

Eagles soccer fall short at state tournament in Houston

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The 2013-2014 Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) boys' soccer team won the district and area title this season but fell short on October 18-19, when the team traveled to Houston for the State Fall Soccer Tournament, and lost, 0-1, against Forth Worth Bethesda in the Regional Final game.

On Friday prior, the boys lost to Austin Waldorf, 0-2. "I feel very honored and blessed that I got the opportunity to coach a wonderful group of young men," said Coach Daniel Navejar. Senior Zack Duran said the team didn't show any



Photo provided by: Fernanda Aleman
PPAS Eagles soccer lost, 0-1, against Forth Worth Bethesda in a regional final game.

weakness during State. "The strengths will be that we stayed together as a team and played until the last minute," Duran said. Samuel Godinez, 17-year-old senior said, that even though the result was not the one they

expected, the team did a really great job at state. Three PPAS players were chosen to be part of 1st Team All-District. They are Seniors Junsang You, Armando Navar and Samuel Godinez.

You said he is very happy and excited to be part of 1st Team All-District. "The soccer team was the best team I could be part of," said You, 18-year-old senior and captain of the team.

PPAS recognizes Red Ribbon Week for anti-drugs and anti-bullying

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Red Ribbon week is a week dedicated to drug awareness. It is observed in October nationwide. According to www.redribbon.org, Red Ribbon week began after the kidnapping, torture and murder of DEA agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, who was an agent for the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA). Red Ribbon week has been held every year since 1985 in remembrance of agent Camarena and also to educate the youth on the dangers of drugs. During Red Ribbon week at Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS), which started on October 21st



Photo provided by: Gina Lozano
The Freshmen class won the poster contest for RRW.

25th, each day had a specific theme aimed at fighting drugs. Monday was "Life is too crazy to have to deal with drugs," so students wore crazy socks. Tuesday's theme was "Today is too bright to have to deal with drugs" and students wore bright clothing.

"Red Ribbon week really opened my eyes to how dangerous drugs can be," said Sophomore Emily Cantu. Cantu said she realized how drugs can be a danger to her future. Each day, student is given different types of stickers, all with catch phrases

aimed at spreading the message of being drug-free. "Red Ribbon week is both fun and educational," said Senior Prince Shema. He said that Red Ribbon week conveys the anti-drug message that is attractive to teenagers. On the last day of Red Ribbon week, the students marched from the School President's house to the main building to officially end Red Ribbon week. The freshmen won the competition for best anti-drug and anti-bullying poster and will receive a reward. "I am sad the juniors didn't win the poster contest, but I still enjoyed the march," said Junior Samantha Zelaya

PPAS Celebrates Homecoming

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PPAS Cheerleaders ended the Homecoming Week with a pep rally and performance.

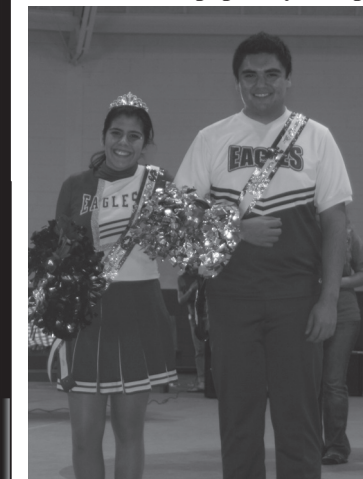


Photo provided by: Melissa Windham
Seniors Susana Parra and Teodoro Alvarado.

Spirit Week ended with a cheerful Pep Rally held at the Presbyterian Pan American School gymnasium. During this pep rally, students were able to know who the homecoming court was. From September 23 to September 27, 2013, Spirit Week was held on campus. Most of the students participated. Throughout the day on Monday, students wore mismatched shoes. The next day, students did crazy things to their hair. Some had color in their hair and others combed it in a crazy way. "It was a fun day, most of my friends participated in this activity and we re-

ally enjoyed it," said Senior Alejandro Herrera. On Wednesday, people wore the same clothing for twin day. The next day, students went back in time, because hippie day was here. Finally on Friday, students celebrated Eagles' spirit with a Pep Rally. The pep rally showed how cheerful students from Pan Am are. During this event, cheerleaders performed a dance they prepared for the occasion. Karla Rivera, senior cheerleading captain, said she was proud of the cheerleaders performance. After long practices to prepare it, they did a good job and it was reflected by the second time they were asked to do it, Rivera said. After the performance, the Homecoming court was announced. "When the moment of announcing who the Homecoming court was, I felt nervous," said Teodoro Alvarado, Senior Homecoming King. There were two more candidates running for the Senior King title, but he was selected as the Homecoming King.

