



Annual Fall Luncheon held at Pan American School

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Many people think of Thanksgiving as a wonderful time to celebrate getting out of school for a long weekend and eating a great dinner or, maybe they think it is the start of the Christmas holiday season. What is the real meaning behind Thanksgiving?

On November 19, Presbyterian Pan American School held a luncheon at

the school's cafeteria in order to share and enjoy Thanksgiving Day. All the students and teachers attended the luncheon after an early release from fourth period.

"I liked this year's luncheon more than last year because everything was organized and the food was really good," said Junior Abigail Donjuan.

The Fall Luncheon was organized by



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Students at Pan American School's Annual Fall Luncheon.

the kitchen staff and Ellie Perez, School Principal. Pan Am has

celebrated this day for years and will continue to because it offers the

perfect moment to pause and reflect on all that's happened through the spring and summer and to enjoy the warmth of those who will see us through the coming year, Perez said.

"Besides it is a nice tradition sharing a time together as a family. Thanksgiving is important because it shows our thankfulness to God for everything He has given us," said Senior

Sarai Bernardino. Even though for most of the students at Pan Am, Thanksgiving Day is a new tradition, the student body likes it and participates in it.

"I never used to do this before. This is new to me but I think it is important because we thank God for everything He gives us every day," said Sophomore Ana Karen Davila.

Seniors work with TAMUK

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Katharine Kriegel, English Teacher gave the students with the top 10 research papers from last year's Juniors in English class, who are now seniors, the opportunity to go to Texas A&M University-Kingsville (TAMUK) to learn and transform thier papers into Turabian style.

The top 10 seniors are Emmanuel Rosano, Katia Navar, Job Ramirez, Regina Hernandez, Klarissa Rodriguez, Nathan Zelaya, Jimena Gonzalez, Cynthia Jacobo, Elizabeth Aguilar and Santiago Nava. All the students chose different topics. 17-year-old Navar picked her topic about Hurricane Katrina. "It's interesting for me to know about the issues that are happening around



photo provided by: Katharine Kriegel
Seniors working wtih TAMUK

the world," Navar said.

She prefers to write her research paper in MLA Style because Turabian is a long process. The difference between MLA (Modern Language Association) and Turabian (Chicago) style that MLA is for subjects related to the humanities and liberal arts and Turabian is designed for all types of college students in all types of subjects. "MLA Format was used

in the initial research paper, later we used Turabian for the symposium. MLA Format was easier at the moment of citing my sources, however the other style was better in matter of History paper, because my topic talk about Alexander the Great and the Hydaspes Battle," said 17-year-old Ramirez. They are going to TAMUK during the 10 weeks to finished their symposium.

18-year-old Hernandez chose her topic about Women's Suffrage.

"I became very curious about how slaves got the right to vote first and not the women from their own country," Hernandez said. I felt very pleased because we worked very hard to do our research paper and to know we were selected make me feel it was worth it," Hernandez also said

New members inducted into NHS

■ by Adriana Sanchez
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On December 7th, Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) had their National Honor Society (NHS) induction, recognizing outstanding high school members. NHS is an organization created to recognize distinguish high school students. Judges for this program were Principal Ellie Perez, Math Teacher Hardy Robertson, and English Teacher Diane Garcia. Members for this organization outstand from all of their classes, not just academically, but also in areas such as scholarship, leadership,

service and character.

"I was selected last year, and since then I have felt more responsibility at school. I also serve others that need my help and try to always give a good attitude about everything" said Senior Santiago Nava.

Nava also said that he is really proud of everyone chosen this year.

"I think students are chosen because of their hard work within a positive attitude, they deserve this recognition," Nava said.

Senior Andrea Morton, also selected last year, said that most

of these new members were really nervous the day of the induction. Junior and Senior students are only for NHS. They also have to be outstanding students, and they have to write an essay based on character, leadership, service, and scholarship.

"Yeah, I saw some of my friends at nights trying to reach perfection on their papers, and going crazy on how many pages to write, how to start, and all that kind of stuff. I remember myself acting the same way last year, it was hard, but it's all worth it," Morton said.

