

## PPAS hosts 5th Annual Fall Festival

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For the fifth year, Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) hosted a fall festival open to the public, from kids to adults, and this year was not the exception. The families of the students were invited to join the PPAS family for this event too. This year's festival was held on Friday, November 1 from 6 to 9 pm. People from all ages were present, playing games at the booths, being locked up in the jail, decorating cookies, viewing jewelry and all was prepared by PPAS' students and teachers.

"I was in jail the whole time. I was there like two hours," said Freshman Leonardo Tremari.

PPAS students



dressed as literary characters, superheroes, princes and princesses and movie characters. One of the booths that called the most attention from the kids was the petting zoo, where the kids could enjoy a walk with the lambs of PPAS' 4H.

"It was cute. The kids liked the Petting Zoo a lot," said Freshman Ember Ayala. Students were also able to fake marry someone at the "Wedding Booth," where you could pay to marry someone and get pictures with their bride and groom, and a fake

marriage certificate. The event's funds will be distributed to all classes. "I loved it. It was a good experience. I had a lot of fun with my friends. I am going to miss it next year," said Senior Carolina Escamilla.

## Students recognized for Honor Roll

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PPAS students were recognized and rewarded for being named to the President's List for a 95 and above average.

Every nine weeks, the Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) announces the honor roll with three categories, President's Honor Roll (95-100 average), Honor Roll (90-95 average) and Honorable Mention (85-90 average).

"To be in the Honor Roll, you need to have a 95 plus average and with no failed classes," said School Principal Ellie Perez. Students have to do all their assignments like read AR books.

"I have my own way to work on my schoolwork," said 18-year-old Sebastian Guerrero, who

is on the Honor Roll. 14-year-old Freshman Sara Mendoza is one of the students on the President's Honor Roll.

To reward the students for being named to the President Honor Roll, the students were taken to Corpus Christi to watch the movie, "Ender's Game."

"It was a good movie because it is about the future so it has many awesome things like space ships and the special effects are amazing," Mendoza said.

When the movie finished, they were also taken to a buffet for lunch.

## Pan Am honors Veterans with assembly

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According to www.va.gov, Veterans Day is an official holiday celebrated in the United States on November 11 to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

As every year, Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) celebrated this day with an assembly at the "Plaza of the Americas" on Friday, November 8, 2013.

This assembly was started with a prayer by Rev. Dr. Doug Dalglish, President of PPAS. It was followed by a de-



From left, School President Dr. Dough Dalglish, U.S. Marines; Campus Life Director Albert Garcia, U.S. Army; Director of Admission Joe Garcia, U.S. Navy; Dining Hall Staff Janet Garita, U.S. Army; Social Studies Teacher Daniel Navejar, U.S. Marines; English Teacher Rebecca Perkins, U.S. Army; and School Nurse Anna Mireles, U.S. Army.

scription of what Veteran's Day is and why it is an important day for all the Americans, and the introduction of

PPAS Veteran Staff by Principal Ellie Perez. After the introduction, the Flag was raised with the "National An-

them." Concluding this event, Dalglish led the "Pledge of Allegiance". Daniel Navejar, World Geography and U.S. History teacher was a Marine for three years. "I feel very honored and privileged to serve my country," Navejar said. He said his best experience was graduating from Boot Camp. "It is really important to remember and honor all the people that once served for the United States," said 17-year-old Senior Kevin Villafuerte. Ariel Lima, 15-year-old freshman, said it is awesome to recognize all the veterans of this country.

## Girls basketball face Freer

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Basketball season has started and the Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) Lady Eagles have started practice. This year's new coach is Michael Lewis, the new science substitute teacher.

This is not the only change in the Lady Eagles team. Coach Reili Cantu has also been trying to find various other tournaments which the Lady Eagles can participate in and thus therefore increase the number of games they play as well as the variety of teams. The Lady Eagles'



Photo by: Kevin Ngarambe  
 Sophomore Mariana Gomez on the free-throw line against Freer on Tuesday, Nov. 12 at home.

first game of the season was held on Tuesday November 12 against Freer. The lady Eagles lost the game 49-31. "I think we'll get better, considering this is the first game we've played

together," said Stephanie Kim, small forward for the Lady Eagles. "We have a good and strong team and I believe that the girls will do well this season," said Coach Lewis.

## Lady Eagles soccer win season opener

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The lady eagles won their season opening game, 5-1, against John Paul High school on November 11 in Corpus Christi.

"I feel very proud because we won the first game, but most of all because we worked together each practice and we won as a team," said Anahi Moctezuma, 15-year-old sophomore. Henriette Mbawmbaw, 15-year-old freshman, said that she was scared to play the first game, but she knows that the team was ready for the game.

"At first I felt very nervous but then I felt very excited to win the first game. I am proud to be part of this team. I wish I had more victories this season." Mbawmbaw said.



Photo provided by: Ana Karen Davila  
 The Lady Eagles soccer team played IWA on Thursday, Nov. 14 at home.

