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PSAA Connection

Making Waves with Every Story.

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Izabelle Maia

Student Perspective

Long Time, No See...

What do you mean we only have three weeks left of school?! Is it just me or has the year literally flown by, like I'm not ready to graduate like I've been looking forward to this moment for so long but now I'm not quite ready, I'm not ready to say bye to seeing my friends every day, especially the ones that are not graduating with me this year, to all the memories created in this campus, to all the goofing around between classes, the loud laughs, I just wish I could spend a little more time to take in all these special moments, these moments that make me love this school so much.

Now let's talk about the spring concert! What a concert, at least if you ask me, I'm not very critical about music and I certainly don't have a musical ear, but from my humanly normal ears I thought we did pretty good, even though... my saxophone decided to stop playing in the middle of the concert, I was still there you know, trying to do my best. But from the short feedbacks Ms.Stark would give to us after every piece I feel like we did a good job, and especially the winks she would give to us, you know that when she winks she's happy, and I remember she winking at least three times that night! I got the chance to ask her if she regrets doing choir last as the finale cause I now she told us she wanted choir to be the last because we were singing impactful and thoughtful pieces, and with happiness I would like to announce that she does not regret it. I loved singing "Blowing in the Wind" and The Impossible Dream" both are very good pieces. From Ms. Stark's own words she said that it was a great concert to close out this school year, the band did an amazing job, and I gotta say the improvement we had with How To Train Your Dragon is touchable. We went from a elementary level to an actual high school level band. Jazz band was also great, always doing the most fun songs. Let's talk about Dodici, like WOW, those solos ATE, the seniors really got talent! Everyone did so good, even though they sang the Disney whatever it's called piece for twelve minutes, I still enjoyed it! Now hear what Ms. Stark said "That's the best concert PSAA has done since I've been here!" Guys we actually did it! We made Ms.Stark proud!

Sadly, I won't be part of this band next year. However, I know that you guys will do great things, and will make Ms. Stark even more proud!



Zab and David having a great time at sports banquet

Jacob Santiago

Trending Now...

Almost there

The spring concert this year has been one of the best PSAA band performances I have been a part of. It was my last major high school performance, and I couldn't be more proud of everyone who took part. All the pieces were done well, and we didn't have to restart anything like we did during alumni weekend. Dodici did really well. I feel like usually we get a little nervous when performing, or maybe that's just me, but this time we were very comfortable. I especially liked "The Lion Sleeps Tonight." It never gets old. And Disney Dazzle went really well, I honestly didn't know every word, so I would tend to look over at Obed and Caleb when those parts came, and it all worked out. Even my solo went alright. The first verse is always rough, but the second one was good. Everyone who had a solo did amazing. My favorite was probably Mia's "Part of Your World." That one was so fire. Our last performance is this Saturday, but if you are not an upperclassman, I'm pretty sure you will have to play for graduation.

Aside from a great spring concert, we had a good time at Connected. Playing basketball on the trampoline is especially fun because everyone can dunk. But in my opinion, the highlight of the day was a friendly soccer match we had at the park. Although soccer didn't win the initial vote for the activity, the guys still ended up playing. Because when there is an open field and a ball, it becomes so hard not to want to play. It was super fun, I was on the team that lost, but that didn't matter because what matters is having the most fun you can possibly have, and I did that well.

Obed Dominguez

Sports Schedule

Track & Field

5/22 FRANKLIN PIERCE (DISTRICTS) 5/29 FRANKLIN PIERCE (STATE)

Congratulations to Danil who has made it to districts!

portsNow

M Tennis (Fall '24)

W Tennis (Spring '25)

- MVP Singles: Izabelle Da Silva Maia
 MVP Doubles: Vanessa Zarabia/Abril Aguilar

- MVP: Halle Bammert | Tanya Malyugin (JV)
 Most Improved: Abi Soria

M JV&Varsity Volleyball (Spring '25)

- MVP: Danil Fotin | Grayson Cummings (JV)
 OPOY: Isaac Aguilar | Evan Beierle (JV)
 DPOY: Obed Dominguez | Jonathon Bower (JV)
 Most Improved: Jackson Soappman

M JV&Varsity Basketball (Winter '24-'25)

- MVP: Danil Fotin | Marcus Kim
 ROTY: Isaac Aguilar | Evan Beierle (JV)
 Sportsmanship: Caleb Yoshihara

W Basketball (Winter '24-'25)

- DPOY: Abril Aguilar

M&W Golf (Spring '25)

• MVP: **Joshua Griggs** and Stella Mittleider

• Most Improved: David Stockhausen and Abril Aguilar

M&W Track and Field (Spring '25)

- Best Sprinter: Halle Bammert
- Best Jumper: Obed Dominguez
- Most Improved: Jacob Santiago (Track) **Grayson Cummings (Field)**

Thank you to all our seniors. You and your skills will be missed dearly!!

