



## News of the Nest



### Women's Soccer - Senior Night

By Sawyer Yim

The Girls Varsity Soccer team played against Holy Family a week ago for their senior night with a score of 8-0, with our two seniors scoring our last two of the night. Sophia Workman, our center back with now 2 goals and 2 assist this season, and Lauren Westlake, our other center back with 2 goals as well, are our seniors this year. These two kept our line of defense in check. They are a big part of our team, and that is why we have such a good record this year. Our speeches for the seniors were by Sylvie Wamberg and Sophie Anderson. There were such meaningful moments shared throughout the year, and they will be missed very much. Although that was their last regular season game, they are pumped for the playoffs, as our team is the number two seed heading into the quarterfinals. The team can't wait to see how our seniors will lead us to a championship if all goes well. As the season comes to an end, we are excited to see where God takes these two and are praying that they will enjoy the rest of their senior year.

### Men's Soccer - Senior Nights

By Tilly Arico

For the Boys Varsity Senior Night, they played against Farmington. PCA won 7-1. Senior captain Bennet Money scored six of the seven goals, and senior Luc Mullins scored the other. But that's not all. All the seniors had a great season overall. Josiah Ludwig scored the game point and only goal versus CCA during homecoming. Jonny Larson took on a big spot as starting attacking midfielder. Will Hutchinson plays an important role, playing left defense. Brayden, who is also a captain, plays left center back; he also had an incredible season stopping offensive attacks. These seniors have had a big impact on the team and will leave big shoes to fill. Though their season is over, it will be a good one to remember.





## Volleyball Senior Night and JV Tournament

By Ava Airey

Senior Night was an unforgettable experience for the girls' volleyball team. It was so exciting and fun to watch from the sidelines. The gym was full of energy with fans cheering and teammates doing everything they could to make the night special. To make the night even better, a few members of the team gave sweet speeches of recognition to the four seniors, Marion Spurr, Mia Airey, Lily Druge, and Linnie Ngamcharoenthana.

The highlight was definitely seeing everyone rally around our seniors. They have worked so hard and have been amazing leaders, so cheering them on felt really important to everyone that night. Every senior had a moment to shine, and the crowd loved it.

The atmosphere was supportive, positive, and full of school spirit. It was the perfect way to celebrate the seniors and make new and unforgettable memories for the seniors to carry with them.

On Saturday, October 25, the JV volleyball team competed in an end-of-season tournament. Even though they did not win the championship, they played some of their best volleyball all year. The biggest highlight was beating teams that had defeated them during the season, which made those victories feel especially rewarding to them.



They stayed focused, kept strong energy, and supported each other through every point. No one gave up, and their teamwork really showed.

Although the tournament did not end with a trophy, they left feeling proud of how much they improved and how hard they fought. That felt like a win for the team.

All the teammates had a very good game and played very well. Coach Kevin highlighted the players, saying, “Mackenzie Lapierre with 16 kills; Linnie Ngamcharoenthana and Isabella Sotir had a combined 28 kills. McKayla Spurr had 35 assists as well as 19 aces, while Julianna Poulin, Aubrie DePhillipo, and Olivia Boissoneault were doing very well on the service line with 22 combined aces. Finally, Ava Airey stepped into the role of libero for the first time this season, providing much needed stability to the team’s serve receiving and defense.”



# Student Life

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## Manhunt

By Sawyer Yim

This was the first ever Manhunt event, and it was a hit. Led by Andrew Earwood and Cai Summers, this event took place on October 17th. The rules were simple: you can hide within the established area, which was anywhere but the woods, and if you cheat then that's more points for your team. You might be thinking that cheating is the way to go, but you want the least number of points by the end of the game. There were two teams: the seekers and the hidiers. The team that won was Andrew and Cai's team (the first hidiers). The score was a close one, but they managed to pull through with a 35–36-point win.

Manhunt is something everyone should come to next time. There were people falling, mud flying, and people getting thorns in their pants. It was the real deal. We hope to continue the new tradition and hope that more people come and join.

## Fall Girls Night

By Sarafina Anella and Tilly Arico

This past Friday, PCA hosted a lovely Fall Girls Night in Troiano Hall led by student body Vice President, Anna Odom. There was tote bag designing, fall nail painting, a cozy movie, and an inspiring devotional led by none other than Mrs. Gamble. Mrs. Gamble showed the girls an incredible way to spend time with God and let Him speak. After the devotional was small group time, where groups shared different ways of spending time with God. The whole event was such a peaceful time of bonding and was loved by all who went.





# The (un)Gala

By Sarfina Anella

This year, PCA's annual gala gave off exciting, different vibes. The (un)Gala was a sports-themed matchup between mascot Eli the Eagle and headmaster Mr. Runey. Instead of customary dresses and suits, attendees arrived outfitted in their sports jerseys, foam fingers, and ball caps. The night started with hors d'oeuvres and mingling, which transitioned into the games. These games were competitions between Team Eli and Team Runey and were divided into five stations. The first station was cornhole, assisted by two of PCA's development team members, Mrs. Garton and Mrs. Fillion. Station two was soccer shooting, assisted by lower school principal Dr. Abood. The next station was baseball speed throwing, scored by beloved PCA alum Nick Watson. Station four was a free-throw competition, aided by multi-sport coach, Coach Chamberlain.



