

PCA POST



A Letter From the Editors

We created the PCA Post to provide an opportunity for students to express creativity and gain skills as reporters, as well as to provide a student perspective on the many aspects of the school, hoping to enhance student and faculty interest in the activities and members of the community.

Linnie: It all started with a Greek salad and a cookie. Maeve and I went to Panera one summer day to dream about the possibility of starting a school newspaper at PCA. We talked through all sorts of possibilities and plans, keeping some and quickly discarding others. We had no idea if we were going to get the newspaper approved, and we wondered if we would have enough student interest if it did. Now the PCA Post is becoming a reality, with a full team of 21 people (Maeve and I included).

Maeve: So far this year, Linnie and I have come up with the different topics which we feel cover each aspect of student life at the upper school, along with some other fun additions. With such an outstanding amount of interest, it has been our pleasure to come up with the first edition of the PCA Post! This edition is a bit longer than the editions going forward, as there was a lot to unpack from the beginning of the school year up to homecoming. Going forward, we will be splitting our whole team of reporters into two teams and having each publish once a month. This means that there will (hopefully) be two publications each month. We hope you all enjoy reading the PCA Post!

News of the Nest

Women's Soccer

By Tilly Arico

This past Friday, October 10th, the Women's Varsity Soccer team had a challenging matchup against rivals Concord Christian Academy. This is the game everybody in the division is talking about. CCA is the best team in the division; they are undefeated, and the game didn't go as the Eagles hoped. Two weeks ago, the Eagles lost 2-0 at CCA's homecoming game and sadly lost 2-0 again at ours. PCA's goalie Eliza Arwood had a great showing with 6 saves. Our defensive line led by Captain Sophia Workman worked hard to hold them off, but unfortunately their offense got through. If we run into them in the playoffs, we hope to make a comeback. The goal of the Women's Varsity team is to improve every time they step on the field, and if the cards are dealt in their favor, win a championship.

White Out Games

By Anna Tolley



JV volleyball defeated CCA 2-1 in their homecoming match. The Eagles dropped their lead in the first set, but battled back for the second and the third. The fans showed up just in time to see them slam the door on CCA and finish the final match out strong. Ava Airey led the team offensively with 9 aces and a perfect serving performance. Mackenzie LaPierre and Olivia Boissoneault led defensively with a combined 10 digs.

Varsity Volleyball crushed CCA 3-0 in their homecoming match. The fans cheered loud and proud, filling the packed gym with energy as the Eagles set the court on fire. Bea Monahan led the team with 6 kills, 11 digs, and 2 aces. Lexi Jordan also had an impressive performance with 20 assists and 7 aces.

Volleyball will play Mascenic and Inter-lakes in a tri-match this Saturday and then celebrate their Seniors on October 23 against Hillsboro-Deering! They will also be hosting the Division Three JV Tournament at home all day on October 25! Make sure to show up and support the Eagles!

Cross Country

By Izzy Stevens

On October 10th, High School cross country had their HOCO meet! Ruthie Sherrill, Sophie Anderson, and Ava Buchanan stepped up to help the girls side of the team and try to help them qualify. Captains Christian Barnes and Brady Holt had high hopes for the team, both stating that 1st place was in sight. With their iconic blue bands, both boys and girls had runners in the top 3. Christian Barnes scored 1st with a time of 16:36, and Elizabeth Stewart scored 2nd with a time of 21:15. The boys as a team scored 1st, but the girls unfortunately didn't have enough competing to score.



Student Life

Lunch Activities

By Bianca Wibowo and Aubrey Gagne

On Monday, the junior class kicked things off by hosting Musical Chairs. As the number of chairs decreased, so did the number of participants until the final two remained. This event took an unexpected turn as Dacie McCabe (sophomore) and Grace Wack (junior) battled for the last chair. When it came down to the two of them, the rules were disregarded; it was a free for all. The girls circled around the chair and when the music stopped, Dacie leapt onto the chair and clung to it while Grace attempted to get her off. As the struggle went on, neither party showed signs of giving up, but in the end, Dacie's persistence paid off as she led the sophomores to victory followed by the juniors, seniors, and freshmen.

