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PPAS hosts Fall Festival and Alumni Class Reunion

by Tania Rodriguez
Editor-in-Chief

This year is the first time that the community is welcome to attend as well as the students' families to Presbyterian Pan American School's (PPAS) Fall Festival on Oct. 17. This weekend of Oct. 16 & 17 will celebrate Homecoming as well as the Alumni Class Reunion of 1959, 69, 79, 89, 99 and 2009. Around 200 visitors are expected to attend.

The activities will start on Friday with a soccer

game against San Antonio Keystone at 4:30 p.m. At 5:20 p.m., the girl's volleyball team will be playing against New Covenant Christian Academy in the gymnasium.

At 6:45, after the games, the Homecoming Court will be announced and if weather permits, the students will have a bonfire in honor of homecoming.

On Saturday, the activities will start at 10:00 a.m. with the morning alumni soccer game.

At 2:30, the Morris Chapel Choir will perform

in the classroom building to welcome the families, community and alumni.

Dr. James Matthews, President of PPAS and Dr. Barbara Stottlemeyer, Deans of Students, will give some words and the fall festival will follow from 3 to 7 on the PPAS campus.

Some of the booths at the fall festival will be the Bouncing Moon Walk, Bouncing Obstacle Course, Petting Zoo, Dunking Booth, etc. There will be also prizes, games and food.

"I think for the first year we



will do very good because there is interest in town. It gives them an opportunity to have a quick look at our campus and join in the fun," said Reili Cantu, PPAS Girls Coach and Co-Organizer.

The alumni banquet will be held from 7 to 8:30 at the dining hall and then students will end the night with the homecoming dance from 8 to 11:30. JUMP, PAGE 7

Four students advance to regional choir competition

by Daniel Victoria
Staff Writer

On October 26, 2009, nine students from Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) auditioned at Calallen High School in Corpus Christi to get a place in the Texas All State Choir and four advanced to Regionals.

Senior Jimena Hernandez,

and Juniors Cecilia Moreno, Paul Vilchez and Reynaldo Torres will compete again on November 7, 2009 at Rockport-Fulton High School in Corpus Christi.

Students who advance to the state competition are competing for a spot in the state mix choir, which will be made up of 100 males and 100 females.

This is the first year that PPAS has joined this competition. Students who also participated were Seniors Ismael Sandoval, Javier Villegas and Soo Won Yoo; and Juniors Keyla Cadena and Jasiel Hernandez. All nine students spent

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photo by Daniel Victoria

After competing for a place in the Texas All State Choir, four out of nine PPAS students advanced to the next round. From left, Jimena Hernandez, Paul Vilchez, Cecilia Moreno and Reynaldo Torres

Seniors attend career fair at H.M King

by Whamok Yang
Staff Writer

On September 23, 2009 Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) seniors went to the College Fair at H.M. King High School.

"The purpose of the college fair is to introduce information about universities and colleges to students so that they can find their best school," said Christiana Mendez, of Texas A&M University at Galveston.

There were about 20 different booths from different colleges and universities with one or two persons there to introduce and represent their school to students.

Each school had a handbook with basic information of their school, including financial aid, school life, applying for admission, and degree offered. If a student was interested in that specific school, a card was given to students to fill out information and in return,



photo by Whamok Yang

Seniors from the surrounding high schools attended the Career Fair at H.M. King High School in Kingsville on September 23, 2009. Students were able to get college information.

the college or university will send follow up information.

"I found a school that I didn't know about by visiting the college fair. They have more information than the Internet. They explained their

school and it's really different from the Internet," said Tonya Mata, 18-year-old senior at H.M. King High School.

There was a lot of information about colleges, said Veronica Vasquez,

18-year-old senior PPAS.

"I found more colleges that have what I'm looking for and I'm more informed about scholarships. I thought it would be better if we got more time. So if the other

grades are going to go to the college fair next year, I want to say to them to be prepared with what you are looking for and do not waste your time going to booths where they do not have what you are looking for," Vasquez said.