Lady Eagles beat Orange Grove

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On November 27, 2012, the first home game for the Presbyterian Pan American School girls basketball team (Lady Eagles) was held. They led the game since the beginning. The Lady Eagles were not only good at offense, but also good at defense.

They worked hard and finally, they won against Orange Grove Freshmen. The Lady Eagles scored 38, and their opponent scored 18. It was a big win with



photo by: Hyun Suk Choi
Lady Eagles girls basketball against Orange Grove

a 20 - point gap. Every teammate worked to score a goal. Hefzi Jimenez, 16-year-old junior and captain of Lady Eagles, was the top scorer during this game.

"It was a new experience to play here. I was nervous at

first when I saw people watching us, but after I realized most of people were my friends, who cheered for us, I felt excited about it. It was a great game," said Klarissa Rodriguez, 17-year-old senior, and captain of Lady Eagles.

Boys basketball gets one victory and one loss

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On November 20, the boy's basketball team played two home games against Banquete. The J.V. team won one of them with the score of 48 to 41 against Banquete's B team, nonetheless the Varsity team could not have a victory. The J.V.'s game elapsed with 14 faults for each team in the whole game, but the home team did not give up and started to look for rebounds. After some attempts, the home team could get some. The players gave their best to get baskets such as Magdiel Alaniz, Prince Kamalindi, and Zack Duran, between others to obtain the



photo by: Libni Robles
Pan American Boys Basketball against Banquete

triumph. The J.V. team was very excited about their performance because it was their first victory of the season.

"I feel very good because we played so well as a team and we had a lot of fun," said Orlando Cepeda, 18-year-old.

The J.V. team has

improved this season and is getting better with each practice, said Edgar Garcia, manager of the team.

The Varsity team also had great participation on the court but fell short to Banquete's A team. The final score was 36 to 76, giving the

victory to the visiting team. The recognizable coordination of the Banquete's A team was one factor that gave them the triumph, Garcia said. Even though the referee did not mark the multiples faults to Banquetes's A team, the home players gave their best such as Gustave Rumongi, Nathan Zelaya, and Daniel Ishimwe to score a basket. Daniel Meek, coach of the team, said that the Varsity team played well but it was not enough to win the game, nevertheless the J. V. team had a great performance showing its improvement, winning their first game of the season.

Lady Eagles soccer takes 2nd victory

■ by Armando Navar
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Lady Eagles soccer wins 2nd game of the season.

On Friday, November 30, 2012, the girls soccer team played against John Paul II. Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) won their second game of this season with the score, 3-0. This game against John Paul II was very interesting because the students from PPAS have never seen the girls play soccer like last friday.

Rosita Galvan, 16-year-old Junior, said that soccer is her favorite sport and her family also is good players. Galvan is motivated by her brother, Sergio Galvan, who teaches her everything that he knows about playing. "I play a striker. It is exciting to wait for the ball and watch everybody in their positions," Galvan said.

Galvan said that she never played as a team before, but she played with her family. Galvan said that it is sad when the soccer team loses games, but she feels happy because she gets better every soccer game, and that is important.

"I always give everything that I have because it is a game and if I do not, then the team will get mad," said Katia Navar.

Navar feels good when she plays soccer because she loves playing soccer on the field, she said.

"I like when I see girls play together, like when they have communication, and control when somebody surprises in a good way," said Reili Cantu, Girls Soccer Coach.

Cantu said that she likes to be the coach because she thinks that is important to help the soccer team to win, and because she likes to talk with the girls out of the school.



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Rotarian Mike Desiderio and Senior Katia Navar

PPAS senior named Rotary Student of the Month

by Jadhi Sosa
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17-Year-old Senior Katia Navar, from Valle Hermoso, Mexico has been recognize as the Rotary Club's Student of the Month for November from Presbyterian Pan American school (PPAS).

She received a certificate and a scholarship to Texas A&M University Kingsville by Rotarian

Mike Desiderio.

