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PPAS Soccer wins another state championship

by Tania Rodriguez
Editor-in-Chief

The Eagles fly high once again and for the third year in a row, the Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) soccer team is the 2009 TAPPS state champions. The Eagles' victory was against Brownsville Livingway, 6-1, on Saturday, Nov. 14 at Baylor University in Waco. PPAS beat Sherman Texoma Christian first in the semi-finals, 3-2.

During this season, the Eagles played 16 games losing just one against Brownsville Livingway 4-2, and that was the only game lost out of 50 victories in a row.

"It feels great because the kids work so hard on this and they accomplished their goal," Grant said.

Coach Jimmy Grant has coached TAPPS soccer for 13 years, and this is his third year coaching this team and winning the state championship.

"Honestly, we didn't feel sure about winning because we had make new arrangements and we weren't sure if it was going to work that way," said Captain Israel Gomez, senior.

Some PPAS students went to Waco to support the soccer team during the semifinals.

"It was the toughest game we have played because Living Way was playing hard but somehow we got the strength and beat them," said Senior Fernando Montemayor, defense.

During the first forty-five

minutes, mid-fielder Roberto Garza, senior, scored one goal, tying the game one-one."I'm proud of myself because I was useful on the team, I made my best effort as a player and as a person the whole tournament" he said. In the second half, the Eagles were defeated by one goal and then Gomez scored and the teams were once again tied. In the last 40 seconds of the game, Gomez scored and the Eagles won 3-2 against Texoma.

"When the game was over I started to cry. It was unbelievable that in the last minute, I had scored and that we had won the game. It was amazing," Gomez said. During the first forty-five minutes

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2009 Presbyterian Pan American School TAPPS
state soccer champions.

Nine seniors nominated for Caller Times distinguished scholars

by Alejandra Del Real
Staff Writer



From left, Ilse Ibarra, Javier Villegas, Tania Rodriguez, Ana Melendez, Jimena Hernandez, Veronica Vasquez, Terry Liang and Sarai Jimenez. Not pictured is Israel Gomez.

There were nine Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) seniors nominated and recognized as finalists for the 2009 CITGO- Corpus Christi Caller Times Distinguished Scholars.

All participants are from different high schools and teachers from each school nominated students in nine categories. The students are nominated their junior year and the awards are presented their senior year. The nomination started on Monday, November 2 and concluded on Tuesday, November 10.

Tania Rodriguez, 18, was honored for the achiever category; Ana Melendez, 18, was recognized in the communication

category; Terry Liang, 17, was chosen for science; Veronica Vazquez, 18, for career and technology; Jimena Hernandez, 18, for performing and arts; Sarai Jimenez, 18, for the general academic category; Israel Gomez, 18, for student athlete; Ilse Ibarra, 17, for spirit; and Javier Villegas, 18, for service and leadership.

"It feels good to be recognized in the paper," Rodriguez said. "I feel proud of myself because it's a way that shows the results of my effort and my achievements."

Melendez said that she is surprised.

"I like when people recognize your talents because you can be

good at something and they notice. I encourage other students to break the procrastination barrier to achieve their full potential," Melendez said.

"The students, by being nominated, give the school a good image and I am very proud of them," said Dr. Barbara Stottlemeyer, Dean of Students.

Stottlemeyer said that the program highlights capacities of the students in different fields of study. It also reflects that students who are recognized as scholars, are active in extracurricular activities and community service. These are the attributes that colleges evaluate for admission to their programs.

DEAN'S
DESK

The Mission of Presbyterian Pan American School is to prepare students for admission to college and to develop these young people for lives of Christian leadership throughout the world. The students learn to participate in mission through selection of a yearly project. This year, the students have chosen the Presbyterian Schools in Pakistan to receive their mission funds. Students contribute to the fund through their worship service offerings. "Dear Friends, we are so hopeful for a better future for Pakistan. Please pray for wisdom for the government of Pakistan, patience for the people of Pakistan, and courage for the students of Pakistan, particularly the Presbyterian Education Schools." This is the prayer request sent to the students and staff of PPAS by Veeda Javid Gill, Executive Director of the Presbyterian Education Board (PEB) in Pakistan. Veeda's son, Aman Gill, is a 2006 graduate of PPAS. In Pakistan, whose population is about three percent Christianity, education in the PEB schools is an important Christian witness. For more than a quarter century, the government nationalized all the schools in Pakistan that served the poor including the PEB schools. The schools deteriorated and in 1998, the government agreed to return those schools to the Presbyterian Church in Pakistan. At that time, Veeda was selected to be the Director. She has worked tirelessly to develop the schools and provide hope for the future. In a country of 170 million people, 60% are children. Veeda writes that the children of the country are the most potent weapon and source of strength for the nation that is fighting a war of existence. The students of Pan American School are committed to making a difference in the world now. This project keeps them aware of the how our world is interconnected. It also keeps the students and staff mindful of our blessings and reminds us to be thankful everyday for having the freedom to learn in a peaceful environment. With Thanksgiving just two weeks away, join with us in praying for the safety of the students and progress in the Christian schools in Pakistan.