Ellie Perez, PPAS Academic Counselor expected seniors to find college information about a school of interest by themselves after the college fair. "It is really important to get help finding schools because it's related directly, not only to their college or university, but also their future. Usually I collect information about schools by calling or sending e-mails to them. I can get detailed information and I post up their school posters with information so that seniors can see and e-mail or call," Perez said.

PPAS Seniors take classes at Coastal Bend College

by Alejandra Del Real
Staff Writer

There are thirteen Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) seniors attending college as a dual credit student.

Terry Liang, Saddam Bello, Roberto Garza, Fernando Montemayor, Javier Villegas, Ilse Ibarra, Ismael Sandoval, Sarai Jimenez, Ana Paola Melendez, Tania Rodriguez, Veronica Vazquez, Seo Yeon Lee, and Whamok

Yang all have a chance to earn college credit while still attending high school.

Dual credit is when you take classes at Coastal Bend College in Kingsville.

The students were chosen based on their TOEFL scores. They also need a grade point average of 85 and they need to have a passing score in the Accuplacer Test that consists of four parts in reading

comprehension, sentence skills, writing essay and mathematical concepts.

The students have different schedules. Some take classes on Monday night and some throughout the week.

"These students show us that to reach your goal you have to give your best effort in everything. I think that they do a great job in school. They are very responsible and I am very proud of them

because it is hard to have both classes in school and in college," said Ellie Perez, PPAS Academic Counselor.

One of the students in the dual credit program at Coastal Bend College is Melendez. She is taking two classes, English 1301 and Government 2305.

"It's not difficult, but it is very different. You have to learn to adapt or else you will fail," Melendez said. "Some-

times it is hard because you can't ask questions so you have to pay a lot of attention and not get distracted."

Sandoval is taking English 1301 and Government.

"It feels good to know that I can do it. College is a good experience, it is tedious and takes a lot of time, especially government, but I have learned a lot of new things,"

Teacher Spotlight annouced for October

■ by Ana Jimena Gonzalez

Staff Writer

Daniel Meek, from Kerrville, enjoys reading, playing guitar, listening to music, and watching sports. He was chosen as September's teacher spotlight.

"I'm honored to be the teacher spotlight because I'm the new guy," Meek said. "I was surprised and felt like dancing when I found out."

Meek studied history and government at the University of Texas in Austin. He has been teaching here since summer IEP and teaches U.S. History, Seniors' Seminar and is assisting Coach Jimmy Grant in soccer.

"I like to teach here because it is not a big school and I like the diversity here and that it's Presbyterian," Meek said.

Meek came here because he thinks this is a good place to start his career. When PPAS offered the opportunity for him to teach, he accepted because this is a good place with great values, he said.

"The best part of teaching is when you see the student's face, when they understand or learn something for the first time and I get to prepare people for real life," Meek said.

I like to learn and share with people and that's why I decided to be a teacher because I can share all I know and I keep learning, he said.



photo by Meaghan Pesqueira

DANIEL MEEK

Senior chosen as student of the month

■ by Jesse Flores

Staff Writer

Senior Ismael Sandoval has been chosen as Student of the Month for September. He is 18 years old from Mexico City, Mexico.

"I didn't expect it. I thought it was going to be Tania Rodriguez or Jimena Hernandez because usually the people chosen are smart and it's good to know that I am like that," Sandoval said.

He is the Student Council President and is involved in Worship Committee and the Morris Chapel Choir.

"I love to be the president of the Student Council. My cabinet is so wonderful. I don't think I could do it without them, especially the vice president. She is like the prime minister or something. She always knows what to do, she is like my guide. I decided I wanted to run because I wanted to give a good experience in the lives of



photo by Meaghan Pesqueira

ISMAEL SANDOVAL

the other students and to leave a foot print at Pan Am," he said.

In the Worship committee, he is the Liturgist.

"I read the prayers during Sunday service mainly. I didn't join the worship committee. It's a little funny. One day Dr. [Barbara] Stottlemeyer asked me to read the prayers in a Sunday service. The next think I know is that I am in a worship committee meeting, but I like it," he said.

