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## PPAS sends stockings to Soldiers

by Tania Rodriguez  
Editor-in-Chief

Holidays are coming and Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) staff and students are collecting items and money for soldiers who will spend their Christmas in Iraq. The troops are currently at Ft. Bliss, where the soldiers are finalizing their training for deployment to Iraq in December. The idea for this was brought by Eva Salinas, School Secretary for PPAS because her brother, Roel Resurez, is currently the Commander for the Alpha Co, 72<sup>nd</sup> BSTB. Currently there are

144 servicemen and women in Resurez's unit. The purpose of this is to collect Christmas stockings and stuffers to send to the soldiers with the hope that each soldier receives their own stocking. *Stockings for Soldiers* "The family of the soldiers that are leaving decided to take donations from people to get more support and items for their relatives," Salinas said. The products will be given to the soldiers on the first or second week of December before they leave to Iraq. Some of the products that are allowed are: energy bars, sunflower

seeds, crackers, chips, sun block, mouth wash, liquid hand sanitizer, soap, shampoo, etc. "I feel good about contributing. It is Christmas and time for giving. It always feels better giving than receiving and more for these soldiers who work really hard for their country," said Paul Vilchez, junior who donated money along with his English III Class with Lillian Johnston. Reili Cantu, Coach at PPAS, also contributed to *Stockings for Soldiers*. She thought of col-

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PPAS staff and students donated several items for *Stockings for Soldiers*. The products will be given to soldiers that will be spending Christmas in Iraq.

## Four soccer players are named All-District

by Jimena Hernandez  
Managing Editor



From left, Israel Gomez, Advento Trevino, Raul Zavala and Christian Ortiz.

On November 14, 2009, four Presbyterian Pan American School soccer players were recognized with their outstanding effort and leadership that lead the school to their third consecutive state championship at Baylor University in Waco.

Captains Israel Gomez, an 18-year-old senior from Toluca, Mexico, and Advento Trevino, a 17-year-old senior from Vallehermoso, Tamaulipas, were recognized for the highest title of First Team All-Sate & All-District. Christian Ortiz, a 17-year-old Junior,

was named Second Team All-State and Raul Zavala, a 16-year-old Junior from Vallehermoso, Tamaulipas was named Honorable Mention All-State.

Trevino said he didn't expect to get the recognition. It was a surprise to him to be nominated but also to be recognized in his last year being the captain of the three-time state champion team.

"I feel really proud of myself. I think that all my effort was worthy especially this year as a senior in my last year at Pan Am. I feel good

because of what I have achieved. It's sad too and I will love to stay and keep supporting the team in future years," Trevino said.

Gomez recommends to the players not to do silly and mischievous things and to enjoy every single moment they have as a team because times goes fast especially when you are having fun.

"I feel very proud of myself but I think that without my team's help I could

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DESK**My Favorite Christmas Gift**

When I was a little girl, one of my favorite playthings was paper dolls. My mother subscribed to McCall's magazine and each month, in the centerfold of the magazine, was a new Betsy McCall paper doll with some paper outfits. My younger sister Pixie and I alternated months and had a wonderful time pretending with our dolls having tea parties, picnics, and other special events. To our excitement, Betsy was made into a real doll. We knew exactly what we would ask from Santa for Christmas that year. The only time that we got a new toy was at Christmas and you better believe when we told Santa, at the Coal Mine Company Store, that we would be very good, we kept our promise (at least I did). We could hardly sleep that Christmas Eve, waiting to hear Santa's sleigh bells and the reindeer on the roof. I am sure that we heard them just before we drifted off to sleep. When we awoke in the morning, Santa had brought our dolls, just as he had promised. My sister and I still reminisce about our Betsy dolls and how special they were.