Senior Awards are in GOLD







Izabelle De Silva Maia June 1, 2007 senior

Shark Spotlight Abigail Soria

Izabelle de Silva Maia is the student spotlight for this week. If you know anything about Izzy, it's that she is the best and funniest person, and that is definitely biased. But if you don't know much about her, I am here to talk all about her. Izabelle was born in Brazil on June 1, 2007. When she was 11, her parents packed her and her little brother up and moved to the U.S. to give them a better opportunity and education. She spoke no English and had to learn it all fast for school. At first, she was supposed to go to a public school, but her parents didn't want her to because they had heard it wasn't a good school, and so, because one of the reasons they moved was for education, they sent her to a private Christian school. And a good thing because we got Izzy. Izzy is the best because she is one of those people who are down for everything and do everything. She likes reading a lot, which made talking with her so much better, as we have that in common, cooking, walking, hiking, going to the gym, and watching movies and shows. She actually put me onto The Last of Us, which is so good, and you definitely should watch if you haven't. I'm stalling s2 episode 2 because someone dies and I know who does and ill probably cry. She told me that when she watched that episode, she was sobbing in the art room. Izzy also likes to bake, and what a baker she is. She is so, so good at baking. My personal favorite of hers are these raspberry, or some type of berry, cookies that have jam filling in the inside, and they are to die for. I could eat like 5 of those. She also makes some really, really good creme brule donuts and tiramisu. If you don't know, Izzy has her own bakery business where she sells Brazilian sweets that look so good and are so pretty.

So not only is she a baker, but she is also an entrepreneur. Something some people might not know about Izzy is that she loves dancing. Ever since she learned that Halle has Just Dance at her house every time she goes, she wants to play Just Dance. She says that her favorite activity after school is to play Just Dance, sometimes she plays it so much that her mom yells at her to stop. She also kinda got me into it, and I can't dance to save my life, so I never do. A secret thing that you might not know about her is that she can replicate a monkey sound really well. You can actually find evidence of that on the music tour mockumentary on Obed's YouTube account. She literally did it in line to get into Disneyland. That's probably why her friends said they didn't know she was a psycho. She is; she will do anything you dare her to. That's what makes her such a cool and fun friend, not to mention she is one of the nicest people on earth. Next time she tries to hide my phone, though, I'm going to steal her shoes and throw them in the dump.

Student Perspective

Continued...

If you didn't know, the senior trip is happening this coming week, and the seniors will be taking a flight tomorrow night to Orlando, Florida. This is the trip I've been looking forward to the most. I'll be honest I have no idea how our itinerary is looking like, It feels like I'm going on a blind trip, I'll only find out what we are doing when we get there, the most I know is that we are going to Universal and this place where we can swim with alligators or something like that. Don't take my word for it though, at this moment I'm not the most trustful source. But there is one thing I'm sure of, and it's that on this trip I'm going to live as if there is no tomorrow. I'm going to enjoy every single moment to the most, I'm not allowing anyone to ruin the trip that my class worked so hard for. Anyways, when I'm back, I hope to be tan and with several news and chisme to all of you!

As I mentioned in the beginning of this section the school year is coming to its end and that means we need a new ASB team, and elections just opened up today as you guys heard during chapel. I'm excited to see who will be the leaders of the student body next school year. And I would like to publicly share my support for Abril for president, and if you know better and just have a tiny little amount of common sense you will also vote for Abril for president, because who votes for Abril will be grateful!



Jessica and Julie at the annual sports banquet



That throw probably went like 268 feet



Grayson about to throw javelin



Obed throwing discus at the track meet



Vanessa competing in the league districts for tennis

Halle Bammert

Latest Dates On Events, & More...

DATES:

May 17 - All music church performance

May 17-23 - Senior trip

May 23 - Noon dismissal

May 26 - No school

VERSE OF THE ISSUE:

Don't use foul and abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that words will be good and helpful so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.

Ephesians 4:29

BIRTHDAYS:

May 2 - Jon B

May 6 - Eddie spaghetti (Eduard)

May 9 - Lauren

May 24 - Zabdiel

May 26 - Kevin K