He is in the mix and show choir. He enjoys spending his free time

reading novels or classical books such as Cell by Stephen King and hanging out with his friends.

After he graduates in May, he would like to become a film director. I want to win the Oscar for Best Director, he said. He wants to go study Film Studies in Calving College, Michigan.

Sandoval started here at PPAS three years ago as a sophomore,

I came to be able to get in a college in the U.S., to study Film Studies, that's been my plan since I was in 7th grade, Sandoval said.

For Sandoval it has been a long and hard stance in school, but full of rewards and joy too.

For Sandoval, a student could be recognized as Student of the Month if that student studies hard, does his/her best and is humble.

"Dont expect to be, but be patient and your hard work will get you a reward," he said.

Q+A

WITH SENIOR
ISMAEL SANDOVAL

Interview with 2009-2010 Student Council President

■ by Meaghan Pesqueira

Staff Writer

Q: How does it feel to be elected Student Council President?

A: It feels good. It feels good to know that people like you. And that they let me try to do something for the school.

Q: Why do you think you were elected?

A: Because people like me. We didn't have a debate or anything like that. They probably thought I could do the work.

Q: What are your duties? What are you in charge of?

A: I am a chair to the Student Council. I help Coach Turner with weekend activities to try and improve student life. My duties are to be the voice of the students.

Q: Does it interfere with your free time?

A: I don't have free time. I have so much homework because of college, choir, high school. I do it gladly so it wouldn't interfere.

Q: What else are you participating in on campus?

A: Dual Credit student at Coastal Bend College, Mix Choir, Show Choir, Worship Committee and I am going to play basketball.

Q: Do you like being President?

A: Yes I do. But I have to say that if it weren't for the cabinet, the vice president and secretary, I wouldn't be able to do it as well as we do. They deserve a lot of the credit.



Ismael Sandoval

WHAT ARE SOME TIPS



I DON'T HAVE MY FULL INFORMATION, JUST MY NAME AND AGE.-ISRAEL GOMEZ, SENIOR

YOU FOLLOW TO STAY



I DO NOT ACCEPT JUST ANYONE WHO SENDS ME A REQUEST.-KEYLA CADENA, JUNIOR.

SAFE WHILE ONLINE?



I DON'T TALK TO STRANGERS.-ALFONSO RAMOS, EAGLET II.

Eagle X-Press Staff



Senior discusses online safety



by Meaghan Pesqueira
Staff Writer

The Internet has become an important part of life. It's used by people of all age groups; kids, pre-teens, adolescents, teenagers, young-adults, and senior citizens

We use it to shop online research, interact with family and friends across the world and entertain.

Although, something that has become a serious matter is stalking and harassment.

The reasons are unknown to the innocent victims, but everyone can do something to help put these violators to rest.

What is a cyberstalker/predator? First of all, they are bullies.

The reason they taunt is everything from the usual wannabees to the most dangerous of them all, sociopaths.

Online predators are well known for their attention, affection and sympathy.

Online stalking is a form of harassment that is very disturbing. The predators attract their prey by giving time, energy and even gifts to someone on the other side of the computer.

Children and adolescent accept these for several reasons; rebellion, isolation, curiosity and being easily fooled.

They can be victimized instantly by just accepting messages from a stranger.

People can prevent online stalking and harassment by never giving out personal information.

With just a name, anyone on the internet can take that and find out every detail.

They can discover phone numbers, activities, and addresses.

Once they have an address, they have you.

The Internet has hardly any boundaries. Be careful how much information you let a stranger know. There are many red flags to look for if someone you or someone you know has become targeted.

They expect you to spend all your free time chatting with them and wanting to know your whereabouts.

They threaten and/or verbally abuse you.

They have extreme jealousy for all your friends. They want your undivided attention.

One in every twelve women have to deal with stalking in the United States, and one in every six women have the nerve to say something about it. Don't be the other five waiting for something to happen, take charge and speak up.

Once you realize that you have met a cyberstalker, contact your local police immediately.

Document anything and everything that shows the crimes being committed.

Include chat room messages, e-mails, phone calls, and any unwanted gifts.