Lady Eagles begin soccer conditioning

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On the 4th of October, Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) girls' soccer season started with a meeting, of a big group of girls and Coach Reili Cantu. "I feel pretty good. On the team, we have a lot of experienced returning students this year," Cantu said. The trainings are going to be challenging but necessary. The

potential of the girls this year is good and I'm always expecting more from them, Cantu said. One of the challenges this year may be found in the replacements of the last year seniors and their positions. 15-year-old Freshman Zahira Mendez, 15-year-old Sophomore Frida Trevino and 15-year-old Freshman Ariel Lima said they are looking forward to see these girls playing on

the field this season. "I don't know if we can win all the games. It would depend on me and all the girls that are part of the team," said 17-year-old Senior Valeria Saenz 14-year-old Freshman Sara Mendoza, 15-year-old Freshman Henriette Mbawmbaw and Saenz are very excited to play against many other teams that are good on the field.

"It is my first time playing on a girl's soccer team, but I feel excited to begin this season. I hope to have a good season," said Mbawmbaw. Coach also said she is looking forward to playing against Raymondville as they lost in penalty kicks last year. "Show up every practice, no just physically, mentally and prepare to learn," Cantu said.

Pan Am cross country heads to state

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The goal of runners in Cross country is to decrease their time and reach the state championship race. The Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) Cross Country team attended the state championship race on October 26, 2013 in Waco.



Photo provided by: Coach Reili Cantu
Sophomore Vania Jimenez running at West Guth Park.

good time, but most important we had a good experience which will help us in the future. I am glad to be on the team because it shows me how far I can go and have fun with my friends," Jimenez said.

Sara Mendoza, 14-years -old freshmen, got the fastest time of the girls side, beating the last year record claiming up to 24th place from over 200 competitors. "Cross country has been a part of Pan Am

School for four years. Overall this season has been better than the previous years with a good mixture of returning and new talent. Everybody performed to their ability. The girl's side ran extremely well and improved their times. For next seasons, I expect the boys' team to be stronger to win as they have potential to do so and the girls' team to continue the improvement they had made and use this year's success as a stepping stone for better things to come," said Coach Reili Cantu.

PPAS Volleyball season ends

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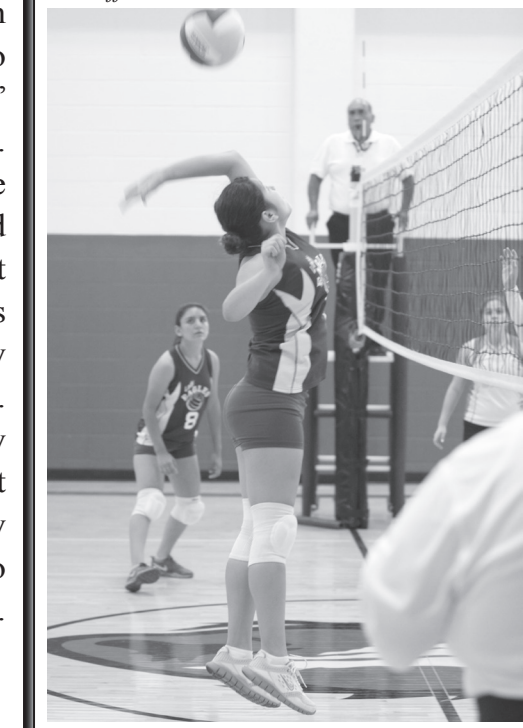


Photo provided by: Coach Reili Cantu
Sophomore Reyna Martinez spikes the ball during a game.