Kickball knocked us into the second day of Homecoming lunch activities! The first game was the Freshmen vs. Sophomores with the latter team coming out on top. The MVP for Freshmen was James Peavey due to him putting in his best effort, always grabbing the ball, even when he wasn't playing. He is accompanied by Josue Barthelemy as honorable mention for some amazing serves that left the Sophomores stumbling. The MVP on the Sophomore side of things was Brie Mullins with her awesome kicks and great running, earning most of her team's points. Honorable mention was Zech Beal for catching pop-flies and kicking a homerun, scoring two points.

The second game that was played was the Juniors vs. Seniors, once again having the latter grade win. Jaela Stockbower earned the Junior MVP by her sky-bound kicks with Ruthie Sherrill coming in as the honorable mention, caused by her own far-out kicks. Senior MVP goes to Christian Barnes for running into the parking lot and diving right into bushes to retrieve balls. Honorable mention for Seniors goes to Cai Summers; his defense was outstanding.

Champion vs. Champion, Sophomores vs. Seniors. This ended in a tie; both teams too good to lose. We await a rematch later in the month, so stay tuned!



On Wednesday, the class competition was Silent Pictionary, hosted by the sophomores. Five participants from each class formed groups representing their grade. Each group formed a line where each person sat behind another and the person at the end had to draw something on the back of the person in front of them. That person would then try to replicate the image (based on feeling the image being drawn) on another person's back until the last person is able to come up with the final image. As the game went on, many of the images were altered to be completely different (such as a clover becoming a tree trunk) but ultimately, the freshmen pulled through and won the competition for their grade followed by the seniors, sophomores, and juniors.

We headed into an exciting Thursday with the lip-sync battle! Joined by the eighth graders, all high schoolers showed up and showed out. The Freshmen class started the competition off with a good turnout and high energy. Their rendition of "Die with a Smile" was short and sweet.

After them were the Sophomores and Juniors, combining teams in a show of unity. Starting slow with the lights dim, they gave some fancy footwork leading to the main dish; seafood! With the background of an orchestra and a boat made of chairs, they sang "Kiss the Girl". Next up to bat were the Seniors with their whirl-wind performance. From the entry to the dancing fish, Rapunzel to Troy Bolton, this was a show you wouldn't have wanted to miss.

Coming out on top were our Seniors! Following in second and third place, tied, were our double class group, with Freshmen claiming last place.



Pep Rally

By Grace Wack

The Pep Rally was full of laughter and cheering from all grades. In the first round of table surfing, though it was quite a close race between the upper school grades, the Sophomores took the win. The second table race included lower school grades and teachers. Through great effort, the teachers won. Helicopter challenged the school, but Cai Summers helped the senior class gain a win. Hungry Hippos, once again, was against all grades. Many balloons popped and balls rolled away, but the teachers won after collecting 82 items in total, naming Mr. Hasty the Hungriest Hippo.

Light the Night Neon Dance

By Sarafina Anella

PCA's first ever informal Light the Night Homecoming Dance was one to be remembered! It was held in Troiano Hall right after the White Out Volleyball game, continuing the hype of Homecoming. With an epic blacklight neon theme and senior Gage Hamblet as DJ, the whole event screamed awesome! The number of students who showed up was fantastic, packing the room. This night proved to be super fun and definitely something to do again.

Dig Pink Spike Blue

By Sawyer Yim

At PCA, we host a fundraiser called Dig Pink every year. This year, our school changed its name to Dig Pink, Spike Blue. You might be wondering why we made this change. One of our PCA families has been facing the difficult news of their child's cancer diagnosis. Grant Trueman, a sophomore, has been fighting colon cancer for the past three years, and he certainly isn't alone. Many of us know somebody who has gone through a cancer battle, and we are grateful to be able to support the Trueman Family and everyone who fights against cancer by raising awareness through this event.

This event took place from 4:00 – 8:00pm this past Saturday. We had four Varsity Teams (Varsity Boys and Girls Soccer, Varsity XC, and Varsity Volleyball) as well as six additional teams (JV Volleyball, Middle School Volleyball, Faculty and Staff, Florida Flyers, Bible Bumpers and Alumni), all competing!

As a participant in the Varsity Girls Soccer team, I felt like this event was not only fun but deeply impactful. Although the teams were competitive and everyone wanted to win, we were truly united in supporting a meaningful cause, one much bigger than any single team. We had fun spending time together while making a difference as a community.

