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PSAA Connection

Making Waves with Every Story.

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Student Perspective End of Beginning

It's time to shift the focus of this newspaper, especially this section, to have some student perspective. You all have voiced your opinions, and I am here to make sure that those opinions and thoughts are heard. For starters, many volleyball players and coaches are upset about the little amount of publicity that volleyball has been getting in the *SportsNow* section, currently being run by Jacob Santiago.

"Love us getting the smallest part again" Stella Mittleider on having the smallest section Aqin SportsNow via girls' volleyball GroupMe.

Santiago has responded to the backlash by saying "I told Ms. Jordan that I didn't have enough time to write something for volleyball." Whether you believe him or not is up to your discretion, but I am going to say that everyone makes mistakes, and Jacob has given his word to try next paper to highlight more of what is happening on the women's side more equally.

Talking about equality, students have felt that if the new phone policy is going to affect students, it should affect teachers as well. One student noted that during a recent soccer game, Zabdiel scored an absolute banger, but while all the action was going on, Mr. Bokov who was supposed to be taking photos, missed the opportunity to capture the momentous occasion because he was distracted by his mobile device. On a different side of the same cube, let's be so for real, no one puts their phones in the graveyard anymore like what even is that?

"Please put your phones in the graveyard." Mr. Palmer the moment a nanometer of your foot steps into his class.

I personally believe that it is so much more disruptive if someone does put their phone in the graveyard but then they have to get up and go get it from the corner that it's at in order to check a due diligence or use their phone for google classroom. Adding on to that, seventy-five percent of the class has computers, so what are teachers supposed to do? Make a cemetery for the laptops, like... I'm sorry, no. I also think that phones aren't directly the problem to in-class focus, therefore taking them away isn't the solution. If kids years ago didn't pay attention in class because they were looking out a window, then nowadays if kids don't want to pay attention, they will find a way not to.

I have said enough on the phone policy, so let's change the topic to something that some of you guys might like even more. At a school the size of PSAA, word spreads like wildfire. Secrets are liquid gold, and the latest news old by the time it gets to you. So, I'll try to give you news that other people have been murmuring about. One of the things that students as well as teachers have noticed is the relationship between two people who seemed to have drifted but have been suddenly again been getting closer together.

"...She deserves so much better..." Fernanda Hernandez on her thoughts about the situation.

It's making a lot of our heads hurt to watch this film we've seen before, play out yet again in a dance of push-and-pull. Not being one to take sides, this author remains neutral on where he stands in his opinion of the whole thing. I have noted that many people have opted to take sides and but if the dance goes on, the sides will have to make peace or remain at a neutrality for the time being. We all just want a decision that you'll stick to. So, what will it be... friends estranged or strangely friends?

On the topic of strange friends, unpredictable pairs have started to form in anticipation of the upcoming JSB banquet. Allegedly, Jonathon Bower has asked Violet Morro and she said yes. I did not see that one coming. Talking about not seeing things coming, gender roles seem to have evened out as Kaia Beirely reportedly was the one to ask her date, Grayson Cummings, to JSB, nevertheless this is an example of how you need to take risks sometimes, because Grayson, not usually being the one to indulge in those kinds of activities and more often than not skipping them, said yes. As we get closer to the date, I expect that more people will be asking their dates out to JSB, but for right now all we have to do is wait.

Jonathon Bower

Trending Now... From Under the Rock

Okay, so I'm writing this, after celebrating the Dodgers' World Series Win... sorry, that's the only way I could mention it. if anyone who cared sees this, if you're a Yankees fan, I'm sorry, but I must laugh, and if you're a fan of literally any other team, you and I can celebrate the win together. That's an open invitation.

As JSB or Junior-Senior Banquet rolls around (on Nov. 17 funded by yours truly, the junior class) I find it, my self-declared responsibility to provide a basic etiquette and style guide, after I react to Obed's article.

"My guy, You had to put that in the newspaper?" Honestly, props to him for the journalistic ambition, but I was surprised to see my plans in the paper.

First, Etiquette or according to Oxford, the <u>customary</u> code of <u>polite</u> behavior in society. Three basic things.

1. Keep your elbows off the table 2. Don't talk with your mouth full

3. And when talking with someone, put the phone away Style. It's tropical colors. So, pastel orange, pinks, and orchids. Basically a warm pastel tone which pairs nicely with a grey or charcoal jacket which might be needed since it's outdoors. Basically, just dress the way that makes you feel your best.

If you'd like some movies to stream, there's Fury, 1917, and Hacksaw Ridge for war films, and no, they're not like Flyboys. But I'd recommend them from what I've seen.

Reminder: JSB@6p-9p | 27626 Fern Bluff Rd Monroe, WA | Soph. and Jr. \$10, Sr. Free



Halle and Abi became grandmas for a day.

Jacob Santiago

PSAA's SportsNow

Men's Soccer

" WE READY, WE READY, WE READY-FOR YA'LL!!!" – Jacob Santiago & Isaac Aguilar

The last two weeks of shark soccer have been busy. We played 4 games, winning 3 and losing 1. Our first two games were against a not-so-good Concordia side. We won the first game 10–0 and the second 8–1. But it wasn't all good, as our players Jonathan Santiago and Jonathan Bower sustained injuries.