The Presbyterian Pan American School Lady Eagles volleyball team finished the season with six victories. During the season, the Lady Eagles played with schools such as Academy High School, Banquete High School, Mission High School, Bishop High School, Premont High School and Agua Dulce High School. "With Agua Dulce High School it was an entertaining game for the team," said Coach Reili Cantu. "The girls fought hard even though we lost," Cantu said. "The game was back and forth, the players played hard and worked as a team." The captains for team A were Mariana Lopez and Reyna Martinez and the Junior Varsity Captain was Ingrid Araujo. "This year was hard. Being the captain of volleyball has been the best experience that I could have by helping my team to improve," Lopez said. It was good and fun and I enjoyed the season because I like to play volleyball, said player Henriette Mbawmbaw. "Most schools start competition in middle school so when they are in High School they can refine their skills. Usually our high school students come with minimum or no playing experience," Cantu said.

Students attend Fields of Faith for 5th year

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On October 9, students from Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) went to Texas A&M University-Kingsville to celebrate Fields of Faith at the football stadium.

When the students arrived, they started to play "tug of war" against three dif-

ferent high schools and the students from PPAS beat them three times.

"As an activity, it was well organized and that the students that attended seemed to enjoy the event," said Mary Ellsworth, School Pastor.

After the game, the students from all the high schools waited in the field for the



Photo by: Ana Martinez

Seniors at Fields of Faith event at TAMUK Oct. 9. The band, subsequently of the singers was really low, but the band plays amazing," said Senior Kevin Villafuerte. After the band,

the students heard two testimonies one from a football player and the other from a student. In both cases, the individuals were involved with alcohol and intrapersonal problems, but they found God in their lives, and he changed their life for the better. Now they consider themselves

good humans, good students and most important, good Christians. "I thought that they would never change their way of thinking about their life. There is proof that all the people can find God in any situation, and he is waiting for us to join in his kingdom," said Senior Susana Parra.

August and September Student of the Month announced

by Magdiel Alaniz
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Senior Hyun Suk Choi has been selected to be August's "Student of the Month".

"I am surprised. I didn't expect to be the Student of this Month. I don't know why, maybe because I am tall," he said. Choi has been at Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) four years in which he has shown his abilities through four years of being in Choir, three years of being in baseball, one year of basketball, two years of soccer and he has also been in Campus Ministry for four years. He attends Coastal Bend College and is a member of National Honor Society. Choi admitted that his favorite class is Pre-calculus 2412 at Coastal Bend College; however, he said that the best grades he gets are in yearbook class. He also likes his Eng-



Seniors Hyun Suk Choi & Hefzi Jimenez.

lish IV class, even though it is his lowest grade. Choi hopes to graduate from PPAS and attend college to study aerospace engineering. He wants to thank God for this achievement of being Student of the Month and he wants to leave advice to the students to "Trust in God, and never give up." Praise band Leader Hefzi Jimenez has been selected to be September's Student

of the Month, "I feel very excited. I didn't think about being Student of the Month, it is a surprise," she said. Jimenez has been playing soccer for three years, and for four years, she has been part of cross country, basketball and track and field. In those four years, she has been to the cross country state competition, and selected to be part of the All-State Academic Team for track and field. Jimenez is also part of the Campus Ministry Council, Student Council, National Honor Society and attends Coastal Bend College. She plans to win the state championship for cross country or track and field, graduate from PPAS with honors and get into a college. "I want to thank the only one who deserves all praising, God, and also my parents and teachers for helping me get this achievement," Jimenez said.

PPAS participates in One Day 4-H Run/Walk

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4-H is a club that teaches students by doing interesting activities such as Photography, Food & Nutrition, Food show, Homemaking, Fashion and Textiles, Community service and Lamb-Care. "Those activities are good for the students because they learn about new ideas from competitions and it also increases the children to like public speaking," said Katherine Kriegel, 4-H Sponsor at Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) "4-H's main idea is to learn by doing," Kriegel said. On Saturday, October 12, PPAS' 4-H went to the OneDay4-H4-K at Dick Kleberg Park, where students ran a 4 KM race that raised money for charity. From PPAS students who



