

PPAS to hold 3rd Annual Fall Festival Oct. 29

by Jose Torres
 Front Page Editor

On October 29, Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS), is going to celebrate its third annual Fall Festival, with different games and activities to entertain students, staff and the community. Ellie Perez, Principal at PPAS, said she thinks the Fall Festival is a great activity for the community

to have fun in a safe environment. "I love the fall festival. It is a good opportunity for the community to have safe fun. It comes from an old tradition celebrating the fall harvesting," Perez said. Sylvia Gonzalez, Physics Teacher at PPAS, who has been participating at the organization of this festivity said she thinks the fall festival is a chance

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Fall Festival 2011
 October 29th (Saturday)
 4pm-8pm

*games *prizes *candy *food court
 *hay rides *costume contest *dunking booth
 *moon jump

Hay rides, Dinosaur Moon Jump, Dunking Booth, Cookie Decorating, Face Painting, Students will dress up

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to show the outside community that PPAS is working hard. Among the games are "face painting," the "Dinosaur Moon Jump," the "Dunking Booth," "Hay Rides," and the popular "Jail House," where for just two dollars, anybody is able to be put in jail. There will be a food court, prizes and the students will dress up as well. Abdiel Duran, 17-year-old Senior at PPAS, is one of the many students who has

been working to make this activity a success. "I think this activity (the Fall Festival) is a good chance to spend time with our families and friends. I also think it implies a lot of work for many people, it is tiring, but it is worth the effort," Duran said. Yi Guo, 17-year-old Junior at PPAS said she is excited and wants to play every game at the Fall Festival, expecting to have a good day.

Pan Am recognizes Red Ribbon Week

by Daniel Victoria
 Editor-in-Chief

October is a month full of celebrations at Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS). Breast cancer, Fall Festival and the annual costume dance are just some of the activities that will be taking place at the school. And now that October is coming to an end, Red Ribbon Week is about to be celebrated during the last week of the 10th month of the year.

Red Ribbon Week is the oldest drug-free campaign celebrated in the United States by hundreds of schools all across the country in memory of agent Enrique Camarena, who died while trying to protect his country (USA) from drug dealers. During this week, students are able to relax a little bit by wearing "crazy socks", caps, jerseys and red t-shirts to show their support towards this very important cause. "Red Ribbon Week is one of my favorite weeks of the year. I really enjoy wearing different types of clothes



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PPAS will honor Red Ribbon Week Oct. 24-28

and accessories during that week. My favorite day is the "jersey" day," said 18-year-old Senior Cheol Jong Yoo. At PPAS, it has become a tradition to have a "drug-free walk" at the end of the week. Each class makes banners displaying "no drugs" phrases. Students walk

around the school, cheering and spreading "drug-free" messages to teachers and staff members. At the end of the parade, teachers get together to decide what class had the best banner. The class that wins, gets a free pizza party. "I think that it's a good idea to encourage students to support this cause by offering them a pizza party. But I also believe that we all should do it not because the free food, but because we really need to convince teenagers that drugs are just really bad things," said 17-year-old Senior Liliana Hernandez. Red Ribbon Week is a time to think about the problems that drugs usually involve and the many terrible consequences that they bring. 17-year-old Senior Liliana Hernandez said that teenagers should always keep in mind that drugs are way too far from making people cool or happy. "Drugs are a big problem these days, but when people get together, even the scariest giants come down," she finally said.

Homecoming celebrated with pep rally, dinner & dance

by Marian Moranchel
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On Friday October 14th, Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) was all blue, ready to celebrate the 2011 Homecoming not only with a dance, but with a dinner as well.

On Friday, cheerleaders decorated the school's gym, classroom building and the Student Union Building (SUB). During 5th period all students and faculty on campus went to the gym. With much cheer and dance, cheerleaders presented their work and entertained the students during the event. Coach Reili Cantu, Director of Athletics, soccer and cross country members, giving special recognition to seniors. "I believe Homecoming turned out to be a success and everyone seemed to have enjoyed it. The cheerleader managers put forth a lot of effort into



