



The Start Of A New School Year

By Elizabeth Enriquez

As the school year was first beginning, students were getting their schedules from their counselors and seeing which classes they would have to take this year. Getting ready to start the year, preparing their belongings, and going to bed earlier than usual. Most importantly, students were seeing which classes they were going to adjust. However, as more students wanted to contact their counselors, the longer the lines to the counseling offices got. The first week is almost always stressful for every student, especially this year's first week, however; how did the first week go for the counselors? Are they also stressed out? Are they also having to deal with a ton of work? I wanted to ask some counselors how their first week of school went for them and how they managed to deal with any issues that may have arisen.

One counselor, Mr. Gaviño, said that "the first week was good and manageable. It is a lot to manage the classes and teachers to keep it all balanced." When asked if there were any issues that made that struggle harder, he said, "Not having a principal from the beginning made it more difficult, but together it was still manageable." Another counselor, Ms. Sanchez, also said, "It was good, but there were some things out of our control that made it overwhelming. Though once you get into the groove of it, it goes a lot more smoothly." Lastly, a third counselor, Ms. Ware, shared, "It was stressful because it was very overcrowded. On a good note, it was nice to see the new freshmen," and the when asked if the issues got easier to deal with as the week went on, she said, "They were easier to manage over time."

These counselors seem to share the notion that this year in particular definitely started out pretty stress-inducing, with them needing to start going back to school even earlier than the students and having to deal with issues that were out of their hands. However, as the week went on, things got easier to manage and started to become more like second nature. The counselors always work hard to make things go well for all of the students, and it's nice to see how the counselors deal with these conundrums behind the scenes. Here's hoping that the school year will continue to go smoothly, not just for the students at Hayward High School, but for all the hard-working staff, such as the counselors!



Picture Day

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Senior Sunrise

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Senior Sunrise Brings a Class Together

By Briana Rosas Bojorquez

Wrapped in warm blankets and eating donuts, the Class of 2027 gathered on the football field on the morning of Friday, August 28th, for one of their first official events as soon-to-be graduates: Senior Sunrise. Over the summer, Senior Sunrise was all anyone could talk about, worrying about sleep schedules and snacks. But out on the field in the pitch-black morning of 6am at the start of fall, no one was worrying about anything yet.

"Senior Sunrise felt nostalgic and rewarding," said one of the seniors, recalling eating a pre-ordered donut and wearing a colorful lei as a surprising flock of geese flew overhead in the middle of the event, catching everyone's attention. "It's kind of symbolic, like we're all moving on to the next thing together."



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Yearbook students wandered the field with their cameras as their peers posed with props, and ASB worked hard to make sure that their photo booth printer was working. “I felt very excited knowing that I was going into my final school year with my best friends,” mentioned another student after the event. While for a lot of the event, many students were scattered with their own friends, everyone still came together for a class photo—highlighting their connection with one another as they embarked on senior year.

Ready for the school year, students excitedly started mentioning future events like the first spirit week of the school year, downtown rally, and homecoming all coming up in October. As the event went on and people started packing up their pool floats and blankets in order to start heading up to either breakfast or their zero period classes, the sun finally cleared the horizon. With the first tradition officially checked off their list, the Class of 2027 walked off the field ready to take on the rest of their historic final year.

Perspective: The First HHS Football Game

By Terrence Sorn

The first football game was a blast. A lot of things happened during the game, like the student section being full, big lines being created to get in, and more. I went to the game with a friend of mine and spoke about whether the team was going to win or lose. For me, I thought the team was going to lose, as the last time I attended a game was during sophomore year, and my friend shared that they thought they were going to win.

Obviously, both JV and Varsity teams won their own games, making the team start off with a good record. Most of the time, I was just taking notes about the game, observing what happened and which team had the ball. On the other half, I was teaching my friend what football is, the rules, and the positions, as it was their first time attending a high school football game. During the game, Arroyo had gotten the ball first, and with the HHS team managing to play defense, they forced a turnover, allowing HHS to be the first to score a touchdown. Afterwards, it was Arroyo's ball, and they managed to score a field goal, gaining them 3 points and forcing HHS to a turnover that resulted in their first touchdown. Honestly, at this point, it was 7-10: Hayward 7 and Arroyo 10. I really thought it was game over for Hayward, as Arroyo was ahead, even though the game had barely started. But HHS managed to run a complete scoring field on Arroyo, making the score go from 7-10 to 48-10, ending the night with a Mercy Rule (Varsity). During the game, two players kept going at it with each other after the downs were over, going back and forth, both wearing the number 6, which was funny to my friend and me. Ending the night with a win for both JV and Varsity, the first game for HHS went well, as I wasn't really expecting the team to blow out Arroyo. I thought it would either be a loss or a close game, but it was neither of those.

Editor's Note

Welcome back, Hayward High! Thank you for reading our first Issue in Volume #2 of the Haystack Newsletter. We hope you enjoy our student reporting, and you can check out all our articles at farmerhaystack.com or see our online content on Instagram at [@hhs.haystack](https://www.instagram.com/hhs.haystack). Hope you have a great year, and look for future issues of the Haystack!

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