



## First FFA Meeting Proves a Success

The time sure does fly! We have already had our first FFA meeting of the 208-2009 school year. The meeting took place on September 9th at 6:00pm in the cafeteria. Our newly elected officers took on the challenge and never looked back. There were approximately 70 members in attendance at the meeting, which we felt to be a great turnout.

As usual, it was all business. The meeting was started out in typical fashion with the opening ceremonies. Then we had some speakers talk about their experiences at the Orange County Fair. Elizabeth Perales shared her experience with her pig, Cody Martinez shared about his experience with his steer

and Aaron Lopez discussed his experience with his sheep. After the business was done, we discussed the new business. Our first item of new business was the Back to School Night. We talked about how things would be set up and encouraged the members to invite their parents to come. The other item of new business was the Greenhand Softball Game and BBQ. We announced the date to the members and encouraged them to participate.

When asked how they felt about their first FFA meeting upon conclusion, the new officers felt confident that they did a good job, but also acknowledged that there is room for improvement. "We plan to achieve

success and to have more activities to encourage member involvement," says chapter Historian Aaron Lopez. The officer team has plans to make it a great year.

- Aaron Lopez  
(Chapter Historian)



## Orange Section Leadership Meeting

The Orange Section meeting was held at Fullerton High School on Monday, September 15th at 4:30pm. Our two delegates, Kristin Hope and Nick Melendez, attended a half hour meeting while the other members in attendance had

pizza. During the meeting, the section officers performed the opening/closing ceremonies and then asked the delegates to join them in a game called "watermelon." After the game was over the delegates gave a brief chapter

scoop report, which is just a quick description of what is going on in every chapter. When the meeting was over, everyone got the opportunity to play capture the flag. Overall, it was a fun learning experience.

- Michelle Chandler

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### Special points of interest:

- Fundraising activities
- Greenhand Softball Game & BBQ
- OSLC
- New officer team

## Fall Fundraising Activities

Fundraising is a key component to our program's success. We have already hit the ground running this year. The week of September 15 - 19, we sold pizza up on campus at lunch. We had two carts in action and our chapter officers and some members helped sell pizzas and drinks. This has been a great fundraiser in the past for us. The pizzas are ordered and supplied with the carts for us to sell. We pay for the pizzas and drinks and the profit goes into our FFA account for future use. Our endeavor was very successful. Each day we ordered more pizzas to sell because we continued to sell out each day.

The other fundraiser that we are going to participate in this fall is a pig raffle. We have done this in the past and it was very



successful. Here is how it works. We will be selling tickets for \$1.00 each. Every ticket sold will be entered for a chance to win half of a pig cut and wrapped. This means that you have two chances to win. Each winner will be contacted using the information supplied to us on the ticket. Please keep your eyes open for those tickets and do what you can to help the

members of our program by purchasing tickets.

The money raised from all of our fundraisers goes straight back to the members. It pays for things like fees to leadership conferences, FFA competitions, chapter socials, etc... Outside support of our fundraising activities is crucial to our programs success and student involvement.

-Mr. Johnson

## Back to School Night

Back to school night this took place on September 24th. We had a great turnout. We had many parents show up to see how their student is doing so far this year. It is so encouraging to see the amount of parents who take an interest in their children's academic success.

Mr. Gentry's classes met up in the metal shop (rm.160). He said that he had many parents were eager to see what his classes

had to offer. Mr. Gentry talked a little bit about his classes and then he took the parents on a tour of the wood shop and metal shop. He says they enjoyed it.

Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Rojas had their students' parents meet in room 46. Mrs. Rojas focused on the academic achievements of

the students at La Habra High School this past year in the way of API scores (778). She also discussed with parents the different

class sequences offered in the Ag. Program. Mr. Johnson discussed all of the upcoming FFA events. According to the teachers, it was a success.

*"API scores soared this year at LHHS to an all-time high of 778."*

## Fall Pig Projects

It's that time of year already. The students are beginning their SAE projects. We have accepted deposits for fall pig projects. They will be delivered by the end of this month. Students have the opportunity to raise a pig and sell it to someone or keep the meat for their family to eat. Of course there is a cost to raising a pig. The cost for a fall pig runs about \$350 including the purchase price and the feed. Many of our students can't afford



it. As a department, we can put them on a loan agreement that they must pay in full by the end of the project or they can go

this, but still would like the opportunity. There are a few ways that they can do

out and get a sponsor. That is where an outside community member offers to front the money for the project and then receive the meat at the end. We are always looking for new sponsors for our students. If you are interested, please let one of our Ag. Teachers know so they can get you started helping students in your community.