Provided by: Daniel Victoria
PPAS Alumni at dinner Sat. Oct. 15

making it enjoyable for the student body and staff," said Sylvia Gonzales, Cheerleading Coach. Freshman Marcela Fernandez and Daniel Valencia were chosen as Sweethearts. Orlando Cepeda and Carolina Escamilla were Dutch and Duchess for the sophomore class. Junior Prince and Princess were Uzziel Garcia and Adriana Sanchez. As King and Queen of the senior class, Marco Enriquez and Paola Flores were chosen. A soccer and volleyball game followed after classes, both teams won the games. After the

celebrating, students attended a dance in the SUB which started at 7 and finished at 10:30. "It was a great dance. I took a lot of pictures with my friends and danced until the end," said Raisa Santos, 14-year-old Freshman. The next evening, current senior students, staff members, graduates from the 50's, 60's and recent graduates were invited to a "Salute to Alum" dinner. Seniors Daniel Victoria, Liliana Hernandez and Abdiel Duran talked about their experiences and life at PPAS. Later during the event, graduates were invited to share their past experiences on the microphone. They gave advice to the current seniors. Seniors were told them to enjoy their last year of high school and made them realize what a big family PPAS is. In the end everyone joined a big circle holding hands and sang the school's song, "On Eagles Wings."

SPORTS

Boys soccer named District Champs

by Daniel Victoria
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The Eagles soccer team just added another victory for their record. On October 14, 2011, the team defeated Keystone High School from San Antonio, 2-0, at the game that took place at Presbyterian Pan American School's soccer field. After the game, the Eagles could finally confirm that they had officially received first place at the district level.



Photo by: Daniel Victoria

old Senior Bernardo Montalvo who works as manager of the team. During the game, which started at 4:30 and ended at 6 o'clock, the team was always supported by students, teachers and some staff members. The cheerleader

2011 District Champs were also some of the loudest members of the audience. "It was a really good game. It is always exciting to play with the team. Friday was just perfect. The soccer team won and then we all enjoyed the homecoming dance at

"Defeating the other team was not surprising. The soccer team at Pan Am has always been great and all of the players gave their best during the game. Now we just have to worry about state," said 18-year-

16 runners compete at West Guth

by Nam Kim
 Sports Editor

On October 15, 2011, eight boys and eight girls from the cross country team at Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS), ran at a competition that took place at West Guth Park in Corpus Christi. Besides PPAS, about 25 other schools were also part of this race. "They did a pretty good job. The course they ran was longer than other competitions so I cannot say something detailed about it. I wish they could get in the top 10 teams next

competition," said Reili Cantu, who is the head coach of the cross country team and also works as the Athletic Director at PPAS. Cantu said that this last completion helped her to decide who would be going to state at Baylor in Waco. "It was really hard to run because it was too hot that day. Although the weather was not great, I am proud of the team because we did a good job," said 16-year-old Junior Cynthia Jacobo. Jacobo said that she will miss the cross country season. She

also commented that she feels like she achieved her goals during the season. "It was pretty good (referring to the last competition). This time, I did the same time just like my best record. I am proud of my teammates that competed with me," said 17-year-old Senior Abdiel Duran. Duran said that at the end of the race he felt extremely happy because even though the competition was tough and the weather was bad, he knew that he had achieved what he wanted.

PPAS starts girls soccer

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About 30 girls attended the first practice for the girls soccer team.

Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) has decided to start a new soccer athletic program for girls. About 30 girls showed up for the first practice on October 13, 2011.

"I am excited about the new girls soccer team, I will try my best to encourage them so they can be successful in their game," said Coach Reili Cantu.

Cantu also said that it is really hard to say something about the team because they are at the starting point; however she expects that players will gain competitiveness and desire to get better.

"Practice was about basic soccer and conditioning because coach wanted to see what individuals have and to build up basics so we can move on to the next process of practice," said 17-year-old Senior Jessica Sabido.

Sabido said that being part of the soccer team is interesting because she hasn't played since third grade of elementary school.

"I am really excited about soccer because it's one of my favorite sports and I wanted to learn more about it," said 17-year-old Senior Carolina Gutierrez.

Gutierrez also mentioned she will do her best at everything, give all her effort at practice and try to learn as much as she can.