What really made Christmas special at our home was that we not only looked forward to Santa and his gifts, but we knew the real meaning of Christmas – that the gifts which we received were a reminder of God's gift of the baby Jesus. Each Christmas Eve, we went to church and participated in the Christmas pageant and the story never grows old. Our Betsy McCall dolls have disappeared long ago, but those precious times live on in our hearts. The birth of the Christ child was more than two thousand years ago, but the gift lives on. It is as real today as when the angels first proclaimed "Glory to the newborn King!" My Christmas wish for each of you is that you experience the joy of the Christmas season – reliving old memories, making new memories, and reflecting once again on the gift of the baby Jesus, born to be our Savior.

## Pan Am's Art History Class

■ by Daniel Victoria

Staff Writer

Presbyterian Pan American School encourages students to get closer to God and experience a good Christian life. This year, as usual, the school offers New Testament and Old Testament courses but for the first time, a new class called New Testament Arts is offered. The class is taught by Joshua Perkins, who is also a geography teacher. "New Testament Arts is a class that relates scriptures to modern life," Perkins said.

The class deals with the influences that religion has on modern life, art politics and architecture, he said.

During the course, the students have been assigned to develop several projects, but one of the most creative



From left, Eaglets II Viviana Garcia, 16, and Joshua Perkins with Garcia's chapel. Garcia was the only student in Perkins' class to receive a grade of 100.

was creating a church.

"I wanted them to create a place of worship of their own. I wanted to know how a church should look for them," Perkins said.

The churches were made of supplies and materials such as cardboard, color paper, glue, crayons

and markers.

The students had one week to complete the project.

"I think it was a difficult but a very interesting assignment to do. I really enjoyed it," said Cheol Jong Yoo, 16-year-old Eaglets II Suk Kyun Kim, Eaglets II

class, said that it was hard work to do but when he was done, he realized that he had done a good job.

"I was really impressed with the work they did. They put a lot of thought into it," Perkins said.

**December 2009**

*National Drunk & Drugged Driving Prevention Month*

*National Stress Free Family Holidays Month*

*Universal Human Rights Month*  
*Safe Toys and Gifts Month*

**Wednesday, December 9:**

Choir at Lion's Club @ 11:45 a.m.

Faculty Meeting @ 12:15 p.m.

**Thursday, December 10:**

NHS Installation @ 1:15 p.m.

**Friday, December 11:**

Exam: 9-11 a.m.-2<sup>nd</sup> Period

Exam: 1-3 p.m.-6<sup>th</sup> Period

Girls Basketball Game @ 4:30 p.m.

**Saturday, December 12:**

Christmas Program @ 7 p.m.

**Monday, December 14:**

Exam: 9-11 a.m.-1<sup>st</sup> Period

Exam: 1-3 p.m.-5<sup>th</sup> Period

Staff Luncheon @ 11:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, December 15:**

Exam: 9-11 a.m.-3<sup>rd</sup> Period

Exam: 1-3 p.m.-7<sup>th</sup> Period

Rotary Scholarship Luncheon @ 11:45 a.m.

**Wednesday, December 16:**

Exam: 9-11 a.m.-4<sup>th</sup> Period

Teacher Workday from 1-3 p.m.

**Thursday, December 17:**

Teacher Workday from 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Grades Due, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter & Semester

**COUNSELOR'S****CORNER**

ELLIE PEREZ



## Teacher spotlight announced for December

■ by Samuel Chavez  
Staff Writer

Desiree Gutierrez, from Driscoll, enjoys shopping and watching movies, but likes to spend most of her time with her family.

She was chosen as December's teacher spotlight for Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS).

"I feel honored and surprised," Gutierrez said. "I enjoy what I do and being here at Pan Am and it feels great to be recognized."

Gutierrez studied at Texas A&M University-Kingsville, where she received her bachelor's of arts degree in communications with an emphasis in journalism.

She has been teaching at PPAS for four years and this year, she is teaching two classes of English II, two classes of Language Lab, Yearbook and Newspaper.

"I really enjoy teaching Newspaper because it's what I have always had a passion for," Gutierrez said. "I enjoy all my classes and students and I feel so comfortable here because of the family-like environment."

