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Pan Am participates in 1st Annual Spirit Week in honor of Homecoming

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The cheerleading squad performed at the pep rally on Oct. 12.

From October 09 to October 12, Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) celebrated the Spirit Week concluding with the first Pep Rally of the year. The Spirit Week included the Wacky Hair Day, Hippie Day, Twin Day, and Eagle's Day. The main purpose of it was to have school spirit and to support the school's teams.

"Hippie Day was my favorite because it was something unusual," said Junior Karla Rivera. Rivera also said the Spirit Week was awesome because the students were able to show their support to the school's teams besides having fun and do something

different at school.

Principal Ellie Perez said that this year the students' participation has increased and the Pep Rally gets better every year. She also said that she thanks Sylvia Garza, Cheerleading Sponsor, for her hard work and the cheerleaders for everything they have done. Perez said that there is going to be another Pep Rally next semester to keep supporting the teams.

On October 12, the cheerleading squad performed a dance at the school's gym.

"I felt very nervous but at the same time, I was very excited because we were finally going to present our team effort," said Re-

gina Hernandez, Head Cheerleading Captain. She also said that the cheerleaders are amazing and there is team union between them.

"The practices were intense and tiring for waking up early in the mornings, but the results were satisfactory. The girls could have not done any better," Garza said.

Volleyball, Soccer and Cross Country teams were introduced as well as Barbara Stottlemeyer, who was recognized as a Breast Cancer survivor.

The Pep Rally ended with the yell contest, which the senior class won, according to the judges.

Homecoming Court announced at bonfire

by Ana Luisa Martinez
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A bonfire was held with a chapel service on Oct. 11 in honor of homecoming week.

Presbyterian Pan American School celebrated homecoming with a bonfire and service on October 11, 2012. During the bonfire the soccer, cross-country, and volleyball teams were presented to everyone as well as the cheerleaders. The teams were presented by their coach or by their team captains and each said a few words of encouragement for their team and the school.

Then, the Homecoming Court for 2012 was presented. For sweethearts, freshmen Jessica Sanchez and Hector Garcia were chosen. The sophomores chose their Duke Armando Navar and Duchess Alexandra Zavala to be on the court. Juniors chose Ulysses Iracheta for Prince and Estrella Galvan for Princess. The senior couple Ce-



Seniors Cesar Garcia and Zenia De Leon

sar Garcia and Zenia De Leon won the title of King and Queen without competition.

The new Queen said, she is very happy and proud of being named Queen since it is her last year and she always thought it was cool.

After all the presentations were over, the students, teachers, staff, and guests gathered to have the service surrounding the bonfire. Pastor Mary Ellsworth, the school's Campus Minister, con-

ducted the service by gathering all the seniors in a circle to hold hands while all the other people surrounded them and prayed for them. Ellsworth gave them a blessing as well as all the other people who were present.

Ellsworth said she is planning to do the same activity about three times through the year so the seniors, will feel supported. The students, afterwards, were able to pass the time taking pictures, talking, and just enjoying being together. Ellie Perez, the school principal, said that all the kids had a blast and it was so much fun to gather during the school week to bless the seniors, listen to music, and spend time with the students.

PPAS Cross Country races at state

by Enrique Varela
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For an athlete, the maximum goal is to get into the final round, match or race. Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) could not have been left out in cross country.

PPAS students attended the state championship race on October 20, 2012 in Waco.

"Cross country has been a part of my Pan Am life for three years, I am glad that I had the team that I did because they made me try harder and harder each time. I

had a lot of fun this year, I am happy because I broke my own personal record. I wish the

best of licks for next year's cross country. I can only hope that they improve as much as I have in every aspect," said Nathan Zelaya, 17 year-old senior cross country captain.

Hefzi Jimenez, 16 year old junior, got the fastest



Photo provided by: Reili Cantu

Cross Country State runners

up to 41st place from over 200 competitors.

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everybody improve significantly, especially in the girl's side and a lot of the improvement was that they learned how to race.

"Everybody performed to their ability. The girl's team ran extremely well and improved in their times significantly. For next year, I expect the boy's team to be stronger and hungrier to win and the girl's team to use this year's success as a stepping stone for better things to come," Cantu said.

Lady Eagles end season with a victory

by Hyun Suk Choi
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Photo by: Hyun Suk Choi

2012 Lady Eagles Volleyball Team

The last game of Presbyterian Pan American School's (PPAS) Girls' Volleyball team was at the PPAS gym on October 16.

