



# Presbyterian Pan American School Eagle X-Press

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## Pan Am hosts annual fall festival with games, prizes and food

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The annual fall carnival at Presbyterian Pan American School was held on Saturday, November 3, in the school's gym. People from town, teachers, and parents of the students were invited to attend.

The afternoon passed excitingly as people played in the different booths and won prizes.

Little kids enjoyed seeing the students dressed as their favorite characters like a superhero, a Disney character, a favorite

fairytale character, and many others. People were put in jail, a booth in which people had to stay enclosed for five minutes; even teachers were taken to jail. Music was played and students enjoyed the afternoon playing and eating.

Another booth which the people enjoyed was face painting. Rebecca Perkins, an English teacher at PPAS, said that was her favorite booth.

Everything was calm until a few drops started coming and the rain began, but that didn't



photo by Ana Luisa Martinez  
PPAS Fall Carnival, held on Nov. 3 at the school's campus.

stopped the fun. Everyone went inside the gym and everything continued as if nothing had happened.

Inside everyone could get inside the moonwalk, paint their faces, shoot baskets, take pictures, go

bowling, toss rings, and even decorate a cookie. Samantha Zelaya, a sophomore at PPAS, said she liked the fall carnival and that she had a good time. She said her favorite booth was the one where you could shoot baskets to win a prize.

Ellie Perez, the school principal, said this was a good year and they had a lot of visitors. She said she hoped everyone enjoyed it; especially the seniors because it was their last one. The event ended with a prayer thanking God

for this year's carnival and hoping to have a good one next year.

The money earned at the event would come back to the students and be equally divided to all the classes, from freshmen to seniors. This money will help the classes when they will have to spend it at prom for the juniors, and for the seniors in their graduation trip.

"The fall carnival gave the school a chance to bond with the community," Perkins said.

## Veteran's Day honored with assembly

■ by Osmara Perez  
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Veteran's Day is the anniversary of the signing of the armistice, which ended the World War I hostilities between the Allied nation and Germany in 1918, according to [www.timeanddate.com](http://www.timeanddate.com).

Every year, Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) holds an assembly where staff members are recognized by students calling their names and the branch they served in. Members of the Veterans of Foreign War were invited to attend.

This year, PPAS celebrated Veteran's Day with an assembly



photo by Osmara Perez  
Veteran's Day Assembly

at the Dining Hall on November 9, 2012.

The conference began with a ceremony of respect and honor for the flag and all the veterans who gave their lives in a war.

"When I was seventeen, I decided that the Army was the best option for me, so I joined," said 34-year-old Rebecca Perkins,

English teacher. Samantha Moreno and Edgar Garcia put a video together about those people who gave their lives to the armed forces and what the Military is about.

At PPAS, staff members such as Rebecca Perkins (Army), Albert Garcia (Army), Ana Mireles (Army), and Joe Garcia (Navy), served in the armed forces.

"I think that Veteran's Day is a day that shows respect to the United States Military for all the things that they do to keep us safe," said Senior 17-year-old Priscila Gutierrez.

## PPAS recognizes Red Ribbon Week

■ by Enrique Varela  
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Red Ribbon Week (RRW) is a recognition that Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) has been honoring the last 15 years, but PPAS is not the only school, this is recognized throughout the world.

This began when Enrique "Kike" Camarena grew up hoping to make a difference, Camarena went to college and worked his way to the marines and became a police officer. He decided to go into the U.S Drug Enforcement Administration. According to [www.imdrugfree.com](http://www.imdrugfree.com), Camarena was sent to work undercover in Mexico investigating a drug cartel. On Feb. 7, 1985, he left his office to have dinner with his wife, five men kidnapped him, and his body was found 30 days later. This shows the courage of one person and that people can really make a difference.

RRW consist of a series

is "life is too crazy to have to deal with drugs" and students wear crazy socks, "stomp out drugs" on Tuesday and students may wear mismatched shoes, "war on drugs" is Wednesday and students may wear brown green or camouflage clothing, "team together against drugs" on Thursday



photo provided by Reili Cantu  
Senior Class of 2013 RRW poster

of activities that are done day by day, beginning October 29 and ending November 2 for PPAS.