Girls Volleyball ends season with victory over New Covenant

by Daniel Victoria
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On October 14th, the Eagles volleyball team from Presbyterian

Toms shoes: the shoes that give life

by Marian Moranchel
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In 2006, Blake Mycoskie, an American traveler, went to Argentina and realized how less fortunate kids had no shoes to protect their feet from ground risks. This view of the real world motivated him to try to help and gave him the idea of creating TOMS.

Later in the same year, Mycoskie went back to Argentina with family, friends, staff and 10,000 pairs of shoes to give, according to www.toms.com.

com/ourmovement. TOMS is a company that will match every pair of shoes purchased with a pair of new shoes to give to children in need. Today, this movement is called *One for One* and thousands of people are participating.

This happened thanks to people who helped by adding just one more pair of shoes in their closet.

Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) is now trying to support this cause.



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On October 13th, the Campus Ministry Council (CMC) invited all the students and staff members to participate and be part

of this movement by introducing its cause and explaining how the process works. CMC invited everyone on campus to

participate and join them in a day without shoes on October 21st but the national day without shoes is on April 5.

“Our goal as a school is to get seventy five pairs of TOMS shoes, would you join us?” said, Jessica Sabido 17-year-old Senior, during the event.

TOMS shoes are taken to several places in the world not just Argentina. Places such as Haiti, Philippines, China and Uganda are part of this cause. Children in need won't just get a single

pair. TOMS will go back the years within and give them new pairs as they grow.

Children don't need to wear shoes only for protection, hygiene or to prevent serious diseases but to be able to get an education in some places like in the US.

“In the United States, students are not allowed to attend school barefoot. Shoes are part of their uniform sometimes,” said Marla Hill, Director of Christian Life.

Student of the Month is Student Council Vice President

by Nicole Corona
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17-year-old Senior Marian Moranchel, who describes herself as dreamy, graceful and trustworthy, from Mexico City, has been chosen as student of the month at Presbyterian Pan American School for October (PPAS).

“I hope to find the place where God wants me to be after this,” Moranchel said.

During her senior year, Moranchel expects to get the best GPA possible and to be part of every activity on campus. She has been involved in volleyball, track & field, basketball, soccer, cross country manager, 4-H photography, campus ministry council



Photo by: Nicole Corona
Senior Marian Moranchel

(CMC), praise band leader, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), choir, peer support team, and drama club. She has been recognized in National Honor Society and on the honor roll and has worked as vice-president in student council. “I like to be surrounded

by nature because it gives me energy to keep up, but what I really love is to laugh a lot,” Moranchel said.

Her biggest dreams are to graduate from college, succeed in her career and to travel everywhere she can. She doesn't like to think about the future, but she would like to have a great job and a beautiful family.

She would like to study industrial engineering as her major and fine arts as her minor. Some of her college options are UT Austin, Texas Tech, and University of Arkansas (UARK).

“God and people motivate me the most because they teach me something new every day and make me be the person who I am today,” Moranchel said

Pink Saves, Think Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness Month

by Jean Pierzo
Design Editor

October is National Breast Cancer Month. Several organizations, companies and others join this cause to help the prevention and cure of breast cancer.

“Breast cancer for me is one of the most dangerous diseases and we have to help women that are fighting against this and be aware of this disease,” said 17-year-old Senior Lizzette Paredes.

Breast cancer is a malignant tumor that starts in the cells of the breast. The disease is more common in women but it is possible in men too.

“I think it is important to have a month about breast cancer because for many types of cancer there is not a lot of awareness,” said Geography and English III Teacher Katherine Kriegel.

The organization that started the awareness month is the National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (NBCAM). In 2009, NBCAM celebrated its 25th year of awareness, education and empowerment. This organization is a partnership of national public service organizations, professional medical associations, and government agencies. These organizations work together to promote breast cancer awareness, share information on the disease, and provide greater access to screening services.

Even though October is breast cancer month, the NBCAM is a year-round source for breast cancer patients, survivors, caregivers, and the general public, according to NBCAM.

“A woman should be proud of her breasts,” a phrase that Men's Health Magazine published on their October issue, supporting breast cancer.