PPAS honors Red Ribbon Week

by Daniel Victoria
Staff Writer

Red Ribbon Week is the nation's oldest and largest drug prevention campaign, celebrated during the last week of October by millions of schools all across the USA in memory of Agent Enrique Camarena.

Camarena died at the hands of drug traffickers in Mexico while fighting the battle against illegal drugs to keep the country and children safe.

By the phrase "I've got better things to do than drugs," the anti-drugs program encourages students to pledge to live a drug free life. During the week, different types of clothes are assigned by day to be used.

Students wear crazy socks, caps, jerseys, camouflage clothes and Red T-shirts to show their contribution to this movement.

From the Monday, the 26th to Friday, the 30th of October, Presbyterian Pan American School celebrated Red Ribbon Week. On Friday,



October 30, each class walked from the classroom building to the gate and back with banners that displayed drug-free messages. After that, a skit and two videos about Red Ribbon Week were presented at the gym. "I think the last day was the best. The week made me realize that drugs don't do any good to anybody," said Jean Pierzo, Eaglets 2 Class. Friday concluded when

Ellie Perez, PPAS Academic Counselor, announced that Eaglets 2 had won the banner contest. The class received a pizza party as the prize. Chan Kim, Vice President of Eaglets 2 class, said that he felt happy when he heard the class had won. "It was a special week. I learned a lot and had fun." Perez said that she wanted the students to know that there are many positive

things they could do instead of using drugs. "I wanted them to realize that Pan Am has many good things to offer. There is worship committee, choir and sports, but best of all, they have us and their families," said Perez, who was the planner of the event.

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Kingsville Athletic Trainers)

Mike Perez and Edward Salinas (BBQ)

-Ellie Perez

Presbyterian Pan American School

Teacher spotlight announced for October

■ by Whamok Yang

Staff Writer

Bible Teacher Billy and English III Teacher Lillian Johnston were chosen as October's teacher spotlight at Presbyterian Pan American School.

"Teaching gives me a purpose of life," Billy said.

Billy was at Presbyterian Pan American School as a teacher from 1995 to 2002, and returned this year. He taught Chemistry and Physics before. Before he started teaching, he was in the U.S. Army for over 20 years and he retired as a major. He studied Chemistry and Physics at Texas A&I University-Kingsville and received his master's degree.

Billy likes to ride his bike that has two wheels in front and 1 wheel in the back. He also likes fishing and kayaking (kind of canoe). He is a retired pastor but still likes to teach bible and preach.

Lillian was at PPAS from 1996 to 2002, and returned in 2007. She has taught ESL, English I, II, III, IV, AP English and Speech.

"I love to study so that I can teach. As I learn more, I can teach more. Seeing student's improving English and TOEFL makes me happy," Lillian said.

Lillian likes to work and speak at church as a pastor, read mystery, listen to books on tape during traveling, talk with her family (especially with her grand child), watch movies while grading papers, and painting pictures.

"I wish all of my students had a heart for learning so much that they would take everything that I teach them, and apply it to their language skills," Lillian said.

Work hard and learn how to think. Do your best to become your best, Billy said.



photo by Whamok Yang

BILLY AND LILLIAN JOHNSTON

Senior chosen as student of the month

■ by Jimena Hernandez

Managing Editor

Sarai Jimenez, an 18-year-old senior from Mexico City, was chosen as October's student of the month for Presbyterian Pan American School.

"It makes me feel honored and excited because I didn't expect it. I think they chose me because I'm trying to do my best and to be a better person," Jimenez said.

Jimenez came to PPAS because her brother had already been here. She knew she wanted to succeed and to live new life experiences, she said.