The Lady Eagles got 25: 20, 25: 21, and 25: 15 for each period. During every period, the game flowed really excitingly. Cheerleaders and fans cheered harder and harder for every ball, and every score. Everyone was cheering with all their heart and wished for winning. And like their wishes, Lady Eagles took all three periods in a row.

"It was awesome game, and I loved it. I was so glad to play with my great teammates. I was so excited, and enjoying. I was burning in the court," said Alexandra Gonzales, 17-year-old Senior and player number 14.

After the winning, everyone enjoyed the moments but with some sadness.

"I played with all my heart during the game. At the beginning of the game I felt sad, because I knew this was my last game, later I was excited because I was playing with all the girls who I really love," said Klarissa Rodriguez, 17-year-old Senior and captain of the Lady Eagles.

During this season, they won nine games over 11 games. Reili Cantu, Coach of the Lady Eagles, said this season the team did pretty a good job and she could see improvements.

"It is sad to see my seniors graduate, but excited how the underclassment made impact and improved. We will just keep improving as team." Cantu said.

Eagles soccer wins district title

by Adriana Sanchez
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On October 12, 2012, Presbyterian Pan American School's (PPAS) boys' soccer team had their Homecoming game against Brownsville First Baptist School, with a PPAS victory of 3-1.

"I felt excited about the game. The whole team gave their best," said Senior Captain Santiago Nava.

As this season is ending, the whole team has improved in so many ways, said PPAS soccer coach Daniel Meek.

"As the team plays, they have learned how to work together as



Photo by: Adriana Sanchez

2012 District Champs

a team," Meek said.

He also said that he is very satisfied with the team's performance during this season, especially by the seniors. More importantly,

the team keeps good grades on academics, the whole team has being eligible

from their classes for the first time since Meek has been coaching them. Meek, just as the players, is really happy about this.

Three players that stood out this season were senior Captain Victor Rios, number 7, senior Captain

Students attend Fields of Faith for 4th year

by Osmara Perez
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On October 10, 2012, "Fields of Faith" took place at Texas A&M University-Kingsville (TAMUK), organized by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA).

Fields of Faith is a Christian movement where many young athletes, coaches and leaders from across the country get together to worship, pray and hear testimonies among teenagers,

said Omar Moreno.

Fields of Faith started in 2004, according to www.fieldsoffaith.com. Fields of Faith is a peer-to-peer event. Students invite their own classmates and teammates to hear fellow students share their testimonies, be challenged to read the Word of God and follow Jesus Christ. An athletic field provides a neutral, interdenom-



Photo by: Osmara Perez

Students at Fields of Faith on Oct. 10 at TAMUK.

inational rally point where a community can come together.

Moreno is a Senior at Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS). He

that Fields of Faith is a perfect moment to rebuild or make your own relationship with God better and a time to worship him," Moreno said.

When the students first came to TAMUK, they played games, and then went to the benches to hear testimonies and sing songs of worship.

"God is all I want in my life, he's the one that gives me the chance to

breathe, he's my all in all," Moreno said.

After saying one last prayer, students from each high school were able to talk to each other, relax and eat hotdogs.

"I think that I have a good love with God. All I can say is that God shows me his love and I'm so thankful with him," said 16-year-old Junior Susana Parra.

Senior Cheerleader named Student of the Month

by Jahdai Sosa
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17-year-old senior Katia Navar, from Valle Hermoso, Mexico, has been selected as the student of the month for August at Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS). Navar said she feels really excited and special because she was chosen.

"The best thing about being SOM [Student of the month] is that you can appear in the news paper," Navar said.



Photo by: Jahdai Sosa

Senior Katia Navar

Her favorite class is U.S. History, but she had her better grade in geometry, and her worse grade was in English I.

"My favorite teachers are all that have helped me, especially Mrs. Perkins, Mr.

Robertson, Mr. Meek, Ms. Gonzalez, and Ms. Kriegel," Navar said. She said she doesn't like to study, but she knows that she needs to.

"The best thing about studying is that at the end, you can receive a reward," Navar said.

Navar hopes her two hours of studying per day will get her to a university to study dentistry and odontology after she graduates in May.

PPAS recognizes breast cancer awareness month

by Ingrid Araujo
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October marks national Breast Cancer awareness month and like other organizations such as the NFL (National Football League) and various colleges and high schools in the nation, Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) is no different. On October 19, students at PPAS helped support, by wearing pink shirts to recognize, breast cancer victims.

"PPAS recognizes women with breast cancer for almost 10 years," said PPAS Principal Ellie Perez.

"We want students to be aware of breast cancer and educate them."

Ana Mireles, the nurse at PPAS, recommends that women do self-breast exams every month. It's very important to check your breast each month, she said. She also said it's important to recognize breast cancer and to make people aware and get early treatment.

