

Obed Dominguez

## Student Perspective End of Beginning

This time of year is one of the busy points at PSAA. We are nearing the end of September which means that *Fall Classic*, one of the Walla Walla sports trips throughout the year, is just around the corner, *Fall festival* is starting to occupy our minds as each class begins to prepare their different booths, and a good amount of birthdays (including mine) happen on the best month of the year, October. I am lucky enough to not have a heavy workload for school, so I have more time and energy to focus on things outside of school. Others of you might not be so lucky, having more homework to do, like Mr. Patel's long history assignments or Mr. Nelson's math problems, which there is a fifty-fifty chance that you'll understand. Nevertheless, it is doable. I'm not saying it's easy or fun, anything like that, but you can do it. All of us at one point had to. But I think that even still, the teachers still make time to have some fun, because I know y'all be playing mafia in literally every class. I honestly don't even know who put the whole school on mafia, but it literally has a chokehold on every class. Every time I walk down the hall I always hear "...mafia, head up..." and it makes me laugh a little bit. The trends our school has are so niche and funny to me and I love following every single one of them, from cargo pants to Crumbl cookies. Now I know that my section this issue isn't Trending Now, but talking about Crumbl cookies, it was a place I didn't understand at first. I didn't even like the cookies and thought they were too expensive (\$5 for a large cookie) and overhyped (they are) until I ate the Banoffee Pie cookie three weeks ago. It quite literally altered the chemistry in my brain, and I have been a fiend for Crumbl ever since, going anytime I have the chance. I know that a lot of you reading this also love Crumbl so I'm saying it like this, we should start a...

**CRUMBLE COOKIE CLUB.** This also reminds me that PSAA's very first book club was started by my dear friend Izabelle and it was a huge success and there weren't even snacks in the first meeting! I'm expecting the interest to increase more than two fold when they start to bring snacks. Right now, the demographic of the club is looking like 100% women and 0% men, except Caleb whom I don't think knew there was a book club the first time so he was just there. Yet mark my words, the second snacks are brought, the demographic will change to 99% men and 1% women (I am joining just for the snacks; I don't know how to read). In all seriousness, I know many people are glad to finally have more options and opportunities outside of school and even in school that are just going to, and already are, making this year better, more enjoyable and fun for everyone here.



Our Volleyball girls had a hard fight against the Auburn Falcons, barely beating them 3-2 to take home the victory.

## Jonathon Bower Trending Now... From Under the Rock

You guys probably are having the same thoughts as me right now... "Oh it's him doing Trending Now, he's gonna choose old, outdated memes 'cause he doesn't spend time on TikTok, and listening to the latest music, etc." Well, this is my column, so here's some things from the rock I live under. Some things to listen, read, watch, or someone I just find interesting right now. My honest recommendations.

### MUSIC

So, I don't listen to much rap or pop, but I really think some of you guys might like a few of these songs, and yes, faculty, they are clean.

- Portugal. The Man
  - I'd recommend them if you're going for a modern, alternative style of music, but still some raw vocals. Sometimes, it's pump-up music, other times, it's pretty chill. Songs: So Young, Waves, Feel It Still
- Geographer
  - Not well known, but that doesn't discount his talent. His voice is on a different level, and the songs are emotional and soulful. The synth might not be for everyone though. I warned you. Songs: Verona, Love is Madness, When Will I Belong

### TV&MOVIES

- Back to the Future: It's an oldie, but it's a classic. If you're bored on a Saturday evening, watch one of them, and it'll be an excellent time filler, or just a good laugh on it's own

### BOOKS

- Paper Towns: You might've seen me walking with this one, and it's a good read. I recommend it for those into coming-of-age/romance, but also those who appreciate a twist of mystery.

### FASHION

Some trends I've observed in men's fashion, two words. OLD. MONEY. It's become more and more popular, and it holds polish, versatility, class, and a timeless look that'll look as good in 2044, as it did in 2024. Honestly, it's a nice shift from the hoodie & jeans mentality in a lot of men's fashion recently. Also, as fall winds up, jackets like your trucker and canvas bomber, topcoats and peacoats, sweaters, cardigans, those will not only be practical, but also when done right, generally match the season. Yes, I know hoodies are comfy, I love them too, but maybe consider switching it up a bit, every so often.

Anyways, these are my recommendations, love them or hate them, don't blame me, blame the rock I live under.  
"Uhh. What is a TickTock?" - Jonathon Bower, 2024

## PSAA's SportsNow

Jacob Santiago

### Men's Soccer

On Monday, Sep. 23, we faced the Evergreen Eagles. Unfortunately, we lost the game 3-2. Although this is the case, I firmly believe that we are the better team and that we will win next time we play them.

On Thursday, Sep. 26, we played against our rival the Auburn Falcons. This was a hard-fought game with Jackson Soapman getting injured. The Falcons were very aggressive the whole game, but this didn't help them—our strikers cooked them. Mr. Rodriguez scored 3 goals and Mr. Cummings scored 1.