Gutierrez is the adviser for the student newspaper, The Eagle X-Press, and the school's yearbook. She is also one of the sponsors for the Eaglets 2 Class.

"I really like working at PPAS because it's a small school with very respectful students that you get attached to and a good faculty as well. It's a really good school," Gutierrez said.



photo by Samuel Chavez

DESIREE GUTIERREZ

## Senior chosen as student of the month

■ by Javier Villegas  
Staff Writer

Seventeen-year-old senior, from Valle Vermoso, Tamaulipas, Roberto Garza is the student of the month for November at Presbyterian Pan American School.

"I'm surprised. I didn't expect it. I don't know what I did to deserve it, I feel very proud of myself because I think I've fulfilled the teachers' expectations," Garza said.

Garza arrived in July of 2007 for the IEP Summer Program.

"I was looking for a better education and future. So I chose PPAS because my family and I believe in the high educational quality of the school," he said. He was part of the 4H Club in 2007. He showed a lamb in the Kleberg-Kennedy Junior Livestock Show.



photo by Javier Villegas

ROBERTO GARZA

He is also a Dual Credit student at Coastal Bend College and is taking English 1301 and Government.

In his spare time, he likes to listen to music and have fun with his friends. He is also part of the state soccer championship team for the 2009 fall soccer season. He played as a Mid-filder.

"I'm very proud of my team and myself. We gave our best effort to win the Championship," Garza said.

In order to receive the recognition of student of the

month, the student is evaluated by the School's Principal Dr. Barbara Stottlemeyer on his grades, activities, participation and overall accomplishments.

"What I do in class is I try to pay as much attention as I can and then before a test just go over the material a couple of times," Garza said.

His favorite subject is History and Geography.

"I always wanted to know about the variety of cultures around the world and their history," he said.

In the future he wants to pursue a career in business at either the University of Texas at San Antonio or Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

"Always set goals in life and give your best to accomplish them," Garza said.

# Q+A

WITH JUNIOR  
DEBORA HERNANDEZ

## Interview with 2009-2010 Junior Class President

■ by Jesus Flores  
Staff Writer

Q: How does it feel to be president?

A: I feel nervous and happy about it because I want to do the right thing and I want my class to feel comfortable with me as the president.

Q: Why do you think you were chosen?

A: I'm responsible and the class thought I would develop the role of being a good president.

Q: What is your job as the president?

A: Seek the junior class' well being and also to give the seniors a good prom.

Q: What other activities are you involved in?

A: I'm part of the volleyball team but being president is my major activity because the prom arrangements take most of my time.

Q: What are you planning to do as the class president in the future?

A: My first plan is to have a good prom and then I want to raise money for the senior trip.



Debora Hernandez

## WHAT IS



"THE CHRISTMAS DINNER BECAUSE IT IS THE ONLY TIME OF THE YEAR WHEN ALL THE FAMILY GETS TOGETHER."-FERNANDO MONTEMAYOR, SENIOR FROM MEXICO.

## YOUR FAVORITE



"THE GIFT EXCHANGE BECAUSE I THINK WHEN YOU GIVE, YOU CARE." -SOO WON YOO, SENIOR FROM SOUTH KOREA.

## CHRISTMAS



"WE DON'T CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS, INSTEAD WE JUST HAVE A NORMAL FAMILY DINNER."-TERRY LIANG, SENIOR FROM TAIWAN.

## TRADITION?



"WHEN MY MOM MAKES SPECIAL GERMAN COOKIES CALLED LEBKOOKEN. THOSE ARE THE BEST."- DAN MEEK, HISTORY TEACHER FROM KERRVILLE, TEXAS, U.S.

## Celebrating Christmas in different cultures

by Whamok Yang  
Staff Writer

At the beginning of December, most people already started to decorate their houses and stores are also filled with the festivities of Christmas celebration.

Christmas is one of the biggest holiday in the U.S. and Mexico. Most people spend Christmas with their family. They do several specific things on Christmas, usually like decorating the Christmas tree, exchanging Christmas presents and having a nice dinner with their family.