To kick off RRW, Kleberg County Sheriff Ed Mata visited PPAS with the help of the United States border patrol to give a demonstration on how they work in the drug enforcement and how they also try to do something to change our world just as Camarena did.

PPAS has his traditions and every student has the chance to show that they are drug free. First on Monday

students wear team jerseys, and last but not least, "one school, one goal bully and drug free" on Friday and students can wear red shirts. On Friday, the school gathers for the drug & bully free walk.

"I really liked the walk this year. It was different from other years. I could feel the emotion in the people as we walked through our school," said Guillermo Aranda 17-year-old senior.

Eloisa Perez, PPAS Principal, said that the thing that she likes the most about RRW is that the students learn that there is so many different ways to enjoy life than using drugs.

## Eagles soccer places 2nd at state

■ by Merry Kim  
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During October 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, the Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) boys' soccer team participated in the state championship. On the 26<sup>th</sup>, the Eagles left Tomball Woodlands Prep team out of the championship with 5-0. One day later, Eagles met the championship and after many practices and successful games, they matched the final with Longview Christian Heritage at the Mary Hardin Baylor University in Belton. PPAS soccer team was put at 2<sup>nd</sup> place in



photo provided by Patrick Flores  
2012 State Soccer Runner Up

state with 2-1, Longview Christian Heritage got ahead of Eagles.

"I was disappointed for losing the final but I was not disappointed because we gave everything on the final," said Daniel Meek, US History, Speech teacher and head coach of the PPAS soccer team.

He also said that having opportunity of the championship is the best thing in the end time of the soccer season.

"I was very excited. I gave my best, but soccer is like the lottery. Even though you are the best you don't always win," said Victor Rios, 17-year-old senior

and one of the captains.

17-year-old Senior Kheila Nunez said that PPAS cheerleaders also went to the championship to support the Eagles. They cheered as much as they could, same as the soccer team. Their big cheer helped soccer team to feel at home.

"We were excited. Our team participated in the championship and cheered hard with hope for 1<sup>st</sup> place. Unfortunately they got 2<sup>nd</sup> place, but I think they did their best, so we did. We are proud of our team always. Our Eagles are the best," Nunez said.

## Lady Eagles basketball wins 1st game of season

■ by Armando Navar  
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On November 8, 2012 was the first girls' basketball game against Faith Christian Academy School of Mission and Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) won with the score, 42-36. The captains are Senior Klarissa Rodriguez, and Junior Hefzi Jimenez.

Rebecca Perkins, English teacher and head coach of PPAS girls basketball team, said that everyone on the varsity team has ascertain set of skills that contribute to the team.



photo provided by Edwin Manrique  
2012-2013 Girls Basketball Team

"I think the team has a lot of potential for a successful season," Perkins said.

Perkins likes to be the coach because it gives her an opportunity to interact with the girls outside of class. "I feel young,"

Perkins said. Grace Han, 15-year-old sophomore, said that she likes it because she use to play in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade in Texas, and she thinks that it is interesting.

Han said that practice is fun. She said that she realized that she

has to practice a lot more because many of the girls on the team are such good players.

Rodriguez said that she always has fun in basketball, and enjoys spending time with people that she knows that she has something in common with.

"I think that was a good experience for us to see what do we have do to improve," Rodriguez said. Rodriguez said that her first game was good because the girls' basketball team won.

## Lady Eagles soccer prepares for season

■ by Jahdai Sosa  
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On October 18, 2012, Presbyterian Pan American School's (PPAS) girl's soccer team began their practice with Coach Reili Cantu. The first game is set for November 15, 2012 in Corpus Christi vs. John Paul II High School.

"I think that we are a good team," Cantu said. "I think that the best old players are Adriana Sanchez, Mathilda Mireles, and the new players are Gina Lozano, Katia Leal and Mariana Gomez, but this does not mean that the others have not worked hard."