She is artistic and ingenious. She enjoys drawing and living with her friends at PPAS, where she has learned how to be independent and responsible but also to appreciate what she has, Jimenez said.

"I think I started drawing since I have memory and I'm good at it



SARAI JIMENEZ

photo by Jimena Hernandez

because I have practiced it all my life but also because of my family. They are all very artistic and imaginative," Jimenez said.

Jimenez favorite class is Pre-Calculus.

"Mr. Robertson makes it out of the ordinary because he knows how to teach students and to make them pay attention in class, he is especially good at making us understand," she said.

She arrived in August 2007 as a sophomore and will be graduating In May 2010.

"It feels splendid to finally be a senior but at the same time it's sad

because we're leaving. I'm sure I will treasure a lot of memories and friends for life," Jimenez said.

Jimenez is a dual credit student at Costal Bend College. She is part of the Robotics team and Worship Committee. Presently, she is the secretary of the senior class.

Jimenez goals for this year are to improve her grades, achieve her individual goals, and get better in everything she is capable of. She wants to dedicate her life to art, studying graphic design in Mexico City.

"My role model is my brother because he succeeded in almost every goal he set up for himself," Jimenez said.

Jimenez advice for the underclassmen is to always try your best and do everything you can to succeed and pursue your dreams.

Q+A

WITH SENIOR
VERONICA VAZQUEZ

Interview with 2009-2010 Senior Class President

■ by Viviana Garcia

Staff Writer

Q: How do you feel about being the senior President?

A: It is a big responsibility and it is a lot of work too.

Q: This is your first year as president, why do you think your class chose you?

A: I think they chose me because they saw my work for the class last year.

Q: As a president, what are your duties or responsibilities?

A: I try to organize the senior class to work as a group, come up with ideas for raising money for the senior trip, and help in whatever I can.

Q: Do you have enough time to do your things and to be a president?

A: Sometimes everything gets together at the same time and it is very stressing, but sometimes it is cool.

Q: Is this the only thing you are on, or are you in another extracurricular activity?

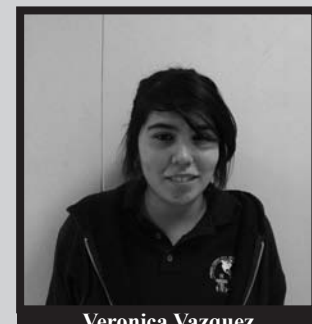
A: I am not in extracurricular activities, but with college and some independent subjects my day is full.

Q: Does it take a lot of effort to be president of the senior class?

A: I think yes, because you have the pressure of others in you and it is hard trying to make everyone feel happy and satisfied with the decisions taken.

Q: Do you like being president?

A: Yes, but sometimes I would like more ideas from myself and my class.



Veronica Vazquez

HOW DO YOU FEEL



"THEY ARE GOOD PEOPLE BECAUSE THEY FOUGHT FOR WHAT WE HAVE TODAY."-DIANA ZELAYA, JUNIOR.

ABOUT THE VETERANS WHO



"THEY INSPIRE ME TO DO BETTER AND JOIN THE MILITARY."-CIPRIANO RAMIREZ, JUNIOR.

FOUGHT FOR AMERICA?



"THEY WERE VERY STRONG AND BRAVE SOLDIERS."-FLOR FLORES, SENIOR.

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Honoring Veteran's Day at Pan American

■ by Meaghan Pesqueira
Staff Writer



Veterans Day is an annual American holiday that remembers all military veterans in every branch. It's celebrated on November 11th, or the nearest weekday. It's observed with speeches, parades, and acknowledgements across the United States.

According to Wikipedia.com, the holiday began as an Armistice Day, first declared by Woodrow Wilson, on Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an observance annually, and November 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938.

In 2007, there were 23.6 million veterans in the United States. 1.8 million females, 2.4 African-American, 1.9 million were younger than 35 and 9.3 million were over the age of 65.

Here at Presbyterian Pan American School, we celebrated this holiday by attending an assembly at noon. Our school recognized several veterans such as Joe Garcia, Director of Admission; Albert Garcia, Campus Life Director; Roberto Moreno, retired Bible teacher; and Rebecca Perkins, English teacher. These veterans were encouraged to invite other veterans including members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 2375 of Kingsville. There was a slide show, remembrance, and a brief view of the history.



