

The Green and Orange: Mesa Verde's school newspaper

Opening

In Boston in 1690, what was considered to be the first newspaper in the American colonies was published but the first true newspaper in English was the London Gazette of 1666. For a generation it was the only officially sanctioned newspaper, though many periodical titles were in print by the century's end. From this we can conclude that a newspaper is an important platform not only for journalists but for society as well; additionally, the creation of newspapers has been continued for nearly 400 years.

The purpose of a newspaper is to help readers become informed citizens and make better decisions by providing a plethora of facts, some newspaper articles help interpret, or explain, the meaning of news to readers. This general purpose mirrors the true intentions of Mesa Verde's newspaper staff and will continue to be throughout their exploration of the realm of journalism.

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Events Calendar

August

- 10th
 - First day of the school year, created a stronger connection with both students and staff members with the help of seminars instead of regular class periods.
- 15th
 - Cross Country had their first gathering at Capital Christian.
- 24th
 - The freshman football team kicked off their season at Rio Vista.
- 25th
 - Varsity and junior varsity football also had a rough respective 31-0 and 14-0 start to their seasons at Argonaut High School.
 - The girls' varsity volleyball team took a loss of 3-0 against Leroy Greene.
- 28th
 - The girls' varsity volleyball team redeemed themselves, winning against San Juan with a score of 3-0.

- 30th
 - The girls' varsity volleyball team won once again by a score of 3-1 against Grant.
 - JV volleyball lost their first game against Grant 2-0.
 - Freshman volleyball also lost against Grant at 2-1.
- 31st
 - At Casa Roble, the varsity volleyball team's winning streak was broken by a score of 3-0.
 - The JV volleyball team lost against Casa 2-1.
 - Freshman football lost their game against Colfax by 39-0.
 - The dance team and classes showed off their skills at the dance show in the PAC.

September

- 1st
 - Mesa Verde kicked off the month with a win from the junior varsity football team, beating Golden Sierra 8-7.
 - The varsity football didn't have the same outcome against Golden Sierra, losing 15-13.
- 5th
 - Girls' varsity volleyball lost to Center at a home game by a score of 3-1.
 - Against Center, JV lost in a close score of 2-1.
 - With a score of 2-0, freshman volleyball took a loss against Center.
- 6th
 - Back to School Night, where parents were invited to visit their children's classes and get to know the teachers and community here at Mesa Verde.
 - Versus Rio Linda, varsity volleyball lost 3-2.
 - JV volleyball lost in their match to Rio by a near score of 2-1.
 - Freshman volleyball was defeated 2-0 by Rio Linda.
- 7th
 - At Marysville, varsity, JV, and freshman volleyball lost to Marysville 3-2, 2-1, and 2-0.
 - Freshman football went against Wheatland and lost 41-0.
- 8th
 - JV and varsity went against Wheatland, JV losing 35-0, but varsity winning 14-0.

- 12th
 - At Natomas, freshman, JV, and varsity girls' volleyball won at 2-0, 2-0, and 3-0.
- 13th
 - Club Rush in the breezeway during lunch, where you could learn more about and join the clubs Mesa Verde has to offer.
 - All three volleyball teams went against Mira Loma at an away game.
- 14th
 - Both JV and varsity volleyball went against Lindhurst.
- 16th
 - The freshman girls' volleyball team went to the Jackson Sports Academy for a CIVT Tournament.
- 18th
 - Girls' JV and varsity volleyball played an away game at Victory Christian.
- 20th
 - Varsity girls' volleyball played another away game, this time at Futures.
- 21st
 - All girls' volleyball teams played a home game against Dixon.
- 22nd
 - Homecoming rally, filled with performances by our dance and cheer teams, and games played by students and staff.
 - JV and varsity football play the homecoming game against Lindhurst.
- 23rd
 - JV girls' volleyball had their CIVT Tournament at the Jackson Sports Academy.
 - Homecoming dance with the theme of "A Night at the Oscars".
- 26th
 - The seniors had their first official senior meeting to talk about graduation, college, and every option in between.
 - All girls' volleyball teams went up against Capital Christian High School.
- 27th
 - Freshman, JV, and varsity volleyball matched up against Encina in a home game.
- 28th
 - The Believe In You assembly and first sessions inspired many and brought our school's community even closer together.
 - Cross Country had their first meet at Dixon High School.
 - All the girls' volleyball teams went against West Campus.