"I think breast cancer is a horrible disease but advances in medicine have helped save many lives," Mireles said.

Breast cancer can affect any age and anyone (man or woman). Breast cancer can be detected by

doing mammograms, Mireles also said.

"It is important for woman to check regularly because having breast cancer will be devastating. I know about "Grupo Reto," one campaign for doing mammograms and helping people with breast cancer," said 16-year-old Junior Andrea Garcia.

Another familiar foundation is Susan G. Komen, which helps women with research, community health outreach and advocacy and programs in countless countries, according to ww5.komen.org.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Social Committee brings new recipes and activities

by Libni Robles
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Social Committee is a group of girls working together to learn how to create environments that facilitate socialization while members are developing other skills, said Tamra Ellsworth. Ellsworth, the person in charge of Social Committee and also



Photo by: Libni Robles

Monica Ruiz is using the express machine.

responsible for the girls' dorm at Presbyterian Pan American School, created this group in August of 2011, with the main purpose of motivating the girls to get involved and raise money so they could have fun making diverse activities.

"It started with just a few cakes and poster boards," Ellsworth said. At this time, there are 33 girls in the committee. The importance of Social Committee on the campus is increasing and getting strong in correspondence of the hard work of this team on bringing people to get socialization into the campus, Ellsworth said. The Social Committee's goal for this year is to build a cafe in the girls' dorm, for this reason the members are learning how to use the new express machine to make delicious coffee drinks, and also different kinds of dessert recipes to make this project possible. "Many people like what we do and they support us by going to our store and being in our activities," said Monica Ruiz of Social Committee. This group has meetings once a month, where they plan new activities and decide how to increase the sales. Many of these girls are learning how to make a business and start a shop. Social Committee is becoming a greater and stronger society because it is getting new members and improving the organization into the group, said Samantha Moreno.

Homecoming dance full of fun and photos

by Merry Kim
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On October 12, 2012. Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) celebrated Homecoming with a dance at the Student Union Building (SUB). The dance started at 8 o'clock and finished at 10: 30 p.m. The SUB was decorated by the cheerleaders. They set a photo zone in the main lobby at the SUB. People took many pictures together including the homecoming court members.

"I like all the decorations here. All the cheerleaders and I had worked hard for today. I hope everybody like



Photo by: Merry Kim

Students enjoy a night of dancing after the soccer game.

it too. This homecoming dance for me is special because first, this is my first homecoming dance here, second I'm chosen as a duchess. I am really enjoying today," said 16-year-old Freshman Jessica Sanchez.

Many students were dancing with the music from different countries which are in English, Spanish, and

Korean. Rebecca Perkins, English teacher at PPAS, also joined the homecoming dance with students.

"It was quite enjoyable. I have been there several times, but this homecoming dance is the best dance that I have ever been to. Most of the students came and I realized that some of them can DANCE,"

Perkins said.

There were more teachers and staff present at the dance.

"I do have fun here, sometimes when the Mexican songs, and Korean songs come out through the speakers and everybody dances together, that's the one fun and exciting thing to look at. Also, by having homecoming dance, I can't believe that we already passed 10 weeks here together and Christmas vacation is coming. It was amazing and I know the rest of semesters will be good too," said 15-year-old Sophomore Grace Han, from South Korea.

Choir performs at Island Presbyterian in Corpus

by Armando Navar
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On October 14, 2012, the Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) Moris Chapel Choir went to Corpus Christi to perform at Island Presbyterian Church. The PPAS choir was invited to perform, and they accepted the invitation as a way to promote the school. The choir sang contemporary religions music to the members of the church.

Frank Porras, 16-year-old junior, one of the choir members, said when he sings he feels the stress



Photo provided by: Regina Hernandez

Choir spends time at the beach after their performance.

going away. Porras said he is always happy to be part of the school choir. Since he started choir, he has been learning how to sing, and how he can separate the notes.

"It was awesome, and I love to get the opportunity to sing," Porras said.

The choir also went to eat pizza, swim, and have fun at the beach.

"Music is the sense of my life, but also when I sing I feel how I can give everything," Teodoro Alvarado said.

Yurim Lee, 16-year-old sophomore, said

he is very grateful to sing in choir and glad to perform in front of others. Because of choir, he learned how to sing, to have first perform in his life, and have better relationship with others.

"The service at the church went extremely well. The choir students performed excellent and much to the delight of the congregation," said Joe Garcia, the Choir Director at PPAS.

Alvarado said that Garcia is a really good teacher and he seems to be enjoying the choir.