Be sure to never let the stalker know that you are communicating to the police, because if they find out, they may disappear.

Always be aware of your surroundings in public places, especially when you are by yourself.

Don't ever be afraid to stand up and help yourself. Chances are, that if you stand up and take charge, you are also helping someone else. Stalkers and predators can be stopped and punished for their actions.

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PPAS participates in Kingsville Art Walk

■ by Jimena Hernandez
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On Saturday, October 3, the Kingsville Historic Downtown District Association, a group of downtown merchants, sponsored the 2nd Annual Downtown Artwalk Festival between the 200-300 block of Kleberg Avenue. Students from the art class were chosen to help at the art walk as representatives of Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS). Students also participated as part of their community service grade in art class.

They formed part of a special labor support group that provided help to the organizers. Arnaldo Rodriguez, Porfirio Lara, Karla Garcia, Alejandro Ochoa, Nicole Corona & Lizzette Paredes were among the group.

The event showcased Texas A&M University-Kingsville artists, local musicians and a Kids Corner to enhance kids creativity, according to the news realease.

The community activity is where local artists, artisans, & civic organizations display their work and fundraising.

"The purpose of attending the activity was to enhance public relations between the community and the school. Also it was a good opportunity for the students to interact within the community," said June Cress, art teacher at PPAS.

There were also a variety of groups that were represented at the art walk, showing their work to the community such as the Police Department, Kingsville Ballet Folklorico, TAMUK Jazz Band, TAMUK Ballet Folklorico, All American Cheer, Art In Motion, Tae Kwon Do Academy, the Santa Gertrudis Tiniklers, solo singers, mariachis and the quilting club.

There were art contests available for the community to join and exhibitions as well.

"What I liked the most about being there was that I participated in an art contest where I had to draw on the floor with chalk," said Ochoa, 16-year-old sophomore.

Corona's favorite part was when all the students drew a huge landscape



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Presbyterian Pan American School Art students draw with chalk at the 2nd Annual Downtown Artwalk in Kingsville.



photo provided by King Ranch Saddle Shop

Pan American School Art students help during the Downtown Artwalk on Saturday, October 3. Six students participated at the event.

on the floor with a piece of chalk, she said. It was really imaginative and fascinating, said the 14 -year-old freshmen.

"What I like the most about the art walk is that we can relax and have fun, be creative and be ourselves.

Going to the art walk was interesting and fun. We learned how to work together with others and within ourselves," said Paredes, 15 year-old sophomore.

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one month practicing before the competition.

The students competed against more than 700 students from different regions in Texas.

"We spent all day auditioning and it was very tiring but when we heard the results we knew that our efforts were worth it," said Vilchez, who place fifth out of the top 10 tenors.

Torres said that he felt excited about getting an opportunity to participate in the next area.

"I thought I was dreaming when I heard that I had passed to Regionals," said the 16-year-old junior. "Because to be honest, I didn't think I would get a place." If we heard out names, we were not allowed to say anything until the list was over but when my name was told, I shouted and everybody laughed, Torres said.

Another happy singer, Cecilia Moreno, 16-year-old junior, said that she was thankful to God when she got the results. I prayed every single night to get a place and He gave me what I wanted, she said.

"I was not expecting to advance. Although I practiced a lot, I was not really convinced that I would make it," Moreno said. "I felt a lot of excitement when I knew I would still compete."

Lady Eagles place 2nd at Volleyball Tournament

by Javier Villegas
Staff Writer

Presbyterian Pan American School's (PPAS) girl's volleyball team won 2nd place at the Annual volleyball tournament on Oct. 3.

"I am happy but not satisfied," said Coach Reili Cantu. "I thought we could have played better but I am proud of them."

Six teams participated in the tournament including New Covenant Christian Academy from Falfurrias, Kingsville Academy's freshmen and junior varsity team, Christian Life Academy,

my, and PPAS' A & B team.

The Lady Eagles' first challenge was against the PPAS freshmen team, gaining a victory with a score of 2-0.

The second game was against Academy freshmen, ending with a tie of 1-1, giving the Eagles the pass to the championship game against Christian Life Academy.