FROM LEFT, MEMBERS OF VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS (VFW) POST 2375 OF KINGSVILLE AND PRESBYTERIAN PAN AMERICAN SCHOOL DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS JOE GARCIA, ENGLISH TEACHER REBECCA PERKINS, AND CAMPUS LIFE DIRECTOR ALBERT GARCIA.

THE MEMBERS OF VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS (VFW) POST 2375 OF KINGSVILLE AND PRESBYTERIAN PAN AMERICAN SCHOOL VETERANS RECITE THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

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Robotics team competes at TAMUK

by Jesus Flores
Staff Writer

Robotics, a team mentored by the physics teacher Don Gillespie, that came together to work on a given task by BEST, a middle and high school robotics competition whose mission is to engage and excite students about engineering, science and technology as well as inspire them to pursue a career in these fields, competed October 24 at Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

"The robot just didn't want to perform no matter how many times we tried. I just can't explain why," Gillespie said. "I think overall we did pretty well as far as what we needed to compete in."

There were 38 students involved in this activity and were divided in different groups that worked on certain tasks. Students involved in this activity had to use creativity and imagination to get the work done. Everything was about design including design group, webpage design group, and a t-shirt and the notebook design group.

"They did an outstanding job designing the logo, t-shirt, and web page but it was not enough without a well working robot," Gillespie said. This is the second time Gillespie has competed in the BEST competition.

"Last year I was a mentor for another school where we came in second place overall and first place in t-shirt design."

Senior Class President Veronica Vasquez was one of the students that contributed to the team.

"I joined the team because it was a new and interesting thing to do," she said. "The



2009 CYBER EAGLES ROBOTICS TEAM
COMPETED AT TAMUK ON OCTOBER 24
AGAINST AREA SCHOOLS.

competition was really entertaining. There were a lot of awesome robots competing."

She contributed to the web page design, t-shirt design and Robot construction.

"We have an idea on how to organize better for next year so we can get to manage everything well, on time and not last minute like we did," Gillespie said.

Eleazar Herrera was another student that contributed to the team.

He helped with the robot construction, organized the schedule for the team and helped with most of the web page creation.

"I've always liked robotic engineering," he said. "And I'd really like to try again next year. I find it really engaging, but we are going to make some changes, especially getting everyone to do what they are supposed to, and making good use of all the time we are given to work."

There was a chemical spill on October 20, 2009 at the science building on the Presbyterian Pan American School campus. Science Teacher Don Gillespie reported that a container split and the chemical spilled out. Miller Environmental Services from Corpus Christi picked up the chemical and transported it to Philip Reclamation Services in Houston.

Two students make regional choir

by Meaghan Pesqueira
Staff Writer

photo by Tania Rodriguez

Presbyterian Pan American School had five of their students advance to the Regional auditions of the Texas All State Choir Competition.

Cecilia Moreno, Reynaldo Torres, Paul Vilchez, Keyla Cadena, and Jimena Hernandez were among many to qualify by advancing from the previous District audition. The audition was held at Tuloso Midway High School in Rockport at 8:00 a.m. No one proceeded to the next audition for the All State Choir. Round two, the Regional level was with the previous 32 per section that are narrowed down to 14 plus two alternates. New music selections are sung which made things difficult for Pan Am's competitors.

"It was a good experience. It taught me that I have to be prepared for what I'm going to do and take it seriously," said Cecilia Moreno, 16-year-old junior.

Moreno competed as an Alto I in both of the auditions.

"It was difficult because we didn't practice the sulfage," said Keyla Cadena, 16-year-old junior and an Alto I.

Sulfage is learning a note that is unfamiliar or that is new. Each note has a specific syllable and it helps for sight-reading.

Although no one advanced to the next audition, Torres and Vilchez made it to the Regional choir where they will perform songs.

On Saturday November, 14 they traveled to Fort Worth, Texas to perform six songs, some of them being the audition songs.

Paul Vilchez, 17-year-old junior competed as a Tenor II.

Reynaldo Torres is a 16-year-old junior who also auditioned as a Tenor II.

"I feel extremely excited about it because I didn't think I would get the chance to be a part of this," said Torres. "I thank God I got to join the Regional choir."



PAUL VILCHEZ (L) AND
REYNALDO TORRES



BASKETBALL SEASON BEGINS

■ by Samuel Chavez

Staff Writer

The boys and girls basketball season is on at Presbyterian Pan American School! Boys Basketball practice started on October 19.

The boy's team is going to be coached by Daniel Meek, who is very excited about being the basketball coach, he said.