## 2008/2009 La Habra FFA Officers

The 2008/2009 officer team was elected at the FFA meeting back in May. Their first official meeting as officers was on September 9th. Please allow us to introduce ourselves!!!

**Cody Martinez:** I am the new chapter president. This is my third year in Ag, and I am extremely excited to serve the members of our great organization and steer us into the future.

**Michelle Chandler:** I am the new chapter vice president. This is my third year in Ag, and I want to see our chapter get more involved. I would also like to see students more willing to participate in contests.

**Karen Nunez:** I am the new chapter reporter. I want to work on ways to get

more members involved and enthusiastic about activities.

**Lizzy Perales:** I am the new chapter treasurer. I am in charge of the chapter



accounts this year and I want to make sure money is being spent on our members and that the activities we have are

worth coming to.

**Aaron Lopez:** I am your new chapter historian. I would like see our chapter become more unified. I would like to involve the members as much as possible. The key word is unity.

**Janel Walker:** I am the new chapter secretary. My hope for the officer team this year is that we can lead our chapter with pride and a sense of direction.

**Greg Galliadi:** I am the new chapter sentinel. It is my job to see that all members are welcomed and encouraged to participate in chapter events and competitions. My goal is to get more chapter involvement.

- 2008/2009 Chapter Officers

## Johnson/Rojas Team Regains Softball Glory

Our annual Greenhand Softball Game and BBQ had a great turnout. There were approximately 70 students there. The teams once again were the Ag. Science team with Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Rojas vs. Mr. Gentry's Ag. Shops team. It was a competitive game with lots of smiling new faces as well as some veteran members present. It was a great opportunity to get to know the new members in our pro-

gram. The final score was 10 to 9 with the victory going to the Johnson/Rojas team. There were plenty of spectacular plays, but the one worth noting comes from Aurielle Karr. She was 4 for 4 in her hitting. Great job!!!

After the game was over, we went back

*"Baseball was, is and will always be to me the best game in the world".*

*-Babe Ruth*

to the farm and had some delicious hamburgers and hogs. Many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Karr for preparing the meal for us.

The day was extremely successful and everyone

had a great time.

-Janel Walker (Secretary)

## LA Habra FFA tries to Prove Worthiness in Battle

The FFA has many different competitions that members can participate in. One of the many is Opening/Closing Ceremonies. The district competition is going to take place on October 27th. Members will be meeting at Buena Park High School's agriculture department to compete against each other.

Right now, Mrs. Rojas and Mr. Johnson are going over the script in class. Each

class has been broken up into groups of 6 to practice and present the ceremonies. After that, Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Rojas will take anyone who would like to compete against different schools to Buena Park to battle it out. This district competition is just a warm-up or practice for the Section competition which will take place at Mission



Viejo High School on November 4th at 4:30pm. Traditionally, La Habra FFA has done well at this competition, but we are looking for a first place plaque this year.

-Mr. Johnson



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*La Habra FFA  
Celebrating over 50 years  
Of tradition and leadership.*

**Look for our new chapter  
website coming soon!!!**

*The purpose and mission of the FFA is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for **premier leadership, personal growth and career success** through agricultural education.*

*The FFA first started in 1928 with a small program in Virginia. It has since grown to encompass every state in the U.S, California having over 66,000 student members. All members must be enrolled in an agriculture class.*

*La Habra FFA was founded in 1958. We have just recently celebrated our 50th anniversary. We currently have over 360 students enrolled in agriculture classes here on our campus. We look forward to watching our program grow and our students achieve success.*

*If you have any questions or would like to know more about our program please contact Mr. Johnson, Mr. Gentry or Mrs. Rojas.*

## Recipe of the Month

Halloween is just around the corner. How nice would it be to have a wonderful new Halloween treat for your guests to win them over. Cupcakes are an easy effective way to do this. Pro Ganache recipes are used in many bake shops. You can melt and pour over cakes as a glaze, or chill and whip until light for a filling. Ganache is a very versatile icing. It can be stored in the refrigerator for up to two weeks or about three days at room temperature.

#### Ingredients:

- 2 cups semisweet chocolate chips
- 2 cups heavy cream
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract

#### Directions:

Place chocolate chips in a large bowl or the bowl of a stand mixer. Pour the cream into a saucepan, and bring to a boil. As

soon as the cream boils up to the top of the pan, quickly remove it from the heat, and pour it over the chips. Let stand for a minute or two, then stir with a whisk, or use the paddle attachment for the mixer, to mix until smooth. Be sure to scrap the bottom of the bowl occasionally. Stir in the vanilla until well blended. Place a piece of plastic wrap directly on the surface, and allow to cool at room temperature, or in the refrigerator.

- Eat and enjoy



La Habra FFA would like to wish you and yours a happy and safe Halloween.