Reili Cantu, athletic coach, said that she thinks as a team," Cantu said. Cantu said that the lady eagles have eight more games and two tournaments in which they have to demonstrate continuing improvement, play more as a team and be successful.

## Boys basketball defeated by the Buckaroos

by Arantza Rodolfo  
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The boys' basketball season started and Daniel Navejar, teacher and coach, at Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS), is the new coach of the team.

The first game was on November 12 at PPAS the team faced a loss of, 31-34. The last two games were on November 14 at PPAS as well and the varsity team lost 48-57 while the junior varsity was also defeated 32-38.

Practice began on November 4 and they

involved conditioning, skills such as dribbling, passing, and shooting, and also defenses such as man on man, man and zone, and full court press.

"I'm excited and worried at the same time," said Senior Edgar Garcia, who is the manager of the team.

Also he said that it is going to be a good season because the players are good, but they haven't practice as they're supposed to.

"Right now, the team doesn't have captains. But we're working on it," said Navejar.



Photo by: Arantza Rodolfo  
 Senior Yannick Habimana blocks a shot against Freer.

"I think Kevin and Yannick will be good captains," said Sophomore Diego Batlle, who is in his first year at PPAS.

## PPAS female athlete of the year wins Wendy's Heisman award

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Student Council President of Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS), Hefzi Jimenez, is the 2013 Female Wendy's High School Heisman Award (WWSHA) State Winner for Texas.

Jimenez is not only a member of National Honor Society and Senior Class Treasurer, but also a proficient athlete in various sports.

"She is a silent reader. She knows how to motivate team members and a lot of time, she glues the team together. As a coach, she always gives 100 percent of her, whether



From left, Coach Reili Cantu and Senior Hefzi Jimenez.

in practice and competition," said Reili Cantu, Athletic Coach at PPAS.

WWSHA is not only for athletics. It considers students' academic abilities as well. Jimenez is on the President's Honor List at PPAS,

which requires having a class average above 95 without failing any class. She also takes English 1301 and Government 2305 dual credit classes at Coastal Bend College.

"Hefzi is an honor student who is in the top 10 percent of her class. I am proud of her. All of her hard works has paid off," said PPAS Principal Ellie Perez. Jimenez, herself, feels excited and proud as well.

"I never imagined that I was going to be chosen. But I can tell all my hard works in the four years at PPAS has paid off. It has given me a good result," Jimenez said.

# Soccer player chosen as Rotary Student of the Month

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The Kingsville Tuesday Noon Rotary club and Texas A&M University-Kingsville honors an outstanding high school senior from an area school each month, including Presbyterian Pan America School (PPAS). 17-year-old Se-

nior Ivan Morin was selected as the Rotary Student of the Month for November. He received a certificate and a scholarship to use towards Texas A&M University-Kingsville by a Rotarian on Tuesday November 12, 2013.

"I am really excited and happy



From left, Ivan Morin, PPAS Senior, accepting his certificate from Mike Desiderio, Kingsville Rotarian at the Cherry Tree Tea Room on Tuesday, Nov. 12. Morin plans to study engineering after graduation.

because they selected me and because this scholarship will help me to achieve my goal," Morin said.

"If you study hard and do all your homework, in the end, there is always something good which will come out of it," Morin said.

At PPAS, twice

a year, a student who did well in academics and behaved in social life are chosen by the principal to be honored, said Principal Ellie Perez.

"I selected Ivan because he is an excellent student with moral and Christian value," Perez said.

# National Honor Society member selected as Student of the Month

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Ivan Morin has been chosen for the student of the Month for October. He is from Monclova, Coahuila and he was born on December 14, 1995. He is 17 years old. His average of grades is 91 and his GPA is 3.4 out of 4.0.



Senior Ivan Morin

"I feel grateful for being the student of the month and at the same time, it shows that I have been doing well as a student," Morin said. "Try to do your best every single day and don't leave anything behind if you can do it today."

For him, the easiest class is geometry because he finds

it interesting and easy to understand. The activity that he likes is sports because he likes to be in shape and have some fun on the field.

"My favorite hobby is sports or repairing electronics. That is why I chose engineering for my future

choice," Morin said.

For him, his favorite teacher is Hardy Robertson because even though he is strict and expects a lot, he has a very good character and feelings.

"I am really going to miss this school because I have learned a lot of things that I really didn't realize until now. Friends, dorm life and relationships between students and teachers is what I am going to miss from Pan Am," Morin said. His option is Texas A&M University-Kingsville as the college he will attend after graduation.

# Cheerleading Captain is November Student of the Month

by Ainee Martinez  
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For November, Senior Yvonne Borrego was elected to be the student of the month. Borrego is the president of National Honor Society, the cheerleading captain, and is a dual credit student at Coastal Bend College in Kingsville.

Being called the student of the month requires certain expectations from teachers and staff at Presbyterian Pan American School. Borrego has filled these expectations.

