

Annual Christmas celebration held at PPAS

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On December 7th, Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) had its annual Christmas program and celebration.

“I love December, it is my favorite month because love and happiness are in the air, also for the Christmas Program,” said Sophomore Eutimio Palacios.

At PPAS, the staff members organized a program for the students.

The program started in chapel with a celebration, including a performance by the praise band and students shared Bible verses. After chapel, students had a Christmas banquet in the dining



hall, where all the students ate and exchanged gifts. The entire student body participated in a

school-wide “Secret Santa” gift exchange.

“I love Secret Santa because it is a surprise for me who will give me a present. Also I thought that this year was going to be better than last year’s program because we have more students,” said Senior Abigail Donjuan.

After the Christmas banquet, students had a Christmas dance at the Student Union Building (SUB).

“I couldn’t wait for the Christmas Program. I was very anxious to know who was going to be my Secret Santa,” said Senior Hefzi Gabriel.

Students and Staff enjoy food at Fall Luncheon

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Each year, Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) hosts a Fall Luncheon for the entire student body and staff. The luncheon is held before Thanksgiving break and students are able to spend time with each other in the cafeteria before parting for the Thanksgiving break.

The luncheon started after fourth period, and all the students and staff came to the dining hall to start the celebration that began at 11:15 and finished at 12:40.

“The luncheon was good. Everything was good-tasting, and we had time to eat and enough food,” said 15-year-old Sophomore Frida Trevino.

This year’s Fall Luncheon was organized by the kitchen staff.

The dining hall was decorated by the freshmen class.

The meal included turkey with stuffing, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls and various desserts, all cooked by the kitchen staff.

Ellie Perez, PPAS’s principal, said that Thanksgiving is a wonderful time to get the family together and visit your relatives.

Also to thank God for all the things we have been through the year.

“I liked this year’s fall luncheon. I liked the way they decorated the tables. It was fun because I had a lot of time to share with my friends,” said Sophomore Josue Trevino.

National Honor Society induction welcomes new members

by Kevin Ngarambe
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The National Honor Society (NHS) is a school organization in the United States. NHS was established to recognize outstanding high school students who have shown excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service and character. Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) inducted new NHS members into the John A. Mackay chapter on December 6.

“NHS has helped me become a better person by helping others” said senior Yvonne Borrego, NHS president.

The nominees were sent letters informing them that they were nominated and



then the nominees have a specific amount of time to write an essay on a specific topic. Being nominated does not mean an acceptance into NHS. Acceptance will be

based on the essays they turned in as well as their evaluations and grades.

“I was surprised when I found out that I was nominated, because I never imagined I would,” said Manoach Bizumuremyi, Junior at PPAS.

A ceremony was held in Morris chapel, and current members in a process called “tapping” moved out into the congregation and brought the inductees to the stage.

Hardy Robertson, NHS sponsor, said that if you are applying to a college or for a job and you were part of NHS, it tells them that you are a hard worker, resourceful and that you can excel out of the classroom as well.

Eagles basketball loses to Freer

by Fernanda Ibarra
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The Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) Eagles boys’ basketball team is continuing their season games.

On November 18, the team played Freer High School and the Varsity lost, 59-55, while the Junior Varsity also suffered a loss, 34-7.

The top scorers for the varsity game were Senior Jun Sang You, Senior Yannick Habimana and Sophomore Diego Battle.

In the junior varsity game, Senior Todor Alvarado and Junior Chris Bunyenyezi were leading scorers.

You, 17-year-old, said that he felt nervous but excited at the same time because the team got to play a different school.

“In my three years as a student of PPAS, I have been on the basketball team. This is my last year so I want to enjoy my last basketball season,” You said.

Yannick Habimana, 17-year-old, said that

he enjoys playing in the basketball games.

“When we are playing games, I want to play forever and hope the game never ends. I love playing basketball,” Habimana said.

Coach Daniel Navejar said the team is improving, however, they need to improve skills and sportsmanship to become a better team.

“I enjoy being around these great athletes and see them improving in each game,” Navejar said.

Girls soccer wins over John Paul II

by Magdiel Alaniz
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The Lady Eagles girls’ soccer season continues and Presbyterian Pan American School’s (PPAS) lady soccer team has had a series of games during this last month of November.

The last games were held here at PPAS on November 11 against John Paul II, with the victory for the lady eagles with a score of,

5-1. On November 14, the Lady Eagles played Incarnate Word Academy and took a loss of, 6-0.

Sophomore Maggie Otero, who plays Middle position, said that the team did a good job playing defense against John Paul II, and that is the reason why they won.

“I like being on the soccer team because every day I learn things that I did not

know before that help me develop new skills, and it also improves the way I play with the other girls on the field,” said Junior Ana Vazquez.

The last game of this season was on December 5 against John Paul II, once again at PPAS.

