

## CAHSEE Prep Hopes to Pull School out of PI

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Because AHS' current Program Improvement (PI) status is dependent upon student performance on the tenth grade California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE), sophomore English teachers decided to work in collaboration in the weeks prior to testing.

For a period of about six weeks, English teachers focused on material that students would be tested on in the exam in an effort to improve scores. It was called CAHSEE Boot Camp because it would reinforce fundamental English skills in a short period of time.

This Boot Camp approach was introduced at a educators' meeting and workshop. Teachers interacted with colleagues from other schools who implemented these sessions because they were in similar predicaments and were successful in moving out of PI status. Sophomore English teacher Lori Naylor, along with many other teachers in the English department, decided to collaborate in the hopes of

achieving positive results on the exit exam.

"What I got was that the more teachers work together and are on the same page, the better it [is] for the kids," Naylor said.

The Boot Camp took place during class time. Most teachers worked around their planned schedule in order to stick to their curriculum and make time to review key CAHSEE components in the English section.

"If Ms. Naylor hadn't taught me how to write the letter [during Boot Camp], I would have never known how to write it," sophomore Keila Crook said.

For example, in order to ensure their students were able to answer each of the five essay prompts addressed, teachers focused on one type of essay every week for five weeks to ensure understanding.

"We don't just want to help the kids that aren't passing, we want to make sure everyone is proficient," Naylor said. "We want to improve on a larger scale, improve our scores and help kids graduate [with these skills]."



**MOOR** photo by JOYCE TSUI  
**SERVING UP SPAM** Kaibigan Service Club serves spam musubi at the Spring Food Fair held on April 6.

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### Mark Your Calendar for April and May

**April 29**  
Prom Fashion Show at the Quad  
Xanadu Film Festival

**April 26-May 3**  
CST Testing

**May 2-13**  
AP Testing

## AHS' 'A' Legally Banned from Use

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For the last couple years, a popular block-style 'A' was emblazoned on many of AHS' sports jerseys and other apparel. This 'A' will no longer be affiliated with Alhambra High School.

Earlier this year, the University of Arizona filed a claim for the rights of this design. While the legal councils of Alhambra Unified School District and the University of Arizona have worked this issue out amongst themselves, the administration has begun to phase out the usage of this font.

According to Assistant Principal of Business and Activities Jeremy Infranca, AHS has not had to pay any monetary compensation to the university; however, the school has agreed to phase out the design within the next three years.

As a result, the Mighty Moor Marching Band is no longer able to

wear their T-shirts with the old 'A' logo. The band members found out towards the end of the '10-'11 school year and were forced to retire the shirt design that had been in use for many years.

"It was sad that everyone [had] to

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- Jeremy Infranca

order this new design but it doesn't matter what we wear because in the end, we are still the same band," senior band member Nicole Ujita said.

This incident is not a unique one, as there have been many cases of high schools and their sports teams utilizing similar logo designs.

"A lot of high schools use Division One college teams' logos; it's quite a common occurrence," Assistant Principal of Business and Activities Jeremy Infranca said. "We're not an isolated case by any means."

Recently, Florida State University (FSU) filed formal complaints against Salem High School in Conyers, Georgia for the use of their Seminoles logo.

The Rockdale County Board of Education, which overlooks Salem High School, reached a license agreement and a settlement with FSU to avoid a federal lawsuit which could have cost the district about \$250,000, reported the Atlanta Journal Constitution. Currently, the administration has been working with designers to create a new AHS logo.

"We've been trying to create a [new design], one that is not copyrighted," Infranca said.



**MOOR** photo by STEWART RYDMAN-ESPINOSA  
**MOORMALLOWS** Sophomore Alex Zavala competes in a game of Chubby Bunny, stuffing marshmallows one by one into his mouth in hopes of winning a free Spring Fling ticket.

## Boys' Fed Basketball: Another Shot at Success

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Students had the chance to display their basketball skills at the annual Boys' Federation Basketball Tournament on April 16. Sponsored by the Boys' Federation of America, the event was held at the Alhambra High School gymnasium. The tournament featured 16 teams competing for prizes. The event was a success, with many students participating and bringing home prizes. The tournament was held on April 16, 2011, and was a great day for the students.

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- Emily Wong

"The basketball tournament has been a tradition in Boys' Fed, and it's a fun event to bring the students out to have a [friendly] competition,"

Boys' Fed Vice President Anna Wu said. "The entry fees [were] used to purchase prizes for [the teams that played the best] so the money, in a way, goes back to the students."

Despite the fact that Boys' Fed does not make a profit from the tournament, they host the event because it has become a tradition. The event is mainly a way for the student body to come together for a day of camaraderie while watching, cheering or playing in the game.

Some prizes offered included gift cards, basketballs and T-shirts. "It was definitely a great experience; I didn't expect so many people to participate and bring so much competition," said junior Emily Wong.



**MOOR** photo by JOYCE TSUI

**STIFF COMPETITION** Boys' Federation's annual basketball tournament held on April 16 featured 16 five-player teams that competed to win gift cards, basketball related items and sashes. The team "One Entertainment" took first.