"I did not expect to have this honor, but I am thankful for receiving it," she said.



Senior Yvonne Borrego

Participating in sports such as cheerleading, and being a responsible captain is hard, she added. But these are valuable lessons, because it prepares students for their next step in life, she said.

"Sometimes it is hard to get everything done but at the end we

always receive a good result," Borrego said.

Her effort is a reflection not only of her grades, but also how well the cheerleading squad is, with Borrego and Karla Rivera as captains, helping them to develop their skills.

As president of National Honor Society, Borrego is responsible for assigning tutors to students who need help in different classes.

"Sometimes having all those responsibilities can be stressful but I have learned to manage my time to finish all my tasks as president, captain, but most important as student of this school."

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## "The Grinch" steals 1st Place



Photo provided by: Yearbook Staff

Eutimio Palacios wins 1st place as *The Grinch*.

by Alejandro Herrera  
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On Friday November 1, at Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS), when the Fall Festival ended, the dance started. PPAS staff members organized a costume dance. The Junior class was in charge of the decorations and concession stand.

"The decoration that the juniors used was cute and also the music from DJ-Vaca (Senior Ulysses Iracheta) was nice," said Senior Teodoro Alvarado.

The Costume Dance was full of literary and movies characters such as "Black Widow" (Senior Estrella Galvan) from *The Avengers* or "The Grinch" (Sophomore Eutimio Palacios) from Dr. Seuss.

"In my three years at PPAS, I have never seen a dance like this. This was really good and full of costumes," said Senior Ivan Morin.

Student Council sponsored a Costume Contest, where the people had to cheer for the candidate with the best costume. Palacios was the champion of the contest with his "Grinch" costume, second place were Samuel Godinez, Hector Garcia and Emilio Vazquez as "The Homeless Guys" and in third place was Valeria Saenz, Karla Rivera, Carolina Escamilla, Fernanda Alema and Ainee Martinez as "The Pink Ladies".

I really liked Eutimio's costume, it was amazing at the dance," said Senior Armando Navar.

# One Act Play performs in Kerrville

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The Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) Theater Club performed the play *Before Juliet* by Nelly E. Cuellar-Garcia at TAPPS division II Divisional Contest on November 8, 2013 at Cailloux Theater in Kerrville.

"It was a really good experience because the students got the chance to see other performances and the chance of playing in a professional size theater," said Director of *Before Juliet* Rick Saenz.

In this competition, there were only



Photo provided by: Yvonne Borrego

Pan American School's cast of "Before Juliet."

first and second places but several students got all cast awards

"I think we deserve the first or second place, because we worked really hard, and we had very talented and amazing actors. And the decision was

taken by one person's opinion, in just one day," Saenz said.

Ariel Lima (chorus) said that it was a good moment and fun too.

"It was very fun and great, I really enjoyed it, and I would be really excited of doing

it again," said Manuel Campos (chorus).

### Cast

- Death-Igor Ngabo
- Strife-Yvonne Borrego
- Romeo-Samuel Godinez
- Rosaline-Monika Ruiz
- Juliet-Fernanda Aleman
- Mercutio-Zack Duran
- Benvolio-Magdiel Alaniz
- Tybalt/Chorus-Sebastian Guerrero
- Chorus-Ember Ayala
- Manuel Campos
- Ariel Lima
- Natalia Martinez
- Ensemble-Manoach Bizumuremyi
- Chris Bunyenyazi
- Kevin Nagarambe
- Stage Managers: Osmara Perez, Jahdai Sosa, Edwin Manrique
- Sound Technician-Frank Porras
- Light Technician-Abiel Montalvo
- Alternate - Hector Garcia

# PPAS places 2nd at 4H Food Challenge

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On Sunday, November 3, 2013, Presbyterian Pan American School's (PPAS) 4H cooking members went to the 4H Food Challenge at Santa Gertrudis School.

The PPAS 4H Cooking team was composed of three seniors, Sarid Ramon, Frida Monreal and Teodoro Alvarado and two freshmen, Ariel Lima and

Carlos Camarillo.

They made "Fish Taco with Mango Salsa," composed by different ingredients such as tortillas, fish, lemon, onions, tomatoes and mango.

With this dish, the PPAS team Cooking won second place.

In this competition, there were eight teams from different regions and schools, including PPAS.

"I was nervous during the question time but then team Lima said

everything was fine," said Ramon, senior and member of 4H cooking team.

Ramon said that she will miss the 4H cooking team. She had good experiences in these three years like being a 4H cooking member, she said.

Ariel Lima, freshman and member of PPAS's 4H cooking team had a good experience during his first year on this team, Lima said.

"The 4H cooking team is a good form of how to make delicious plates and also to make friends," Lima said.

Marlene Zamora, PPAS Dining Hall Director and advisor of 4H cooking team, said that every member did their best job to make the plate for the competition.

"They got second place and I am appreciative of them," Zamora said.