Navar said she feels really excited and special because she received this scholarship.

"The best of all this effort about studying is that at the end, you receive the best, the reward," Navar said.

Navar said that she feels very happy because this will help her to study a good profession.

"All the hard work and effort that you do many jobs, many tasks at the end always has something good for you," Navar said.

She said that all her classes help her to learn something new each day and she is thankful for all her teachers for helping her.

"I make all this effort to one day to be able to fulfill all

my dreams," Navar said.

She felt good because this scholarship can help her dreams of being a dentist.

"I felt very proud of myself when I received this award because I did not know I was going to receive it," she said. She studied a lot to be ready for college and study dentistry and odontology.

Senior Class Vice President named Student of the Month

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17-year-old Senior Santiago Nava, from Mexico City, has been select as the student of the month for November at Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS).

"It surprised me actually, but at the same time it makes me happy because it reflects that my work is being noticed," Nava said.

Nava said that his grandfather has always been his role model.

"It makes my family happy, too and they feel proud of me.



photo by: Adriana Sanchez
Senior Santiago Nava

They appreciate my effort," Nava said.

Nava said that being the student of the month shows him that he has to keep working hard because he wants to be seen as a role model for younger generations.

His best class is Physics, because it is dynamic and he has an amazing teacher. His best grade is 92 in US History, he said.

"I believe all the teachers are proud of all the students. I'm not sure if my classmates are proud of me however I think they encourage me to work hard," Nava said.

Nava thinks that anyone could be the student of the month, because they just have to work hard in all their classes.

"If I could, I would be happy to be the student of the month again," Nava said.

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18-year-old senior Adriana Sanchez, from Mexico City, has been selected as the student of the month for December at Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS).

Sanchez said that her inspiration to be the best student in at school is her parents.

"I don't really know if my classmates are proud of me, but I know that my parents are,"



photo by: Osmara Perez

Senior Adriana Sanchez

Sanchez said.

Sanchez said that she loves to be the student of the month, because she can show how smart she is and her effort.

"Being the student of the month makes me feel good

about myself," Sanchez said.

Sanchez said that anyone can be student of the month if they are responsible, behave and are positive about life.

Pre-Cal with Hardy Robertson is her best subject and her best grade is 97.

"Sometimes I don't do that much studying, but I do pay attention in all my classes to grasp all the information. It's much easier to study and it helps me a lot," Sanchez said.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Breaking Dawn, Part 2 is finally here

by Enrique Varela
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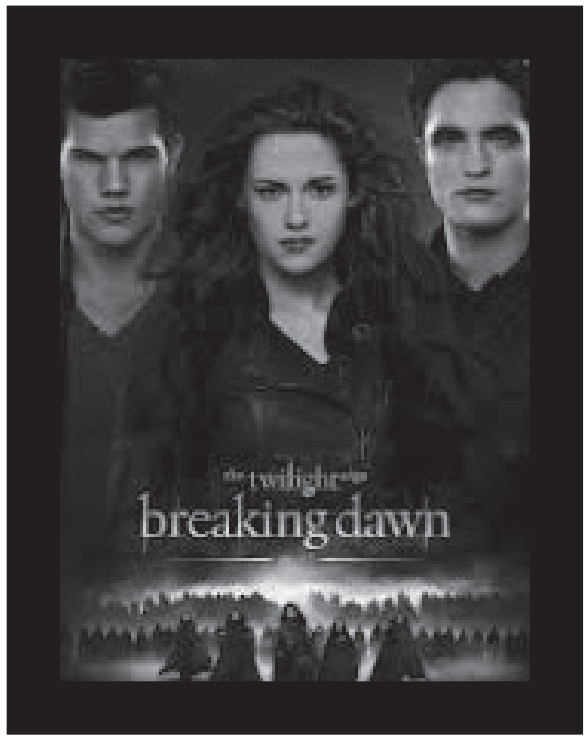


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The astonishing conclusion to the series, The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn, Part 2 was finally out and the wait was over. This movie was based on the novel Breaking Dawn by Stephenie Meyer. The second part of a two-part film forms the fifth and final movie of the series The Twilight Saga, and is the conclusion of the 2011 film. The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn – Part 1, according to www.imdb.com, all three main cast members, Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson, and Taylor Lautner, reprise their roles, with Mackenzie Foy portraying Renesmee, Bella's and Edward's daughter.