The championship game started at 2:00 p.m., ending with a score of 2-0.

At the end of the tournament the trophies were given out with first place



photo provided by Reili Cantu

The Presbyterian Pan American School Lady Eagles volleyball team placed second at the annual PPAS Tournament. Pictured are: From left, Manager Paul Vilchez, Zuri Rivera, Cecilia Moreno, Keyla Cadena, Jimena Hernandez, Jessica Sabido, Anyul Abud and Manager Jose Manuel Torres

to Christian Life Academy, second place to PPAS JV and third place to Academy JV.

Junior Keyla Cadena and sophomores Zuri Rivera and Viviana Garcia were awarded with the All-Tournament trophies.

"We did our best, nevertheless, I think we could have done more," said Keyla Cadena. "We were not focusing and we were nervous."

The Lady Eagles have three games left in the season.

"We are going to try

to win them [remaining games]. We learned something from the tournament if you want to win, good is not enough," Cadena said.

PPAS boys soccer beats Trinity of San Antonio

by Jimena Hernandez
Managing Editor

Presbyterian Pan American School's soccer team played against Trinity High School of San Antonio on Oct. 2, defending their undefeated title and adding one more victory of 7-1.

With only 10 games played, all of them won and none of them lost, the soccer team's expectations are getting bigger.

"My goals for this year are to make it to the finals and play for the state championship in Waco,"

said Coach Jimmy Grant. "One of the best things about the team this year is that we have been undefeated and only two goals have been scored against us."

Christian Ortiz is a 16-year-old junior and has scored the most goals during the season, so far, followed by Israel Gomez, 17-year-old senior.

"This soccer season has been a little disappointing in our district. Only three teams have given us competition, which are Livingway (Brownsville), First-Baptist (San Antonio) and

Austin Concordia," Grant said.

This year captains are Seniors Advento Trevino, Hugo Aguilar and Gomez.

The members of the first team are Raul Zavala as the goal keeper, Anuar Vargas, Advento Trevino, Fernando Montemayor, and Hugo Aguilar on defense.

On offense are Ortiz, Antonio Santos, Gomez, Roberto Garza, Erick Luna and Nam Hun Kim.

"I feel proud to be a captain. I know that I worked hard to get this position. This year we will

work hard and give the best of ourselves to make it to the state championship again," Gomez said.

Being undefeated, it's a challenge that has taken us a lot of hard work, said Trevino, 17.

"I feel proud of all the team effort we have given. My expectations for this year are to keep working together as a team and use our skills to keep our title. Also, I want to make it to the First Team-All District," Trevino said.

PPAS Welcomes New Staff

by Meaghan Pesqueira

Staff Writer

Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) has welcomed new faces to our community. In fact, they range from teachers, to dorm proctor and school nurse. The teachers include Don Gillespie, Daniel Meek, David Dzul, Robina Salgado and Melissa Windham. The new nurse is Saguid Mahecha and new dorm proctor, Jorge Folts.

Gillespie is a recent graduate from Texas A&M University-Kingsville, majoring in electrical engineering.

"I always had an interest in being a physics teacher," Gillespie said.

He enjoys the soccer team, the friendly staff, students and the food.

"My goal is to have all my students understand physics and for me to become certified in engineering," Gillespie said.

Meek grew up in Kerrville

and attended the University of Texas at Austin, receiving a minor in government and major in history.

"I like the diversity. I also like that it's faith-based. It's different," Meek said. "It's international, it's Presbyterian and has a very strong sense of community."

Meek also started a band at PPAS for his love of music.

Dzul is a graduate of PPAS and graduated from Texas A&M University-Kingsville with a degree in social anthropology. Later, he received a degree in Christian Education. He attended a class reunion and was invited to come work at PPAS in 1994 and worked until 2007. He left for two years and returned in the summer of 2009.

Dzul hopes to find a way for worship to be more inviting for students.

