaching staff did not go unnoticed. It is a team effort involving trust, loyalty, and motivation to succeed.

"Doing what you're told is one of the most important aspects of being a part of a team. Not one person can do it all. You have to trust the guys to your right and left and just get things done," commented Elkins.

It takes the effort of everyone to create a successful and exciting game with rewarding results.

"Never expect that you deserve it. People that expect things are the ones who stop putting in as much work and end up hurting the team. Everyone working hard and putting in their best is probably the best thing for the team. Just keep working," said Slater.

Although the season did not end as the team had hoped, they should be proud of their accomplishments this season.



Photo courtesy of Coach Hike

TEAM WORK. FROM LEFT TO RIGHT. Kai Elkins (12), Kyle Curran (12), George Henderson (12), Dean Trimeloni (12), Leon Vires (12), and Braylon Leveroos (12). Six of the twelve varsity seniors pose in front of the score board after the Esparto game on Nov. 11. "The playoffs didn't even feel real; we were destroying everyone and all felt unstoppable. We had the best playoff run in 111 years and we put Summerville High back on the map," commented senior George Henderson.



Photo courtesy of Mr. Suggs

BEARS FANS, COME TOGETHER. FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Freshman Jacee Vallenlunga, senior Allana Vega, and sophomore Emma Godwin cheer for the varsity team at the section title game at Saint Mary's High School, in Stockton, Calif. Graduating senior, Vega shared her experience this season. "It was an amazing privilege to cheer for such an incredible football team this season. Having a few extra weeks to enjoy my senior season was like the cherry on top and I'm going to miss it so much," she said.

# Voices of the 'Ville



BTC: What is something most people don't know about you?  
"I cried during Cars 3."  
-Mason Stokes (9)



BTC: What is something you are scared of?  
"Spiders. They are scary."  
-Molly Hildebrand (10)



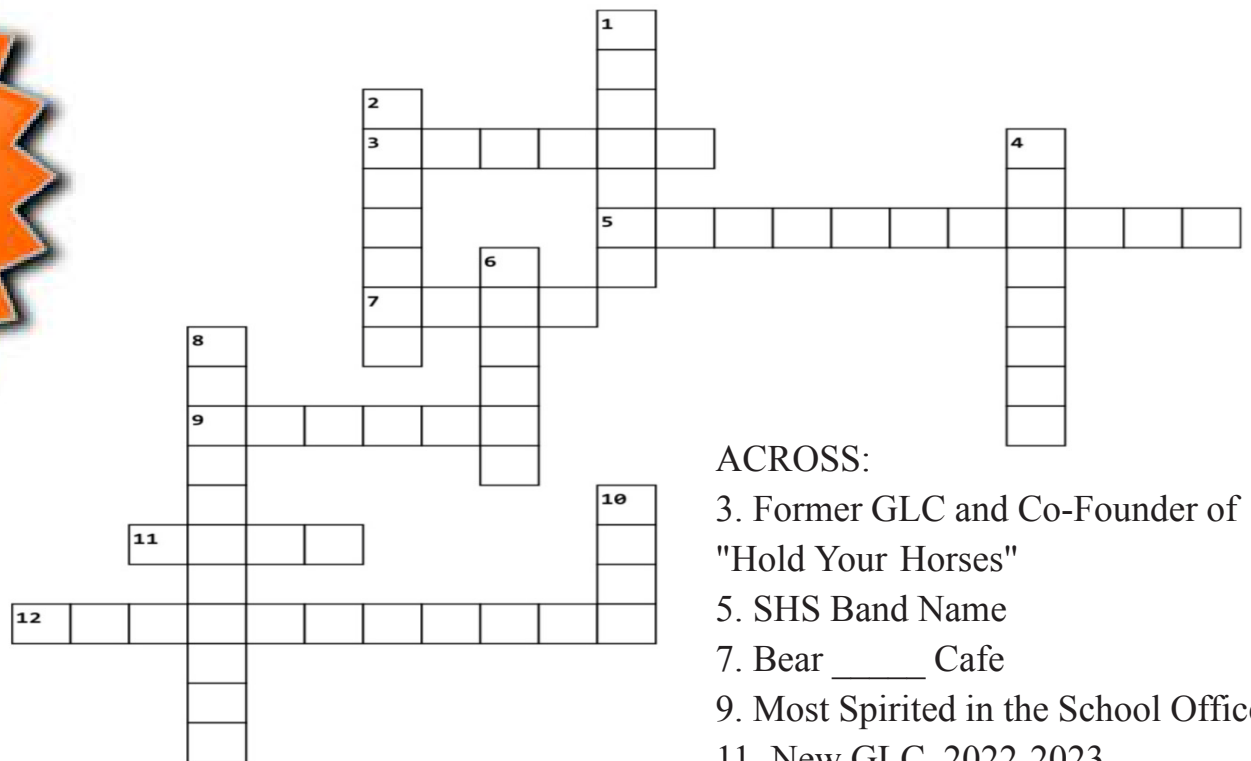
BTC: What is something you are scared of?  
"I am scared of girls."  
-Richard Seaman (12)



BTC: What is something most people don't know about you?  
"My real name is Kaden."  
-Pete Brennen (11)

Are you a fan of crossword puzzles? The first five people to bring the [correctly] completed crossword to Mrs. Kerns classroom (L-05) will win a front of the lunch-line pass!

## Summerville Crossword



### ACROSS:

- 3. Former GLC and Co-Founder of "Hold Your Horses"
- 5. SHS Band Name
- 7. Bear \_\_\_\_ Cafe
- 9. Most Spirited in the School Office
- 11. New GLC, 2022-2023
- 12. Played Baseball at Univ. of Pacific

### DOWN

- 1. Musician and Self-Proclaimed Wordsmith
- 2. Teacher in Room L-04
- 4. School Theme, 2022-2023
- 6. Academic Decathlon Abbreviated
- 8. Forever and Forever...
- 10. School Mascot

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