Especially Mexico, where there are special activities and food for Christmas. A popular Christmas food is 'romerito' and it has fried shrimp. Second is 'apple salad.' It has apples, pecans and cream. They have an activity called 'Pasada,' which is a tradition to celebrate before or after Christmas. People prepare candles and walk around with their neighbors. Some of them invite their neighbor to their house and celebrate Christmas together.

Have you ever imagined how Asia's Christmas looks? As a first example, in China, there is no Christmas. On Christmas, students still go to school and people still work. In other words, it is just a same regular day. It's not that important to celebrate Christmas to them.

"We don't celebrate Christmas. It's more of a festival day than a big holiday. Like Valentine's Day. Instead of Christmas, we celebrate New Year and Spring Festival. Even then there are some old people that don't know December 25<sup>th</sup> is Christmas," said Caiting Zheng, 16-year-old at PPAS.

In Korea, most people who believe in Jesus celebrate Christmas. Almost all stores decorate for Christmas. However, just to make it feel like Christmas. If you are Christian, people go to church and celebrate Christmas at church. Almost all churches prepare little concerts to celebrate Christmas. For others, who do not believe in Jesus, Christmas is just like a festival. If you go out on Christmas, easily you can find a lot of couples and people hanging out with their friends rather than family.

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# Choir travels to Fort Worth to perform

by Alejandra Del Real  
Staff Writer

Fifteen Presbyterian Pan American School students traveled to Fort Worth as part of the Morris Chapel Choir to perform at two churches and a home. The first church they went to sing at was First Presbyterian Church and the second was Ridglea Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Barbara Stottlemeyer, Dean of Students, chose the students because of their attitude and ability to sing, she said. The students left school on Friday, November 13, and returned on Sunday, November 15.

The purpose of the trip was to raise money for scholarships for next school year. Louis Stripling and his wife, Carol, donated money for a new building for the school and hosted a brunch on Saturday for 30-40 people who enjoyed a choir performance and heard Dr. James Matthews, PPAS President, speak about Pan Am's mission.

Choir members also visited the zoo during their trip and went to a football game at Texas Christian University (TCU), where TCU played against UTAH.

Fun, exiting and entertaining is how Cecilia Moreno, 16 year old junior, described her trip. She said that she was exiting watching people in the audience singing with them while the choir was performing. "I had a lot of fun. It was the best trip I have ever gone on at Pan Am," Moreno said.

16-yearold junior Jasiel Hernandez said that he had a good time as well.

"It was a great experience to perform in the churches and I feel good representing the school," Hernandez said. "The part I liked the most was being at the game and watching all of the people yelling and screaming for the team," he said.



Choir members performed in Fort Worth over the weekend of Nov. 13-15 at two churches and a home.



Choir members attended a Texas Christian University game against Utah during their choir trip to Fort Worth.

## Two students perform with regional choir

by Whamok Yang  
Staff Writer

photo by Whamok Yang

On November 14, 2009, two students from Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) performed with the Regional Choir at Rockport Fulton High School in Corpus Christi in front of parents, teachers and staff from surrounding schools.



PAUL VILCHEZ (L) AND REYNALDO TORRES

Reynaldo Torres and Paul Vilchez advanced to Regional Choir at the competition on November 7 that was held at Tuloso-Midway High School in Corpus Christi.

"I'm glad to being part of the regional choir 2009 because I think God gave me the opportunity," said Torres, junior, part tenor 2.

The two had been practicing several songs for this performance such as Abendlied, I'm Seventeen Come Sunday, Ave Maria, Blow Ye The Trumpet, Joshua Fit The Battle of Jericho and the National Anthem.

"It was fine. We really learned a lot from this performance and I hope next year we can make all state choir," said Vilchez, Junior, part tenor 2.

I will practice a lot more than before and if God gives me more opportunity, I will do all-state choir as a tenor 1, Torres said.