"It's a blessing to return



From Left, Melissa Windham, speech; Don Gillespie, science; Dan Meek, history; Saguid Mahecha, nurse; Robina Salgado, science; and David Dzul, Christian educator. Not pictured is Boys Dorm Proctor Jorge Folts.

after fifteen years and relive my experiences of the best times of my life," Dzul said. Salgado is the new chemistry and biology teacher and a graduate of Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

She enjoys the friendly staff and wants her students to learn responsibility.

Windham graduated from Texas A&I Univeristy

in Kingsville. She started working at PPAS two years ago as the Centennial Campaign Coordinator.

This year is her first year teaching and she is teaching communication applications.

"I love the interaction with the students," she said. "Just getting to know them. I just like their energy."

The new nurse, Mahecha, is from Costa Rica and is studying to get her license in nursing.

"The students, they're actually very fun," she said. "Their attitude is very energetic, very happy, they cheer you up."

The new boys dorm proctor is Folts, who attends Texas A&M University-Kingsville. He's a junior and is studying finance.

"It's exciting, it's a challenge. I get to work with alot of people," Folts said. "And they [students] behave better than regular high school students," Folts said.

Music Classes begin at Pan American School

by Viviana Garcia

Staff Writer

Presbyterian Pan American School now has a new after school activity--Music classes.

"I decided to give music classes because at this school, there are many musicians and there was only choir and I wanted to give students the opportunity to play instruments," said Daniel Meek, music teacher.

Teaching is not an easy thing to do and teaching someone how to play an instrument sometimes can be difficult, said Larissa Mora, 15-year-old sophomore, who takes classes with Meek and plays the bass.

"I try to help all my students if they need it, but if there is something I don't know, we will try to figure it out," Meek said.

Meek plays the acoustic and electric guitar, bass, drums, harmonic and trumpet.

Students can attend classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

"Basically, I don't do that much teaching, I am just offering them the opportunity to play. If they want to learn more, I would love to teach them, but I have lots of students to teach and I would love to teach them by appointment," Meek said.

People may think that playing an instrument is making the right music, but that is not what Meek says.

"I want the students to decide what they want to do. If they only want to make noise, it's ok, because sometimes noise is music," Meek said with a smile on his face.

Right now Meek has about six to fifteen students attending his classes.

It's only an activity and they can come whenever they want, Meek said.

"I really like this class. It's like I just go and play what I know and make some noise. Sometimes I get songs and help others," said Arnaldo Rodriguez, 16-year-old junior.

JUMP, FALL FESTIVAL

Ellie Perez, PPAS Counselor is the organizer of the weekend. Perez's idea of organizing this weekend came from her previous work.

"They had a fall festival and families always had a great time," she said. "The purpose of this weekend is to get families and community to visit our campus and meet the students and the beautiful place that is here."

The grade-level classes are in charge of organizing the booths, allowing them to benefit by raising money.

"We have been working hard so I expect it [festival] to be good according to our possibilities," said Hector Villegas, Junior Class President. The teachers and students are working very hard to decorate their booths, Perez said.

PPAS Cheerleading squad is in charge of the Homecoming mums and decorations for the dance. The cheerleaders will also help organize the booths and the dining hall for the alumni banquet.

"I'm excited because this is the only big event that cheerleaders have. I am looking forward to having fun and for everything to come out the way we expect to," said, Ilse Ibarra, Senior Cheerleader.