“My expectations for the next games are to keep improving as a team,” said Coach Reili Cantu.

Lady Eagles basketball take home victory

by Sabrina Kambanda
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Photo provided by: Anilu Martinez
 Henriette Mbawmbaw shoots a free throw against London on Monday, December 2 at the London gym.

On November 19, the Lady Eagles girls’ basketball team from Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) played against Pre-mont High School at the PPAS gym.

During the game, the team was supported by students.

The cheerleading squad was there to support and encourage the players as well.

At the end of the game, PPAS girls’ basketball team won the match with a score of, 33 to 22.

“It wasn’t easy but we won which is the important part and I am so proud of my team because they gave everything they had,” said Captain Hefzi Jimenez.

Students and staff congratulated the girls’ basketball team

for their victory.

“I am really happy for our victory and really honored to be part of the team,” said Senior Francine Umumararungu.

The new coach, Ryan Martinez, said that he is honored to coach talented girls and proud of them because they carried out all their hard work that they accomplished in practice.

PPAS ambassadors chosen to represent the school

by Ainee Martinez
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Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) announced Magdiel Alaniz, Ismael Bartolome, Manoach Bizumuremyi, Keza Bizumuremyi, Clarisse Bucyana, Raquel Cahuich, Carlos Camarillo, Uriel Gonzalez, Grace Han, Stephanie Kim, and Monika Ruiz as the new school Ambassadors.

The responsibilities of the ambassadors are to represent and give information about the school. Previous ambassadors will be responsible for helping the new ones understand how the job is done. To be named an ambassador, there are certain requirements one must fulfill, as well as being a responsible student capable of sharing what PPAS'



Photo by: Ainee Martinez
PPAS' new ambassadors, from left, Stephanie Kim, Grace Han, Magdiel Alaniz, Raquel Cahuich, Monika Ruiz, Manoach Bizumuremyi, Keza Bizumuremyi, Uriel Gonzalez, Ismael Bartolome and Carlos Camarillo. Not pictured is Clarisse Bucyana.

mission is. Students must develop Christian leadership skills and be capable of standing up to make a change, Ruiz said. School President Doug Dalglish, Pastor Mary Ellsworth, and Teacher Rick Saenz, will become part of the help for the ambassadors. "Mr. Saenz will be helping us to speak in public when giving our speeches,"

said Karla Rivera. School Ambassador. All ambassadors are getting ready to work on the assignments required by Dalglish, School President Ellsworth, and Saenz. "I am grateful and ready to start working with the new ambassadors. I am also ready to work with Pastor Mary, Mr. Saenz, and Dr. Dalglish," said Sarid Ramon, School Ambassador.

Seniors participate in community service project

by Abiel Cardenas
Staff Writer

Presbyterian Pan American School's senior class has been participating in a community service project every year.

This year, the class of 2014, assisted the elderly people at the nursing home.

The senior class sponsor is Teacher Katherine Kriegel and Josh Perkins.

The student in charge of the senior events is Senior Class President Andrea Garcia.

"I really liked the service because it was a lot of fun to share stuff with the elderly people," said Teodoro Alvarado.



Photo provided by: Katharine Kriegel
Senior Edwin Manrique helps a Nursing Home resident play bingo.

The service is organized in four groups, and will have four community services.

Each group will go one at a time.

The First event was on October 18 at the Nursing

Home of Kingsville. Senior Sebastian Guerrero played bingo with the residents.

"10 times out of 10, I will go again," Guerrero said.

The second event was on November 15 at the Nursing Home of Kingsville.

"We played bingo with the older people. Samuel Godinez and Zack Duran played guitars for them," Alvarado said.

Senior Samuel Godinez said he enjoyed the event.

The next event will be on January 17 at the Nursing Home of Kingsville and again, students will play bingo.

Senior Class President named Student of the Month

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Andrea Garcia, seventeen-year-old senior, from Mexico City was selected as the Student of the Month (SOM) for December at Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS). The SOM is chosen by the School Principal Ellie Perez.

Perez chooses a student monthly according to his or her grades, behavior, participation and overall accomplishments, she said. "I shook at first, but



Senior Andrea Garcia

at the same time it makes me happy because it reflects my work," Garcia said.

Garcia has been at PPAS for four years and she is excited she is finally graduating.

She is a dual credit student at Costal

Bend College, where she is taking English and Government.

She also participated in peer support team, social committee and NHS. She is also the the Senior Class President.

She has played on the school's soccer and volleyball team.

Garcia's favorite class is history because it contributes to increasing her knowledge, she said.

"Being Student of the Month is an honor and it makes me happy and proud," Garcia said.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

CMC hosts Western Fashion Show



Photo provided by: Edwin Manrique

From left, Sophomores Eutimio Palacios and Frida Trevino.

by German Penalzoza
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The western fashion show was a theme party in which Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) students dressed like cowboys and cowgirls on November 22, hosted by Campus Ministry Council (CMC).