"The concert was outstanding and our students performed well. It was wonderful opportunity for students to be able to perform with the all area choir group. Many of our choir members will be eligible to try out next year. This year's experience has broadened their knowledge of choir competition. It is the goal of our school to increase participation in fine arts events," said Dr. Barbara Stottlemeyer, Dean of Students at PPAS.

# PPAS PLACES 3RD AT TOURNAMENT

by Ana J. Gonzalez

Staff Writer

Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) held their annual boys basketball tournament from November 19-21 at PPAS and PPAS' first team won third place at the tournament.

Eight teams participated in the tournament including Ben Bolt JV, H.M. King Freshmen, New Covenant, Academy High School, Christian Life and PPAS' 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> team.

PPAS 1<sup>st</sup> team took their first win against Academy School. The second game

was against Christian Life where the Eagles lost, 39-41. The last time was on Saturday, November 21 against H.M. King where the Eagles took the victory, 37-41.

PPAS 2<sup>nd</sup> team lost two games, the first against New Covenant and the second against Ben Bolt JV. Eagles' 3<sup>rd</sup> team lost two games against Christian Life and Academy.

At the end of the tournament, Christian Life Academy won first place,

New Covenant won second place, and PPAS' 1<sup>st</sup> team took third place.

"They did excellent. They played as a team and worked together," said Coach Dan Meek. "I'm proud of them."

We were disappointed when we lost against Christian Life, said Arnaldo Rodriguez.

"This made us notice what we were doing wrong and what we need to do to

improve," Rodriguez said.

"We did our best and we had fun," said Rafael Murgia. "But we are working hard to improve and win the next games."



The Presbyterian Pan American School boys basketball team #1 placed third at the school's annual tournament, held from Nov. 19-21 at PPAS.

## Lady Eagles basketball face loss

by Jimena Hernandez

Managing Editor

The 2009-2010 girls basketball season started on November 20, 2009, in Kingsville with Presbyterian Pan American School's (PPAS) Lady Eagles against H.M. King's Lady Brahmas. PPAS was defeated with a final score of, 9-32.

The second game of the season was played in McAllen on Tuesday, November 24 against Faith Baptist Academy with a score of, 9-46, where our Lady Eagles were defeated.

This year's team consists of 24 members and 12 of them belong to the "A" team. "What I expect from this year are players that leave everything in the court and play the hardest," said Reili Cantu said, girl's basketball coach.

Cantu said that the girls have done a good job but they are very young. Only two of the players on the team have played basketball before, so she had to start from the very basics.

Keyla Cadena, a 16-year-old junior and captain of the basketball team, joined the team because she likes to play sports and to take a break from homework and school related things.

"I have played for two years, since my sophomore year. What I like the most is that we are getting united as a team but also we are becoming good friends," Cadena said.

I hope this year we have a lot of victories and good opponents. Our goal as a team is to have an excellent team and to make the school proud, said Anyul Abud, 16-year-old Junior from San Luis Potosi,



The Presbyterian Pan American School girls basketball team lost to Faith Baptist Academy, 9-46, on Nov. 24

Mexico.

"I think that the games we have played are the start of something new. Nervousness is an element that had interceded our thoughts and movements, but there is always an extra opportunity to make a better effort," Abud said.

Florestela Flores joined the basketball team because it is her last year and she likes to stay healthy and play sports.

"My favorite thing about the basketball team is that we win or lose all as a family," said Flores, 17-year-old senior.

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not do it. Soccer has been my passion since I was a kid. Now it is my moment to leave the team and let others have the same opportunity as I did to win future championships. I hope to play in college as a professional player," Gomez said.

Zavala said that it was an awesome experience being on the team this year.

"My role model is Memo Ochoa, a Mexican goal keeper. He is awesome and every time I see him playing I feel like I want to play like him, with that spirit and dedication," Zavala said.

photo by Javier Villegas



## Fall Formal held at PPAS

■ by Viviana Garcia

Staff Writer

On November, 21, 2009, the students of Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) attended the school's annual fall formal, which included a traditional dinner followed by a dance at the SUB on campus.