~Presbyterian Pan American School Weekends~

People often ask what do we do besides go to school at Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS). The answer to that question can only be delivered by the inner voice of PPAS, by the students living at PPAS. Certainly you have seen us picking every kind of soft drinks at Walt-Mart, or ordering a Number 1, no pickles at Whataburger, but our weekend activities go beyond those two stops. Imagine a school atrium filled of the 130 something students of PPAS. After a well known "T.G.I.F" yell given by Mr. Turner, student activities director, the place goes crazy--Turner is going to announce the weekend activities. The weekend activities can be defined in two main groups: on-campus and off-campus. And we usually have one of each kind every weekend. Because the wide variety of countries represented in the student body, we have also a wide variety of holidays and traditions to celebrate and the best way we found to celebrate those holidays is by having dances. Dances are held in the Student Union Building (SUB) on the PPAS campus and a class decorates it and has the concession stand. From seven in the evening to almost eleven at night, the SUB resembles a jukebox from the outside. But the SUB is not used only for dances; in fact dances only happen a couple of times in the month. The SUB is used more often just to hang out and relax while playing pool or ping-pong, or watching a movie in the backroom (auditorium). During the summer, we leave behind the SUB to take the best of the weather and organize a pool party. Music, pizza, and water are the key words for a fun pool party at PPAS. If you have seen us at Whataburger on Friday nights it is most likely because we just spent a couple of hours at the movies. We love going to the movies to see the premiers of the season and have fun. During the football season, we like to go to TAMUK and support the Javelinas (What a season they're having!). During this season in particular, you may have spotted us at the gates selling programs. The senior class is participating in this fundraiser to help raise funds for the senior trip and the juniors for the prom. Lastly on Sundays, we have a service in the school's chapel and then in the afternoon, we spend a couple of hours at Wal-Mart getting some food and personal items for the following week.

PPAS Survival Guide

■ by Viviana Garcia

Staff Writer

This is a new advice column that the Eagle X-Press will show students in order to survive at Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS). It is a PPAS survival kit that will help you adapt and get you to graduation day peacefully and happily.

Coming to PPAS is a new experience to most students. Most are used to having their own rooms and bathrooms, but coming to PPAS means sharing a room with a girl or a boy you barely know and sharing your bathroom with three others, which sometimes is very difficult.

You should know how to respect your roommate's privacy. Keep your hands away from your roommate's things, because she/he may not like it and could ask for a room change, meaning you would have to move.

You should not do things that may make you an enemy such as waking up early and making too much noise, which may anger your roommate, or putting music too loud when she/he is trying to concentrate.

If you are going to wake up early, tell your roommate the night before, so she/he can tell you what time they want to get up, and when you wake up, try not to make too much noise, or avoid turning on lights and slamming doors. If she/he is trying to concentrate and you want to listen to music, put your ipod on or wait until she/he is done.

Making a schedule to use the bathroom for showering is a good option so get with your roommate. If they don't respect it, talk to them. If you follow some simple tips, your overall experience at a boarding school can be pleasant, fun and fulfilling.

Movie Surrogates is an excellent choice

■ by Samuel Chavez

Staff Writer

Surrogates, starring Bruce Willis, Radha Mitchell, Rosamund Pike, Boris Kodjoe and James Francis Ginty, is a 2009 science fiction film, based on the 2005-2006 comic book series of the same name.

This film is directed by Jonathan Mostow and produced by Todd Lieberman. It begins when all the discoveries about robotic technology from 14 years ago becomes real to use in humans.

Surrogates are the machines that humans are using to live their lives and are physically perfect mechanical representations of themselves. The humans connect themselves to a computer and are able to control the Surrogates from the safety of their home.

There is a surrogate for each human in the world, walking the streets, working, studying or just doing whatever they want in an ideal world where the humans are not victims of crime, pain, fear or consequences because they do not exist.

Surrogates start to be a problem because people just stay in their homes and never go out. Surrogates are like another body for humans, but this mechanical representation of humans could have a different identity from their human, so people are able to use them to hide their own identity.

Some humans are against this way of living and live apart from the modern community, led by "The Prophet" (Ving Rhames).

Then Tom Greer, (Bruce Willis) a cop, notices a strange weapon. This weapon could kill, even if they are connected to a Surrogate, killing the person that would be controlling it. Greer inves-



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tigates this strange case and finds out the reason for the unusual killings. He becomes the one who could restore the common life as it was in the world using the weapon to help him to destroy all the Surrogates that exist. He has in his hands, the power to finish it all or lose life as we know it.

Surrogates makes you think because we can imagine that one day all this science fiction could be a reality. The movie is good and has high-quality special effects but when you start watching it, it is probable that you may not follow at the beginning because it can be confusing at times. You have to pay close attention and you will eventually get the purpose of some of the actions. Surrogates is an excellent choice if you enjoy science fiction movies and this kind of theme and ideas.