Fall Festival

By Ava Airey

Our school's fall festival this year was an unforgettable afternoon filled with energy and excitement! Students from the high school and middle school came out to have fun in the bouncy houses, get their faces painted, and enjoy the food trucks with friends under the bright autumn sky. While the festival was going on, the women's soccer team played a tight game that had the crowd cheering the whole time.

The highlight of the afternoon was definitely when my friends and I stopped and looked around at our whole community and realized how blessed we were to be part of such a great environment of people!

The fall festival was the perfect mix of school pride, laughter, and friendship. I will certainly be looking forward to it again next year!





Teacher Feature

Welcome to the Teacher Feature! Get to know your faculty better through mini-interviews. The topic for this edition is: Favorite Fall Activities!

Miss Weisberg

By Lily Druge

In an interview with Miss Weisberg, who teaches Liberty & Justice, Civics, and co-directs the musical, I discovered that she has been teaching at PCA for nine years. Her favorite fall activity is apple picking. She shared that her favorite kind of apple is red delicious.

Mrs. Thomas

By Abby Hammer

Next up, we have Mrs. Thomas, a math teacher, new this year to our PCA family. She finds fall to be a fun and exciting season, and her favorite autumnal activity is apple picking. “I honestly just do it for the photo op,” she says, but it also provides a fantastic opportunity to have fun with friends and be in the crisp fall air.

Mr. Sharbaugh

By Chloe Tan

Meet Mr. Sharbaugh, one of PCA’s beloved Bible teachers! In his 6th year at PCA, Sharbaugh is teaching New Testament, Apocalyptic Literature and Systematic Theology I. He’s got many favorite fall activities, particularly fishing or fly fishing. There was one glaring dislike however. “The wife loves apple picking . . . I don’t like apples,” he says with a laugh. Who knew? Make sure to never bring Mr. Sharbaugh an apple pie!

Mr. Foley

By Viola Fillion

Mr. Foley has been an English teacher here for 30 years now, and he talks about his job as a whole and things he finds himself enjoying about it. Some of his favorite memories are watching the kids progress. He says, “Just, as people, they grow so much over the course of the year.” When asked about his favorite fall activity, he talks about how much he loves to watch football with his family (and eating all the snacks that come with it).



Devotional

By Lucy Arico

1 Corinthians 1:10 “Now I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, that there be no divisions among you, and that you be united with the same understanding and the same conviction” (CSB).

1st Corinthians 11:10 is a passage that emphasizes the importance of unity within our communities. Paul begins by urging the Corinthians to agree in what they say, but how can we do this?

Well, Paul acknowledges that achieving unity is challenging because of our sinful nature. We all have our own priorities and opinions, and simply being Christian doesn’t guarantee agreement. But when Paul says, “in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,” he urges us to unite for a common purpose, God and his truth.

This means that we can all agree on what God says, therefore each person around us, even if we disagree with their opinions can relate to you as a follower of Jesus. Essentially, while complete unity may be difficult, we can find common ground in biblical truths-such as in 1st Corinthians 13:5, love holds no record of wrong. By viewing those we disagree with as brothers and sisters in Christ, we can see that we are all advocating for the same God, and that should foster compassion within us. Ultimately, unity in our community begins with unity in Christ and the truth of God. When we share this foundation, we can genuinely love each other and work with them, even if we think differently.



Fine Arts

Katts with a Zee

By Katherine Scolamiero

“Katts with a Zee is a short-form comic that’s mostly just meant to be a bit of lighthearted fun. It follows the Katts family, consisting of Summer, who is unapologetically extravagant and bubbly, Cameron, a serious, but laid-back dramatic foil to his sister, and their parents, as well as a cat named Zee. There’s not much more to it, I hope you enjoy the comic!”

Who are You?

by Alex Child

Cody Cresta is a part of our upcoming fall show called It’s a Wonderful Life: A Radio Show. He plays five characters in the show: Clarence, Young Harry, Harry, Burt, and Tommy. Cody’s biggest and favorite role is Clarence. Clarence is an angel who is naive and well-hearted. Make sure to come to support our PCA Players in this upcoming production.



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