On Tuesday, Oct. 1, our team was blessed with the privilege of playing Summit Atlas. This game was a breeze for our starting lineup, as Misael Medina scored an astounding 5 goals. During the second half, we played a majority of our subs giving them well-deserved minutes. The game ended with an 11-0 W.

### Men's Tennis

#### Game, Set, Match

On Sep. 29, the tennis boys played against Summit Classical, we swept them overall 3-0.

Obed Dominguez, our first singles, impressively won his match. Marcus Kim, our second singles, demolished his opponent per usual. Now—the man, the myth, the legend, Jonathan Bower alongside his doubles partner Jacob Santiago, swept their opponents, winning both sets.

Next, we played against Northwest Christian for the second time, we lost overall 2-1.

Marcus Kim remains undefeated as a second singles competitor.

### Women's Volleyball JV&V

#### Bump, Set, Spike

Our varsity girls have been playing phenomenal this season maintaining a 4-1 record. only losing to Cross Point. Word on the street is that this team has been playing better than ever this year!

Our JV Girls are also playing well with a 3-2 record.

But wait, there's more. We beat Auburn 3 times over these two weeks. Wow, great job Sharks!

Izabelle Maia

## Song of the Issue

ALL I DO IS WIN BY DJ KAHLED  
Spotify Play Count: 364,404,013



## Upcoming Games

### Tennis

October 16



vs

### Soccer

October 7



October 14



### Volleyball

October 7



October 8





Abigail Soria

**Shark Spotlight**

Andrew Santos  
October 9, 2007  
Junior

This weeks student spotlight shines on Andrew Santos, a junior here at PSAA. Andrew was born here in Washington, however he later moved to Mexico for a short time. He came back when he was 3 and attended school at Cypress Adventist school from kindergarten to 8th grade. He was home schooled for the first 2 years of high school and finally ended up here at PSAA. He is enjoying the year so far, by getting to know the teachers and students. He enjoys playing soccer in his free time and for the school as a defensive right back. Andrew told me that his favorite team is Barcelona, and when it comes to the topic "Ronaldo or Messi?" he is part of the fans that like the little dwarf better. I personally agreed with him and I'm in the little dwarf side, but nothing against the giant you know.

His love for soccer started when he was young and played soccer in recess at school. What keeps Andrew motivated to do better at soccer and improve his skills is his little brother Stefan, who is also a freshmen at PSAA this year. Which, if you think about is quite interesting, since most of the times the older siblings are the ones who motivates the younger siblings.

Halle Bammert

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

**October 8**– Picture Re-takes

**October 9-12**- WWU Fall Classic Tournament

**October 14-18** – Fall WOP

**October 21-25**- ASB Spirit Week

**October 19** – Music Performance - Bellevue Spanish

**October 26** - ASB Movie Night - Inside Out 2

**November 2** - Fall Festival

**November 16**- Music Performance - Green Lake

**November 17** – JSB

**“ my brother motivates me with his hard work and dedication pushes me forward”**

An interesting fact about Andrew is that he raises three chickens at home, but a sad thing is that he never gave names for them. So let's just call them, Jesus, Judas, and Peter. Andrew mentioned that his chickens are only a source for eggs. I might have to investigate more deeply on this to check if they are in need of help. I might have to adopt his chickens in case they are not being treated well.

After high school Andrew plans to study something in biology which would lead you to think that science may be his favorite subject but its not, he likes them all the same. So, thank you Andrew for letting us get to know you! We're so glad that you're apart of the Sharks family. If you're reading this don't forget to check up on Jesus, Judas, and Peter.

**“ its been cool and fun getting to know all the teachers and students.”**



Misael and Mateus playing music for our volleyball team to get them hyped.



Marcus destroying his opponent and looking very nonchalant



First soccer home game against Auburn Falcons. Danil defending the goal with his life.



Halle and Maria O. getting ready to receive the serve



Obed serving an absolute banger and fighting a hard battle against his opponent.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Next *Slurp Up* episode out Sunday, October 13.
- **Picture retakes are coming up on October 8.** Remember, if you didn't like the first photos, you definitely won't like the second ones; the camera produces photos, not miracles. :)

**RIDDLE OF THE ISSUE:** Its stalks the countryside with ears that can't hear. What is it?

**FEATURED BIBLE VERSE:** "The Lord is my strength and my defense; He has become my salvation." **Exodus 15:2**

**BIRTHDAYS:**

- Oct. 6**- Liza Roganova
- Oct. 9** - Andrew Santos
- Oct. 13**- Brody DeGooyer
- Oct. 15**- Obed Dominguez
- Oct. 16**- Grayson Cummings
- Oct. 17**- Abigail Soria
- Oct. 17**- Tanya Malyugin