"It was a theme party based on country and western music, dances, decorations and dress," said Pastor Mary Ellsworth.

The theme party activities were musical chairs, donuts on the strain, pin the tail on the donkey and modeling the best cowboy and cowgirl costumes, all at the rate of western music.

It took place in the PPAS SUB and the winners were Sara Mendoza for chairs, donuts and pin the tail on the donkey and Eutimio Palacios and Carolina Escamilla for modeling.

"This party was made to give students an opportunity to get together and have fun and to know each other better," Ellsworth said.

Ellsworth's role was to support the CMC students in what they need to make every activity successful.

Hunger Games: Catching Fire brings amazing performance

by Lisset Campuzano
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Katniss Everdeen (Jennifer Lawrence) and Peeta Mellark (Josh Hutcherson) are tributes from district 12. Both were winners from the 74th Hunger Games.

But they still have one enemy--the capitol.

At the end of the previous Hunger Games, when only one person can survive, Katniss and Peeta decide to try to commit suicide by eating poisonous berries so the persons of the capitol do not get the satisfaction of having only one winner.

The people watching see it as a love sign, but the capitol sees it as rebellion. One year later, Katniss and Peeta are experiencing the aftermath and effects of the last Hunger Games. Katniss had always showed a lot of

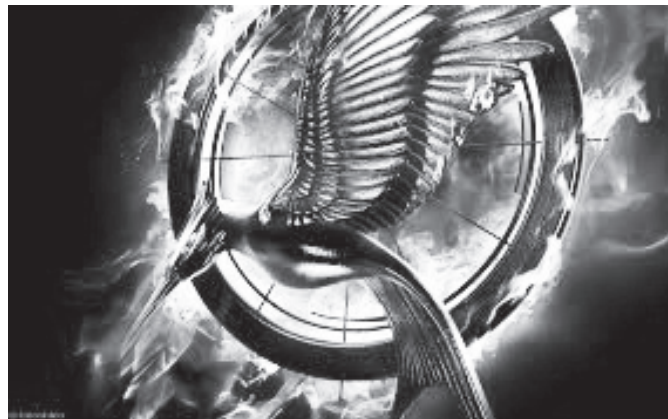


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strength and power during every moment of the Hunger Games, but now she is worried about what can happen to her family.

As for Peeta, he had his heart broken because Katniss doesn't love him. Still, both ways showed a lot of

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in the 75th Hunger Games as tributes that won before, showing their abilities again on the arena against other previous tributes that have won past Hunger Games.

This is a really good movie because the characters are amazing with their performances.

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PPAS Junior is Christmas Card Winner

by Maggie Otero
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The winner of the Christmas Card Contest was Ana Karen Vazquez, 16-year-old junior.

This Contest was held by Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS).

The people in charge of choosing the winner were School President Rev. Dr. Doug Dalglish and Executive Assistant Melissa Windham.

The card will be sent to several churches in different parts of the world.

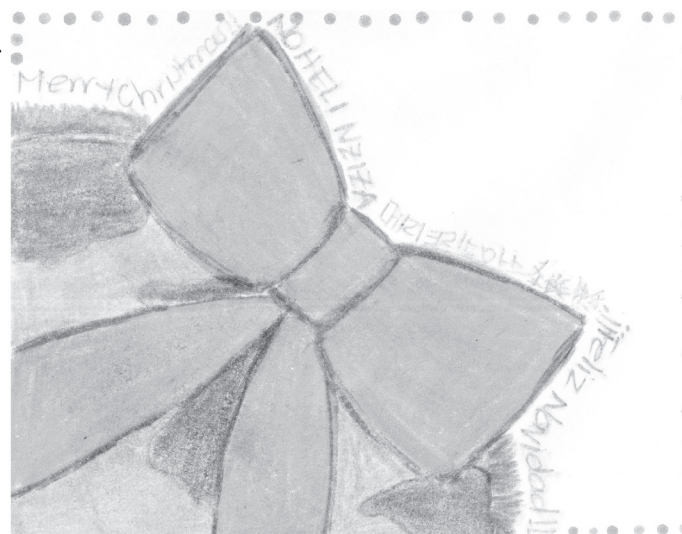


Photo provided by: Melissa Windham

Junior Ana Karen Vazquez's winning Christmas Card.

"I felt really excited because I did not expect to win the Christmas card con-

test," Vazquez said. Her card consisted of a world tied with a ribbon and around it,

Vazquez wrote, "Merry Christmas" in the five languages that represent PPAS: English, Chinese, Korean, Kinyarwanda and Spanish.

"We wanted a card that captured the international student body," said PPAS Principal Ellie Perez.

Perez said she is very proud of Vazquez for doing such a good job.

"I think it is a great opportunity to use and demonstrate your skills in craft works," said 15-year-old Freshman Miso Lee.