Some organizations such as the National Football League (NFL) supports the national breast cancer. To support this cause, the NFL painted a pink ribbon on their fields and it doesn't stop there. They created a special pink line that includes caps, gloves, cleats and whistles to support the cause.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

DVD Review: X-Men First Class is

by Nicole Corona
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X-Men First Class is the prequel of the X-Men series trilogy based on the Marvel comics. It was released in June 2011 in the United States and on DVD in October 2011. It is a super hero action drama film produced by Bryan Singer and filmed by Matthew Vaughn. This prequel focuses mainly on the relationship between Charles Xavier (Erick McAvoy) and Erik Lensherr “Magneto” (Michael Fassbender) and how for the first time the existence of super heroes is recognized, according to tdailyplanet.net.

The story takes place during the Cold War and the Cuban Missile Crisis. Xavier and Lesherr met during a mission trying to catch Sebastian Shaw, who is a mutant that is threatening the world. Then Lesherr and Xavier ally to form a “mutant” army against Shaw to prevent World War III. This movie also tells how Lesherr and Xavier became enemies and separated into the first generation of X-Men. X-Men First Class has excellent critics and is a good prequel of the trilogy of the X-Men series. It has good action scenes that will keep the audience amused until the end. According to hollywoodreporter.com, this movie is not only the best one of the X-Men series but the best adaptation of a Marvel title yet.

Technology used in art class through Iphone

by Jose Torres
Front Page Editor

Technology plays an important role in every aspect of life and Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) is not the exception. The use of technology has become fundamental in almost every classroom, not just in the learning process in most of the basic classes like English and Math, but also in classes like Art, where the facilities of technology are helping to learn.

June Cress, Art teacher at PPAS, said that even when she does not really like to use technology, some new tools have become

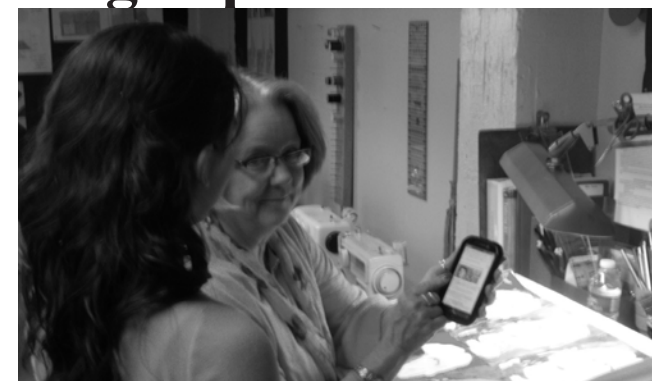


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Art Teacher June Cress uses her Iphone to show students art patterns.

useful facilities to learn part of everyday life. and understand art.

“I even use my cell phone to show and follow some art patterns when we are sewing in class,” Cress said.

There are some tools that we see completely normal today, but that are helpful. Examples of these are the sewing machines and the cell phones that became

Wear the mask. Win the Prize

by Jean Pierzo
Design Editor

On October 29, 2011, Presbyterian Pan American School (PPAS) will celebrate the beginning of fall with a Fall Festival. After this event, the annual costume dance will take place at the SUB.

The Junior Class is preparing this dance and the PPAS students are buying their best costumes because Student Council has prizes for the original

costumes. The prizes will be \$30 for the first place \$20 for the second and \$10 for the third one.

At last year's Costume dance, the winner of the contest was Junior Job Ramirez, he won with the original costume of one of the teachers at PPAS.

“I felt very happy when I won because I gained 30 dollars in a very easy way,” Ramirez said.

Ramirez said that he spent the money to buy food and a new USB. His idea came from a friend just a few hours before the dance.

After the costume contest, PPAS students will dance with their costumes. “I am very excited because Halloween is coming. Last year was great so I hope that this year gets better,” said 17-year-old Senior Angelina Gonzalez.

Jump, Volleyball

Pan American School (PPAS) won their last game against the Warriors from New Covenant. It was after this game that the Eagles could finally finish the volleyball season satisfied and happy with the results.

“I feel really sad because this was my last game but I also feel extremely happy because the team improved a lot during the season,” said 17-year-old Senior Viviana Garcia.

The volleyball season, which started in August and just recently finished was a time for the team to play tough, improve their abilities and see what they are capable of.

Reili Cantu, Athletic Director at PPAS and head coach of the volleyball team, said that she hopes the younger players learned what it takes to win and finish with the great results they got at the end. She also said that she will work on the team for the upcoming year.

“I am proud of their work and their determination to get better,” she finally said.