Next was our first long away game against Crosspoint. I was able to watch the whole game, and I'm sure that this was our best game. Our passing game was beautiful. Everyone was playing well, we won 9-0.

Our next game was against Evergreen, we had already played them earlier in the season, losing 3-2.

This was not our game, we finished the first half 1-1, but honestly, we were already losing. We struggled to create chances and were constantly caught offside. We should have changed our playstyle in the second half to fix these issues but no changes were made. The second half wasn't any better, they managed to score 2 more goals. We lost 3-1 on our senior night.

"Job's not finished."-Kobe Bryant

Men's Tennis

Our main event was the district tournament. This was the last part of our tennis season. It took place at indoor tennis courts which was nice. Anyway, Both of our doubles teams were eliminated in the first round. Both of our singles in Obed and Marcus made it to the semi-finals where they lost and ended up playing each other for 3rd. Obed won that

due to their placements, Obed or Marcus likely qualified for state, they performed well and represented our school. and I coudn't be more proud of them and our whole team.

Women's Volleyball JV&V

WHAT A SEASON!

Unfortunately the volleyball season comes to an end. However we can't forget the amazing moments our team had this year, and all the memories that were created, memories that will never be foraotten!

Let's go back to the beginning and remember all the fun moments these girls provided for us. Starting with their first game, where they absolutely nailed it, and showed us that this season they were not joking, and that it would be tough to stop them.

This season we were able to see all the players' improvement from last season, Kaia with her perfect passes, April always being ready to cover every ball, Halle and Lisi the best partnership to provide us some double blocks. Valeria and Maria O, gave us amazing sets that resulted in some great kills from Izabelle, Kaia, April and many more... And let not forget all our DS's Abi, Fernanda, Maria B, Ary, and Stella that were always ready to hit the floor in order to get those passes

This year our girls also provided us two wins against our rival falcons, I believe that it was definitely a highlight in the season to many girls since, it's been a while since the sharks beated the falcons in the volleyball court. I know that the students appreciate them bringing the victory to the sharks and we are very proud of our girls for this season!

"I'm so proud of the girls this season! It makes me feel like a mom" - One of our seniors (as the girls played their game)

💳 Izabelle Maia 💳

Upcoming Games

No upcoming games

(Waiting for the next chapters during basketball season . . .)

Song of the Issue

LA PATRULLA
by Peso Plum & Neton Vega





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Edrine Anenethu June 5, 2008 Sophomore

Shark SpotlightAbigail Soria

For this issue, the student spotlight shines on Edrine! Edrine is currently a sophomore here at PSAA. She comes from a big family that includs her parents and her 6 older sisters. She is originally from Uganda, where she had lived there since she was a baby until 8th grade when she moved here to the US. Here in the US. She lives with her sisters and their husbands and kids. Back home in Uganda, she went to a private boarding school, where her father was one of the board members. She ultimately decided to come here because she wanted to further her education and 2 of her sisters were already here. She says she hasn't been back yet and she hasn't seen her parents since, which is pretty crazy. I could never stay leaving home at a young age like that and moving somewhere completely differnt, I just know that Edrine is really strong for that and I hope she goes and sees than soon. When I talked to her she told me that she was scared to move here because life in Uganda is fast and there's obviously a big cultural and everyday difference, and because when she found out that it was rainy and cloudy, for a long time she found it sorta depressing, but she has gotten used to it. In her free time Edrine enjoys cooking, listening to music, and helping others. She has been cooking since she was 6.

Cooking makes her remember about home, and her mom since she learned from watching her mother. While she cooks dinner frequently at her house, she also enjoys cooking breakfast and lunch for her family on the weekends or when she can, so if you ever need cooking advice, go to her. We could even maybe convince her to cook something for us, I'm sure everyone would enjoy that. When Edrine is older she wants to study either pediatrics or become a neurosurgeon , which are both impressive and I can definitely see her as either of those. She told me that when she goes to hospitals she never wants to leave, because they are comforting to her, it feels like home, and because she loves helping others. I believe that this aspect about Edrine will turn her into an amazing doctor that loves her patients, and I know God has an amazing path planned for

"I love everyone here at school. I may not talk to everyone, but I know that they are an influence to me."



Junior Girls dressing up country for spirit week.



Pastor Harold giving us a very thoughtful message about God's Awe during our week of prayer.



Jonny bringing his cooler as his anything but a backpack day for spirit week





Obed and Danil being Unc's for generation day.



Our Sharks Tennis team competed in the 1B/2B league tournament

Photos and Picture Captions: Danil Fotin

Halle Bammert

Latest Dates On Events, Sports, and More... Updates to Get You Through the Month

November 2 - Fall Festival

November 7- Parent/Teacher conference- No school

November 8 - No school

November 11- No school

November 16 - Music Performance - Green Lake

November 17- JSB

Novemebr 23 - December 1st - Thanksgiving break

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next *Slurp Up* episode out Sunday, November 3rd.
- Come out and support our sharks soccer team November 5th as they battle to qualify for state!

RIDDLE OF THE ISSUE: What is seen in the middle of March and April that can't be seen at the beginning or end of either month?

FEATURED BIBLE VERSE: "You, Lord, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light." **Psalm 18:28**

BIRTHDAYS:

Nov. 6- Maria bentsa

Nov. 13- Kevin Patrasco

Nov. 30- Mia Chai

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