The banquet was organized by the Eaglets I and II class. The banquet was opened by Dr. Barbara Stottlemeyer, Dean of students. The purpose of this banquet is to celebrate thanksgiving and give the students the opportunity of being with their friends before they all leave to their houses for the thanksgiving break.

Students, faculty and staff were served turkey, stuffing and green beans. For dessert, pumpkin pie, carrot cake and cookies were provided, all by the dining hall staff.

The Eaglets II class decorated the dining hall with white table



The senior class at Fall Formal Banquet on Nov. 21.

cloths that had leaves painted along the side. The tables were covered with hay and a candle in the center, decorations hung from the ceiling including a Happy Thanksgiving banner over the buffet of food.

"The banquet was so good, and the Eaglets I and II class did a good job, I really enjoyed it," said Paul Vilchez, 17-year-old junior and student council member.

After the banquet students went to the SUB for a dance that was decorated by the Eaglets I class. The dance played

all kinds of music including techno, reggeaton and the last hour, the student's danced cumbia's with their partners.

"I liked the decorations for the sub and I enjoyed the dance," said Nam Kim, 15-year-old sophomore and member of the Eaglets II class.

The sub was full of students dancing, having a good time, and enjoying the snacks from the concession stand held by the student council, said Keyla Cadena, 16-year-old junior.

photo by Soo Won Yoo

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lecting money at school in addition to products so that products could be purchased in bulk. Cantu also has a friend that will be returning to Iraq for the second time. "I feel they do a lot for us and it is the least we can do for them," she said. Salinas said students are highly motivated. "If they couldn't help with money or products, it could be with prayers. Prayers and thoughts are always welcome to God," Salinas said. PPAS has contributed 100 dollars and a full box of products altogether. Salinas said she is very happy with the results. "Actually, the result exceeded my expectations," she said. Salinas gives thanks for supporting her brother and his unit during their mission. "I want to thank everybody for their contributions and support," she said.

## Christmas Program set for Dec 12

■ by Samuel Chavez

Staff Writer

Presbyterian Pan American School's (PPAS) Christmas program is set for Saturday, December 12 at 7 p.m. on campus. The event, "Lessons in Care" is the service, that will take place at The Morris Chapel with the choir singing Christmas songs. The choir will be singing Hark the Herald Angels sing, Peace on this silent night, Vamos Todos a Belen and Joy to the World. Reynaldo Torres, Cecilia Moreno, Paul Vilchez and Ismael Sandoval will be singing a solo through the event. After the service, students, faculty and staff will have a Christmas dinner banquet and a gift exchange. We will have a traditional banquet with many kinds of desserts such as cakes, candies, Chocolates etc., said Marlene Zamora, Dining Hall Supervisor. Student Council will be in charge of decorating the Dining Hall. The gift exchange, followed by the dinner, includes putting all the presents under the Christmas tree before the banquet even begins. Each student, approximately 130, at PPAS draws another student's name and becomes that person's Secret Santa. After dinner, students receive their presents, being called by their names by Santa Claus, Dr. James Matthews, and PPAS President. Matthews has been Santa Claus for the gift exchange at PPAS for 12 years. Ismael Sandoval is a senior and he already bought his gift. "I think it's nice to do this because it gives us the opportunity to make someone else happy," Sandoval said. The night will conclude with a formal dance for the students at the classroom building next to the decorated Christmas tree.

## PPAS supports Toys for Tots

■ by Tania Rodriguez

Editor-in-Chief

The junior class at Presbyterian Pan American School is organizing the campaign, Toy for Tots, for the first time. This is a tradition that was started by the U.S. Marine Corps in the 1950's in effort to give toys for children and families in need. It is a nationwide campaign organized every year at Christmas time.

The junior class is in charge of collecting money and toys. All students and staff members are invited to participate in this campaign. After collecting the money, the junior class will spend it to buy toys for kids of ages from toddler to teenagers.

The juniors decided to start this campaign because they thought it would be a good idea for them as community service and at the same time to help children.