The final station was a putt-putt golf strip, instructed by Upper School biology teacher Mrs. Chamberlain. Team Runey sure did give Team Eli a run for their money, but in the end, Team Eli pulled through with the win. After the games, there was dinner, which consisted of a choice of sweet potato mash or chickpea cacciatore, with steak and chicken, alongside a small garden salad and orzo pasta. During dinner, a few of the staff members and alumni talked about how PCA is important to them and what they hope to see happen in the future. This included variable tuition and athletic training facilities, among other things. Following dinner was dessert: apple cobbler, cookies and cream cheesecake, and two kinds of chocolate brownies. Throughout it all, the PCA band and symphony played lovely background music to make the whole event quite special. PCA's first (un)Gala turned out to be a success, with people smiling and enjoying the spirit of friendly competition while seeing how greatly God has impacted PCA.





# Teacher Feature

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This edition, teachers were asked why a strong community is important, where they have seen it play out in their lives, and, just for fun, their favorite childhood memory.

## Mr. Beal by Aubrey Gagne

When Mr. Beal was asked the question for this week, he responded simply, saying that “feeling left out is a bad feeling.” He goes on to say that the other members of the faculty show him a strong community daily. The way they go out of their way to help and sacrifice their own time to aid others is really admirable to him. Mr. Beal also brings up his old Christian impact group at college. He says that, in a small community of Christians in an otherwise non-Christian school, it was exceedingly helpful to him.

Mr. Beal’s favorite childhood memory is pitching baseballs in his garage, making up game stats in his head while he does so. He depicts his past self as commonly being in his head, daydreaming about baseball.



## Miss St. John by Alex Child

I got the pleasure of interviewing our favorite administrative assistant, Ms. St John. She believes that community is very important because the Trinity is community itself, and, because we are images of God, that means we are meant for community. So, when we are in community with others, we are reflecting God. She also states that community makes life more enjoyable. She has seen lots of community in her life through PCA. She sees this specifically in the admin team because they work to support each other and look to community outside of themselves. One time she saw community in the students was a few years ago when Tim Kelm, a PCA alum, was teaching Abraham Abood about running after school. Her favorite childhood memory is strawberry picking every summer with her family.



# Fine Arts

## The Theater Trip

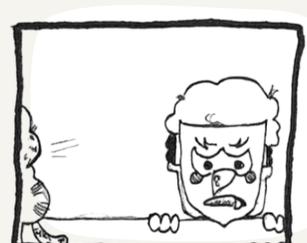
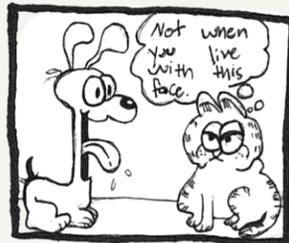
By Grace Wack

On October 24, some cast members from the fall show and others interested in theater took a trip to Plymouth State University to participate in a variety of theater workshops. The workshops ranged from acting and dancing to lights and stage work. The workshops were very informative and allowed the students to have fun while diving deeper into artistic topics that they were interested in. After the workshops, the group stopped at Applebee's for dinner. After great food and facing some monetary difficulties, the trip ended with naps and a Hamilton karaoke party.

Tickets are now available for PCA's Fall Shows! Come and support our talented actors and actresses from 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade and 9-12th grade!

## Garfield's Halloween

By Aubrey Gagne





# Soaring Through Service

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Throughout the month of November, missions club is running a Thanksgiving Food Drive. We, as a school, are partnering with a church in Milton, called . This will be the third year that PCA has been running this food drive, and in addition to regular food donations, the student body is being asked to bring in \$15 dollar gift cards. The significance behind the gift cards is that they give families the opportunity to get a turkey for Thanksgiving, which many would say is the core part of their Thanksgiving meal. I asked Shanelle, who is one of the Missions Club leaders helping to organize the food drive, why it is important to her that we get a lot of participation. She said, “I love that we can help others that don’t have the ability to have their own Thanksgiving celebration... The more participation we get, the more we can help those in need.” Reflecting on how much we as a school have been blessed with, we can give back to the community by taking action in donating to the Thanksgiving Food Drive in support of the Missions Club.

## Eagle Eyes

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### Andrew Tan

By Maeve Bowden

This week, I got the chance to sit down and talk with my good friend Andrew Tan, who we all know as Atan. He has been going to PCA since 5th grade, which would make it his 8th year here. I asked him if he were to think back on all of high school, what his favorite memory would be. He said that he loved homecoming night his sophomore year and that the white out games and bonfire stood out to him. Andrew described the group to have been “fun and enthusiastic.” One thing that he has learned that he finds is valuable to know as an underclassman is the importance of time management and creating a set plan, in order to complete your work efficiently. Some advice that Andrew has for the incoming upperclassmen is to “study for the SAT and get your college essay done as soon as possible so that you don’t go into your senior year stressed.” Finally, I asked him what his favorite class was, and to this he responded that he loved his freshman year Biology class.

### Svea Howe

By Linnie Ngamcharoenthana

Meet Svea Howe! Svea is a sophomore and in her second year at PCA. She enjoys her painting class as one that is mostly relaxing and fun, and she also enjoyed the consistency of her classes that were taught by Mr. Foley and Dr. Gamble. Her favorite memories at PCA are the Whiteout volleyball games and Brookwoods day “because the whole school is working together for a common goal.” During her time at PCA so far, she has learned that while school is very important, it is extremely beneficial to have a good balance of school, sports, and family life. Svea plans to go on the Puerto Rico trip this year and is looking forward to prom and senior events in her upcoming high school years.