The team played their first game on Thursday, November 19, 2009 at Pan Am's annual tournament.

Meek doesn't know who the captain of the team is going to be yet or who will be on the first team and second team.

"I'm going to decide who is going to be on the first team after the first game, because I want to see how they develop in the field," Meek said.

Meek is sure the captain will be a senior and an underclassmen and his goals are to have a winning record, to do their best at the games and have fun every game.

"I'm very excited about the team. I cannot wait to watch them play," Meek said.

Ismael Sandoval is a senior who is playing basketball this year. He has been playing basketball for three years at PPAS and is very satisfied about that.

"I want to have a good season playing as a team and get a basketball trophy for the school," Sandoval said.

The boys have been working on conditioning, rebounding, defense and fast break transitioning to be ready in the games.

"We have been practicing



photo by Samuel Chavez

The Presbyterian Pan American School boys basketball team practice in preparation for the 2009-2010 season. The first game is scheduled for Nov. 19 at Pan Am.

very hard, I think we will have a good season," Sandoval said.

For the girls, they have seven games scheduled, four home and three away. Their first challenge was on Tuesday, November 24 at 5:00 pm. The game was against Faith Christian High

School from Brownsville. Keyla Cadena is a junior and is also a player on the basketball team. She has been playing basketball for two years at PPAS.

"We're going to do our best in the season to be better than last year and win the tournament," Cadena said.

The girls have been practicing shooting, learning the rules of the game, different skills and conditioning.

"We are a young team. We have a lot to learn. Our first priority is to get in shape," said Girls Head Coach Reili Cantu.

Basketball fans are in for an awesome NBA season

■ by Javier Villegas

Staff Writer

The NBA is off and running. A new season has started and believe it or not we have surprises, although we are only six games through the season (as for 11-06-09).

With the standings like the following, in the Eastern Conference, the defending conference champions, the Orlando Magic place 5th place with a record of 4-1 while the first place, the Boston Celtics have an impressive start staying undefeated with a record of 6-0, according to nba.com. It seems to be an awesome year for the Eastern Conference due to the fact that three teams now have a record of 4-1 (except for Boston).

Keep an eye on the following players

for a breakout season, Boston's Kevin Garnett, Miami's Dwyane Wade, Atlanta's Joe Johnson and Washington's Gilbert Arenas.

On the other hand, the Western Conference has a more difficult task by having the defending NBA champions, the L.A. Lakers along with the NBA Finals MVP Lakers guard Kobe Bryant. As of now, (11-06-09) the Denver Nuggets stay on top of the conference standings with a perfect 5-0 while the defending champions place 3rd with a record of 4-1.

Expect a great breakout season from the Phoenix Suns and the Dallas Mavericks because they have a rejuvenated staff and roster too as well. Key players to follow through out the season are, Phoenix Suns' Steve Nash, Denver's Carmelo Anthony and Lakers' Ron Artest.

JUMP, SOCCER

of the final game, Garza scored one and the Eagles were winning 1-0. In the second half, Livingway scored one goal while the Eagles scored five more. Gomez scored two more goals, Garza with two and Christian Ortiz, junior, scored one goal.

The team is losing six of the seniors that are graduating this year, but a very good young group is coming up, Grant said.

"This was a very good group. They worked hard and spent a lot of time on conditioning. They are very strong on their fundamentals of soccer and as a group they work very well together," Grant said. He added that they will try very hard to continue this winning tradition.

Gomez said that he feels very proud of the team because they worked very hard the whole season.

"It's a great experience and I will remember it for the rest of my life," he said.

Senior Captain Advento Treviño was proud of himself and of the team.

All the effort we put in was worth it. All of us worked together to achieve our goal, he said.

"The team worked very hard to get to where we are--State Champions," Grant said.