Photo provided by: Katharine Kriegel

From left, Eutimio Palacios, Samantha Zelaya and Sarid Lara at the One Day 4-H Run/Walk

participated were, Juniors Samantha Zelaya and Sarai Lara, Senior Sarid Ramon, and Sophomore Eutimio Palacios, who won first place in the race. Daniel Portice, Bible Teacher at PPAS, and Doug Daghish, PPAS' president, attended as well. "The main reason of the event was to raise

money for charity for the Boys and Girls Club of Kingsville, Kleberg County Adult Literacy Council, the Rainbow Room and Animal Rescue Kleberg. At the event, approximately sixty persons including all the 4-H members, parents, leaders and volunteers of the community and all people who wanted to contribute to the Philanthropic event attended," Kriegel said. Zelaya also said that the race was really fun and when she decided to be part of the 4-H team, she said that her first thought was to raise a lamb. Then she discovered that the real benefit of being part of 4-H is making memories by helping the community and meeting other people, she said. "The race was tiring but fun. I went with my friends so I enjoyed it a lot," said Sarid Ramon, who is in her second year in 4-H.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

After Earth brings the future to the big screen



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After earth is a 2013 fiction movie, directed by M. Night Shyamalan with the starring real-life father and son Will Smith playing Cypher Raige and Jaden Smith as Kitai Raige, according to www.rogerebert.com

After Earth is a film that takes place in the future when the earth is environmental poisonous and it doesn't support life, forcing the humans to move to "Nova Prime".

Nova Prime is now in danger because aliens want to conquer it with Ursas Ursas are blinds but they smell the pheromones that are produced when you have fear.

But the general Cypher Raige kills the first Ursa with a technique called ghosting, that consists of having no fear, no pheromones and that'll make you invisible to Ursas.

Kitai trains himself every day to become a ranger like his father, but he can't. Cypher decides to take Kitai in his last trip before retirement, but the space ship has an ursa in it, the space ship is hit by an asteroid letting the Ursa free and only Cypher and Kitai survives. But Cypher has both legs broken, leaving Kitai as the only chance for surviving in the new earth.

I would recommend this movie if you like action and because it has good effects.

Homecoming dance is fun and exciting

by Fernanda Ibarra
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On September 27, Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) celebrated the homecoming dance at the Sub, organized by cheerleading senior captains Yvonne Borrego, Karla Rivera & Teodoro Alvarado. At the dance, the cheerleaders and homecoming court were announced and presented.

The court walked on the red carpet, while the rest of the study body applauded. Teodoro Alvarado, cheerleading captain & Homecoming



Photo provided by: Edwin Manrique

From left, Carolina Escamilla, Yvonne Borrego, Monika Ruiz and Alexandra Zavala.

king, said that he really enjoyed organizing the homecoming dance because he had so much fun and it is something that he likes to do. And to be the King, he said, that feel's normal.

"I feel happy but normal at the same time, to be the king

of the dance and to organize it," Alvarado said.

The Homecoming Queen Susana Parra, senior, said that after the dance, she was really nervous. She didn't expect to win, but she did, so after, she knew that she was the queen and she really en-

joyed the dance.

"To be the queen of the dance was a really good experience in which I had a good time," Parra said. Princess Monica Ruiz said that she feels very happy to be princess of the dance.

"The Homecoming dance was exciting. My favorite part was when we got to the dance," Ruiz said.

Freshmen Edward Araujo, said that he liked the dance and decorations.

"My favorite part was the dance, I really enjoyed it," Araujo said.

Choir performs at Island Presbyterian Church

by Nerina Cruz
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On October 20, Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) Morris Chapel Choir with 36 members went to Corpus Christi to perform at Island Presbyterian Church. The PPAS choir was invited to perform. They were glad that PPAS choir was accepted their invitation.

"They went to show appreciation, by supporting choir during Sunday's Worship Services," said Joe Garcia, the Choir Director.

Most of the choir members were really



Photo provided by: Raquel Cahuich

PPAS Choir members performed at Island Presbyterian. nervous for their first performance.

"When I play the first song in front of the crowd I was really nervous," said Miso Lee, one of the piano accompanists. But after all, Lee said she had a good performance.

Also, for other members, it was an

experience more in their life that always they will remember. "The greatest experience is when the people tell you that you did a great job. Every trip is different; different people, emotions etc. This trip

in particular was one of

my favorites. Being at the beach, eating pizza and joking with my friends after the service," said Junior Raquel Cahuich, choir member.

Ana Vasquez, Junior, choir member said that Garcia is a good teacher and she be enjoying in choir. Garcia was glad and gave thanks for this excellent choir team. "I feel really good about the voices that I have this year. Most of the choir members have very good talent," Garcia said.

After Sunday's worship services, the PPAS choir went to the beach and ate pizza.