



BRANHAM SPARE CLUB

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

We are Students Promoting Awareness of Recycling and the Environment, and we work to promote environmentalism in our communities in order to ensure a viable future.

Past Endeavors

- **Patrick Pizzo Native Gardens:** The Branham Park Native Gardens Project, commenced July 2018, turned a barren patch of dirt in front of our local park into an aesthetically pleasing area for passerbys to enjoy. Split into five sections, each garden portrays a different region of California. The five themes are wildflower, rose, evergreen, herbal, and pollinator. With the help of volunteers, neighbors, and maybe most prominently from our late friend and mentor, Dr. Patrick Pizzo, these gardens are flourishing today. New planned additions to this area include a bench and plaque commemorating Mr. Pizzo, as this could not have been done without him.
- **Parks Advocate Internship:** Starting the summer of 2019, SPARE officers took on a city internship in which we made a brochure guide on how to create your own native gardens. We spoke to environmental clubs at different schools and encouraged our peers to commence a similar project.
- **Branham Trees:** Also with the guidance of Dr. Patrick Pizzo, SPARE Club planted trees along the back of the bleachers of the Branham High School football field.
- **2020 Virtual Climate Rally:** In November of 2020, SPARE hosted a school wide virtual rally in which we invited prominent leaders and advocates from within our community and beyond to speak on four topics: Science & Policy, Intersectionality, Consumerism, and Eco-Consciousness. Speakers included our AP Environmental Science teacher, a small sustainable business owner, Silicon Valley Sunrise, and local equity advocates.
- **Certified 2019 Volunteer of the Year** by Happy Hollow Park and Zoo



Current Projects we're excited about

- Expansion of garden project at local park -- implementation of plant boxes in the back area of the park.
- February Virtual Recycling Week -- sharing small ways to be more sustainable in everyday life.

Club Traditions

- Origami Valentine Roses
- End of Semester Pizza Parties
- Boba after beautifications

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We are looking to set up a website soon as well!!