- 29th
 - Varsity and JV football at Dixon High School.
- 30th
 - The varsity volleyball team visit the Jackson Sports Academy for the final CIVT Tournament.

To Look Out For In October

- 4th and 5th
 - Quarter 1 final exams, periods 1 and 2 on the 4th and periods 3 and 4 on the 5th. Dismissal is at 12:25pm on both days.
- 6th
 - After a draining two days of finals, students get Friday the 6th off of school!
- 11th
 - PSAT testing day! Sophomores and juniors will test from 8:05 to 12:05 that morning, and freshmen and seniors get to sleep in and come to school by 11:10.
- 16th, 17th, and 18th
 - This year, Mesa will host a Breaking Down The Walls assembly and sessions, spanning over these days to bring students and staff closer to each other.
- 19th, 20th, and 21st
 - The Mesa Verde Drama Department will be putting on their Fall Variety Show for students and families!
- 26th
 - Mesa Verde will be hosting Career Day to give students an opportunity to get information and explore *all* their options for the future.

Fake Threats, Real Consequences

The social media pledge from the first day of school that students were encouraged to sign was a way to create a safe shield from the negativity on social media, instead a social media account was used in an irresponsible way that lead to an overall effect on Mesa Verde High School. Mr. Cross clarified the pledge's purpose was

to “get kids to commit to just being good people and not using social media for negative tactics, bullying, or harassing; to keep it positive.” On that same day, a student posted an image of a gun with the caption, “Rally’s gonna be fun tomorrow.” It was later reported as a possible threat to Mr Bross, and the Citrus Heights Police. Though the weapon was fake and the student had no access to weapons, the rally was rescheduled. Threats affect the school as a whole, according to Mr. Bross, “Mesa staff did do a home visit to ensure the student understood the impact they had on the community as a whole.” Today, people as a whole consider their social media accounts as a type of protective barrier, but when the safety of students become a concern the authorities make it their responsibility to handle the possible risks.

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Post-game news with Sabrina Flores (12)

Football-

Homecoming game against Lindhurst: junior varsity football won 44-8, varsity football lost 8-24

Overall: junior varsity football is 1:2, varsity football is 1:3

Volleyball (girls)-

Homecoming game against Dixon: girl’s junior varsity volleyball lost 1-2, girls’s varsity volleyball lost 1-3

Cross Country-

Frogtown- Troy Cook (12) leading Mesa Verde’s varsity cross country boys with 20:43.
Elyssa Leclair (12) leading Mesa Verde’s varsity cross country girls with 32:35.

Softball- Softball had pre-season practices every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday before their dead period during the month of the September.

Coming soon, to a field near you:

Girls basketball conditioning everyday from 5pm-7pm in the small gym.

Boys basketball conditioning starts October 16th.

Girls soccer conditioning starts October 23rd.

Boys soccer conditioning starts in October.

Wrestling tryouts will be held on November 6th.

Closing

As a crew of dedicated students that are merely volunteers (not obligated students), we hope to continue publishing one issue of our version of an informative newspaper on the last Friday of every month. We hope to hear constructive feedback from our audience and have student involvement.

If you, as a reader, have an idea for an addition to the Mesa Verde newspaper (features, segments or ads) or wish to be a staff member, email the editor-in-chief at matsuor3243@student.sanjuan.edu or the advisor Mr. Sanchez at asanchez@sanjuan.edu.

Thank you,
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