Even though the movie was slightly different from the book, the movie was well directed and had caught the attention and fulfilled the hopes of the fans.

The plot of the movie starts with the awakening of Bella Cullen as she is transform to a vampire after giving birth to Renesmee, Bella's life has change forever and she will have to find the way to adapt to this life as quickly as possible, the volturi an old evil clan formed from the most experienced and skilled vampires in Europe, is trying to end Renesmee's life because she is a half human half vampire. Bella will have to lead the battle to protect what she most loves in the world or giving up hope.

Looking to the other "Twilight" movies, I would say that the movie has been well directed just like the other ones and that they decided to change the movie from the book, giving the movie the final epic fight. I also love that the producers made two movies for this last book because it is such a long book/story to fit in just one movie. I highly recommend watching this movie.

Theatre Arts places 2nd at TAPPS Regionals

by Ana Luisa Martinez
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The Presbyterian Pan American performing arts club presented the play "Soldadera" by Josefina Niggli in Kerrville on November 17. The club won 2nd place in the TAPPS Regional One Act Play Competition of 2012. The play was about the Mexican revolution in 1914 and the roles women had at the time. The play takes place in the Sierra Madre Mountains near the capital city of Saltillo in the northern state of Coahuila, Mexico.

Regina Hernandez, a senior, won the title of best actress by playing "Concha", the leader of the group of soldaderas guarding the ammunitions. On the all



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Cast of "Soldadera" placed 2nd.

star cast awards Sebastian Guerrero, a junior, won the title by playing the "Rich One", a prisoner of the soldaderas and a federalist. Freshmen Natalia Martinez won the title of all star cast by playing "Maria", one of the soldaderas and the sentinel. Student Francisco Porras, a junior, won the title of all star crew for his job on the music for the play. For last, junior Carolina Escamilla won the title

of honorable mention by playing the "Blond One", one of the soldaderas and the ammunition guard.

Escamilla said that she liked playing the Blond One.

"Even after all that happened to my character I was a strong woman," she said.

The performing arts director, Rick Saenz, said he is very proud of all the students because at first, students had no experience, but all

grew in their own way and tremendously. He said he is especially proud of Hernandez and Escamilla since they were the ones that grew in their acting the most.

For the students, the rehearsals were the best part of doing the play.

During rehearsals, Saenz said, everyone took direction well and they immediately did what they were supposed to.

Guerrero said that he liked rehearsals because there were a lot of funny moments.

For the future, the club is planning on doing a Christmas play.

The play is called "El Trompo" and they will present it at the school on December 7th.

Students named to President's List and Top AR Readers

by Merry Kim
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On November 14th, 27 students had an opportunity to have a special trip to Corpus Christi. There were 16 students on the president's list, the list of students who made 95+ averages in the first report card, and 11 students as top readers in each class.

"I was happy that I had been chosen as a top AR reader. I didn't have a good grade

at the first month because I didn't know much English. But now I am proud of myself," said Seong Ju Yang, 17-year-old freshman from Korea.

The 27 students with Rebecca Perkins, English teacher, left campus at 9:30 in the morning and came back at 4:30. They went to the mall in Corpus, had lunch at the mall, and watched

a movie at Tinseltown. Perez said that the students did what they were supposed to do and had good grades. That's why they received a reward as having a special trip.

"When I saw my name on the president's list, I felt very happy and proud of myself because it's a promise that I made to my parents that one day I would

be there and the day came," said 16-year-old Sophomore Monika Ruiz.

Since the 2nd report card is coming up soon, there are some expectations for another special trip but Perez is not planning yet, she said.

"Students are supposed to do what they are supposed to do without getting something," Perez said.