It was Diane Garcia's, junior class sponsor and English IV teacher, idea.

"Part of students' life here at PPAS is also being part of the community of Kingsville and it is important to educate the students to participate in community service," she said.

The toys will be given on December 9 to a collection area in town at city hall.

The junior class has earned about 30 dollars and they are expecting to multiply this amount. "We are hoping to get at least a dollar from each student or whatever the teachers want to donate," Garcia said.

We think it is a good idea and helping these kids is also helping our community, said Debora Hernandez, junior class president.

# PPAS Survival Guide: Money Management

■ by Daniel Victoria

*Staff Writer*

Another important responsibility to take on once students have arrived to attend and live at Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) is money management. After settling with your roommate and learning to do your own laundry, a major part of being on your own is handling your money. Being a teenager isn't easy and the situation can get a little complicated when money is placed in our hands and our parents are not around. It's true that we are all capable of handling money; the point is using it the right way. Teenagers like to own new and not-so-very cheap things: cell phones, MP3s, cameras, designer clothes and those things that need our parents' wallet. PPAS offers a system of accounts that every student can have just by putting money in it. If you have a great amount of green papers in your hands, don't think about it twice and go and give it to Mrs. Carmen Gonzalez (Bank). She is in charge of putting it into your account and taking care of it. Doing this will help you manage your money in a better way and not lose it. It's important to know how much money you have so you can skip problems while buying some snacks at Wal-Mart or paying for admission at the movies. Before getting something, you should think and then act. What does that mean? It means to do the math correctly and think if you really need that thing, then act; leave it or not. No matter how many times you have waited to get those Salvatore Ferragamo pair of shoes or how great the Hugo Boss fits you, if you know that you will not be able to pay for it or you can buy it but won't have enough money left for your school supplies, do not buy it and try to find better options to your situation. You don't want to be in that uncomfortable situation where you have to tell your parents you spent all the money they have sent you for a month. So, whenever you are tempted to get expensive things that you don't really need, think carefully because there's no reverse and there might not be any money coming from your parents for a long time. It may be difficult at first, but you'll see that there are more important things than getting an awesome laptop like paying the tuition of a private school, buying the food you need to survive or even pay the public transportation that takes you from place to place. There's a million ways to save money, the one who is in charge of practicing them is you. Resist your favorite store sale and save the hidden lonely coins under your bed, you'll see that money problems, best known as debts, bankrupts and poorness won't come to your life. Have respect for money and don't let it drive you crazy. Be intelligent and make the right decisions.

## Twilight Saga: New Moon is a must see

■ by Jesse Flores

*Staff Writer*

The Twilight Saga New Moon, directed by Chris Weitz, begins its' adventure with Isabella's (Kristen Stewart) birthday, who is the only person unhappy about becoming a year older because it reminds her that she is getting older than her boyfriend, Edward (Robert Pattinson). Edward and Alice prepare a little celebration at their place with the whole family, but when she gets a paper cut while opening a present, Jasper, the less experienced with thirsts control, gets hypnotized by the smell of the blood, and tries to attack Bella. Edward had to push Bella away and he and his brothers had to take care of Jasper.

Edward decides that it is better for Bella if she doesn't sees him ever again, so he leaves her heart broken and alone. Bella goes through



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times of depression for the following months till she finds comfort and relieve in her friend Jacob Black (Taylor Lautner), who eventually turns into a werewolf and joins a pack of wolves with a mission to kill vampires.

Bella forms an addiction to doing dangerous activities like motorcycle riding and cliff diving because it makes her see and hear hallucinations from Edward. Thanks to a misunderstanding, Edward believes that Bella has committed suicide and goes to the Volturi to provoke them into killing him. Bella immediately rushes to Italy with Alice to get to Edward.

I strongly recommend to Twilight fans to watch this movie and if you like science fiction romance novels, you won't regret watching this film. But, if you are looking to see a war between vampires and werewolves, this movie definitely will not satisfy you.