I am very excited because we will have the first game, said sophomore Celina Vazquez. She said that the thing that inspires her to play soccer is that she can stay in shape and the exercise helps her health.

"I enjoy playing soccer with my friends because we have fun," Vazquez said. She plays forward and sometimes goalkeeper.

"I got started playing soccer because it my has been favorite sport since I was 10 years old. I play it with my friends," said freshmen Vania Jimenez.

Alexandra Zavala plays on the eagle's team and her position is defense.

"I really enjoy when I go to practice because each day you can learn more," Zavala said. She said that all together, they will make a good team.



### Basketball Schedule

Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>-Boys Basketball vs Banquete (Home) @ 5  
Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>-Girls Basketball vs Orange Grove (Home) @ 4:30  
Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>-Boys Basketball vs Banquete (Away) @ 5  
Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>-Girls & Boys Basketball vs London (Home) @ 5



# Pan Am Cooking Team places 4th with “Eagles Creation” dish

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On Sunday, November 5, 2012, Presbyterian Pan American School's (PPAS) 4-H Cooking members went to a 4-H Food Challenge at Santa Gertrudis School. There were eight teams, including the PPAS team, from different regions and schools. The 4-H Cooking team made egg-bacon spinach gorditas

which they named “Eagles Creation.” With this creative dish, they won 4th place. “It was a very good and exciting competition. I was nervous during the whole competition, but I trusted them, because I knew they would be fine. Before the competition, I had told them to go to the MyPlate.gov, and look for things all about balanced plates, know and practice it. They got 4th place and



photo by Hyun Suk Choi  
4H Cooking Team  
I am so proud of them,” said Marlene Zamora, Dining Hall Director at PPAS

and advisor of PPAS's 4-H cooking team. Each of the five members from the PPAS 4-H Cooking team has different jobs. Zamora said every member did their best to make the best plate for the competition. “What I learned is counting calories and eating healthy is not an easy job,” said Frida Monreal, 16-year-old junior and member of 4-H cooking team.

Most of PPAS's 4-H cooking team members are seniors. The PPAS's 4-H cooking team will try another voyage with different members next year. “I really enjoyed being there. I think I will miss the 4-H Cooking team a lot,” said Samantha Moreno, 17-year-old senior and member of PPAS's 4-H Cooking Team.

## Basketball player chosen as Student of the Month for October

by Libni Robles  
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Anais Umohoza from Kigali, Rwanda, is the Student of the Month for October at Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS). Umohoza is just 17 years old and considers herself a good student because she is working hard in her studies and being a good example for others. “I'm so excited and surprised. I didn't expect it. It makes me feel good too,” Umohoza said. Umohoza participates in choir, basketball, and volleyball, which has been a new experience for her because she has never played volleyball before. Her goal for this



Senior Anais Umohoza  
year is to study to get into a good university. Umohoza wants to study pre-medicine because she wants to become a pediatrician, travel around the world and have a beautiful family, and friends are also part of her dream. Her role model is Oprah, because she helps people

and gives hope to others. Communicating with her friends, traveling, and having a communion with God are the things she likes to do. Her experience at PPAS has been fruitful. “I like panam, because it is a Christian school and because I met a lot of people from different parts of the world, which is an opportunity for me to learn how to live in a society with different people and learn their culture.” She also said that she is happy to have celebrated different kinds of parties, that in Rwanda, they do not celebrate.

## Student Council president recognized as Student of the Month for September

by Libni Robles  
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Nathan Zelaya, President of Student Council, is the Student of the Month for September at Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS). “It is something that I have always been confused about. I never understood how people are chosen for it, but I know it is very special,” Zelaya said. Zelaya from Premont, considers himself a good student. “I do what I can. I always do the things I need to,” Zelaya said. And now he plans



photo provided by Yearbook Staff  
Senior Nathan Zelaya  
to study Nuclear Engineering at George Mason University to bring great things to the world. He participates in Cross-Country, Basketball, Baseball, Track, 4-H, Student Council, CMC, and CBC. Zelaya's goal for

this year is to graduate. “I have been here four years. It is my home now. This is the last year that it will be my home,” said Zelaya, 17. As president of Student Council, he wants to try to make things better for the students. “See what new, fun things we can do,” Zelaya said. Zelaya likes to be around his friends and have a good time. His role-model is his father. “He does everything he can for everyone. In order to make everyone happy.”

## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

### Students attend Presbyterian meeting

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photo by Merry Kim  
Students at meeting in McAllen.

On October 26-27, year-old sophomore, students of Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) went to First Presbyterian Church of McAllen to attend a meeting. Dr. Doug DalGLISH, President of PPAS, spoke to the group about the school and introduced the students, Elizabeth Kamarade, Monika Ruiz, Merry Kim, Grace Han, Xuemeng Chen and Jinghan Li. The worship service consisted of a communion and sermon about people coming together as the church. The service was in English, Korean and Spanish so all present understood, said Mary Rogers Ellsworth, PPAS Pastor. The goal was for churches and Presbyterian to meet the students and learn more about PPAS. “We ate like for a week,” Ruiz said.

### The Mad Hatter takes 1st at costume dance

by Adriana Sanchez  
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photo by Adriana Sanchez  
Junior Teodoro Alvarado, 1st place winner

Just as every year, Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) had settled its costume dance on November 2 at the Student Union Building. This year's theme was “Famous Dead People”, Juniors were in charge of the decorations and the costume contest. “Decorations were pretty awesome and creepy,” said Senior Andrea Morton. Juniors did not have trouble decorating, and they did not have to spend any money. The reason is because they recycled paper, paint, and other items from the school. Morton also said that some

of the costumes were pretty awesome and that the dancing part was a lot of fun. The best costume and the winner of the night was junior Teodoro Alvarado, dressing up as the Mad Hatter, a character from Disney's movie *Alice in Wonderland*, and winning thirty dollars cash. “It was awesome. I was not expecting to win. I thought the Nerd Guy (Junior Samuel Godinez) was the best costume, because it was the funniest and he put a lot of creativity in it. I am really happy,” Alvarado said. For the second place, Seniors Zenia De Leon

and Cesar Garcia brought back the fifty's with these two high school lovers, Sandy Olsen and Dany Zukko from the movie *Grease*. Finally, for the third place, freshman Selene Gonzalez dressed up as a cute big lion. Students enjoyed the night taking pictures of amazing and creative costumes. “The best part of this whole event was the actual dance. Looking at weird creatures and movie characters dancing got me really excited. I had a really good time,” said Freshman Jessica Sanchez.

### Choir travels to Houston to perform

by Hefzi Jimenez  
Staff Writer

On November 10, 20 Choir Members went to Houston to perform at Pines Presbyterian Church in Kimberley Ln. Houston to raise money for the school. The event was organized by Linda Evans, Director of Church Relations. Joe Garcia, the Choir Director, said that even though it is hard to get the choir to focus on the music, the Choir has had a fast improvement in the past two years, and he expects good

things of it. Garcia also said that he welcomes any student who has the skills to hear and sing music, but also the willingness to join choir. The Chamber Choir arrived at Houston on Saturday, November 10 and met their host families on the same day. “My favorite part was when we got to know our families because they were so nice and made us feel like we were at home,” said Senior Elizabeth Aguilar.

After dinner, the choir members enjoyed their families and spent the night at their homes. “We went to walk at night to 800 Town & Country Boulevard, and then we went to their home. It was amazing,” said Sophomore Yurim Lee. On Sunday, the Chamber Choir performed at both services and Aguilar gave a speech for Minute for Mission. “I was really nervous, but I was grateful to

be there” Aguilar said. Even though most of the Choir Members were really nervous, the audience's response was great. “We had good critics from the Church's audience. They just loved our performance,” said Senior Alexandra Gonzalez. Several choir members said they enjoyed the trip and that they would like to have more trips because it is so much fun and a great opportunity to meet other people.