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PPAS Survival Guide

■ by Viviana Garcia
Staff Writer

Once students have arrived to Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) and they have settled with their roommates, there is another important thing to do-- laundry so you don't have to walk around with wrinkled or smelly clothes. You should know that every load of clothes will cost you one dollar, which means you need four quarters per load. You should also know the perfect day to wash your clothes. Sometimes the best day to do it is during the weekends because most of the boys and girls go home and the washing machines are available. Or you could also wake up early and put them in the washing machine, and then put them in the dryer after lunch. If you are a girl, the laundry room opens at 6: 45 a.m. but if you are a boy, the laundry room never closes. Most detergents are good, but you can pick them by the smell, and there are some that would make your clothes smell the whole day, even for a week. You should know how to separate and wash your clothes. Separate whites and coloreds (with the whites, put beige and with the colors, put blacks and regular colors) and when you put them in the dryer you can combine them, but you should know that not all the time is it going to get dry, especially if you put too many clothes. Also you need to know that once you put your clothes in the washing machine you need to pay attention when the load finishes, otherwise if somebody else wants to use the washing machine, they may take out your clothes and you may lose something. Bleach is really good at making clothes white, even things that are not white. When you are going to use bleach, do it in a separate bucket. Add water and bleach to a bucket and put in there whatever needs to be bleached. Then rinse it and put it in the washing machine with colors alike. Ironing your clothes is also important and a new responsibility for most at PPAS. If you are not very good at that, just take your clothes out of the dryer instantly and put them on hangers. Usually this helps. You will avoid wrinkles and having to iron your clothes. If your clothes get wrinkles, sometimes you can use starch to get rid of them easily. The perfect heat for ironing your clothes could be medium, because if you don't know how to iron you may burn your clothes or leave marks and even tears in your clothes.

Pan American School Weekdays

People often ask what we do, besides going 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 student** living at PPAS.

In the last issue you could read about our weekends at PPAS, that part of the week that often includes Wal-Mart, the movies and Whataburger. After revising it, one question surely evolves in your mind, what do these kids do during the rest of the week? Besides the obvious answer, going to school, there are some activities to talk about.

For instance, sports play a big part of our evening extracurricular activities and usually there is people practicing some sport from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. The school sports program include girls volleyball, cross country, basketball, and our pride soccer (this year we are defending the championship title for third year in a row) during the fall semester and during the spring semester we focus mainly in track and field just after basketball season is over. Of course our teams would not do so well were not for the everlasting support of the cheerleading squad this year captained by seniors Jimena Hernandez and Tania Rodriguez.

Before setting our minds on the championships and leaving our souls on the court we have to work usually from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. as part of the work based learning program. The intention of this program directed by Albert Garcia (we call him Mr. G.) is to teach responsibility commitment and effort to the students while we help to maintain our community. There are many places to work in doing a wide variety of things like helping clean the classrooms, serving as library clerks, dorms, helping in the kitchen, even raising calves and lambs in the school's ranch, among other activities.

Another activity to be involved in is choir. The Morris Chapel choir is in charge of the Christmas and Easter cantatas. It sometimes travels to perform in churches outside Kingsville, so far this year the choir has gone to Houston, San Antonio and Fort Worth. Also, this year some members of the choir participated in the All State Choir contest in zone and region levels. Since the beginning of the year and until mid-October, Physics teacher Don Gillespie was in charge of the robotics team called the Cyber Eagle. They built a remote control robot and participated in a contest at TAMUK.

From Sunday night to Thursday night we spend two hours from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. doing our homework and school projects for the days to come. At 9:30, we get some free time to call home (which for the majority of us is in another country like Korea, China or Mexico), play pool, or just hang out with our friends. Our day ends around 10:30 p.m. when we have to turn off our room's lights and go to sleep.

Revenge of the Fallen is enjoyable

■ by Jimena Gonzalez
Staff Writer

Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen DVD was released on June 19, 2009, according to imdb.com It is a movie based on the comics and cartoons of Transformers, directed by Michal Bay. Transformers 2 is pretty much a remake of the first movie. Shia LaBeouf is Sam Witwicky and Megan Fox is Mikaela. Sam, Mikaela, and Optimus Prime with international armies are fighting again to defend all humans from evil Transformers; the Decepticons led by Megatron and his new master, the Fallen.

Two years after Sam Witwicky and the Autobots saved humanity, Sam thinks that now he could begin his normal life as a teenager and go to college. That's when the Decepticons forces return, to take Sam prisoner because he can see images in his head that are the clue between the good and bad. The government decides that the Transformers need to get off of Earth because they think their presence on Earth is a danger to humanity. Optimus Prime accedes to leave the Earth if that is what they want but not before he warns that without the Transformers,

humans will not be saved from the Decepticons. Sam and Mikaela also discover a secret story about the Transformers living on Earth since many years ago.

This movie has high-quality effects. This is a good choice for people who like fiction and action movies. But you need to pay attention because you may get confused at the beginning of the story. But at the end of the story, you will understand everything. You will enjoy this movie.



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