The advantages and disadvantages of upstairs/downstairs lunch

By Isabella Pineo

Events during school are infamous for the chaos and disorganization they bring to the schedules of students and teachers. Classes are shortened and students are anxious for the event. The administration brought back upstairs downstairs lunch this year to try to help with scheduling during these events. In previous years, each block had unequal amounts of class time and students and faculty were often confused about where to go. This year the schedule is much more balanced, with only two time slots compared to the usual four.

“I think it’s a lot better then what Park View used to do… it was a lot harder to keep track of kids, a lot would leave school or skip class,” senior Christo Sanchezconcha states. Many other students agree with Sanchezconcha, such as junior Nguyen Nguyen. “It is very effective on getting everyone organized and efficient,” Nguyen said. Many students feel that upstairs downstairs lunch unites them with friends they do not have the chance to have lunch with. Freshman Ivan Quijonez agrees, “I think it’s easier to do activities. Despite the many benefits of upstairs downstairs lunch, a few Park View students expressed negative feelings toward it. “I don’t like it because I have upstairs lunch and all of my friends have downstairs lunch. Also upstairs lunch eats last, and normally I have A lunch or B lunch, so I’m starving!” junior Michelle Rodriguez states. Even students who prefer the change of routine dislike the long lines.

The majority of Park View students favor upstairs/downstairs lunch. Many think that the administration should continue to hold lunch like this for every event.
Last Pep Rally!!!

Who won the spirit stick?
The SENIORS!
Muchacho author visits Park View

By Kamara Ar vista Parker

On April 16th and 17th, Park View welcomed LouAnne Johnson, author of Muchacho. Ms. Johnson was asked by the head librarian for Loudoun County, Ms. Linda Holtslander to visit her high school and speak to the students.

Ms. Johnson, who was in her early 30s, was described as being very energetic and engaging. She began her presentation by introducing herself and telling the students about her own experiences as a student. She talked about the challenges she faced during her own high school years and how she overcame them. Ms. Johnson shared some of her personal stories and how they relate to the themes in Muchacho.

Muchacho is a novel written by Eddie Corazon about his struggle to succeed in a tough inner-city school. The book is a powerful story of resilience and hope, and it has resonated with many students and educators. Ms. Johnson’s visit was a great opportunity for students to hear from the author herself and to learn more about how Muchacho came to be.

During her presentation, Ms. Johnson engaged with the students and encouraged them to ask questions. She also signed copies of Muchacho for students who were in attendance. Many students were very excited to have an opportunity to meet Ms. Johnson and to hear her speak.

Overall, Ms. Johnson’s visit was a great success. It was an inspiring and motivating experience for the students, and it demonstrated the power of literature to bring people together and to make a difference in the lives of others.
As the beginning of June fast approaches, all of the students at Park View are itching to leave class and start their summer. No one wants to start off a magnificent summer unprepared for a new season of fashion so here are the things you should do to make sure your summer wardrobe is really hot.

All of the stores, magazines, and designers are sporting one common theme: neon. Bright lime, bubblegum, cobalt, turquoise, and tangerine are showcased in InStyle, Teen Vogue, and Seventeen. These bright colors are incorporated in everything from dresses to shoes.

Word on the street for wearing neon is to pair a bright color with a more neutral gray or navy. Neons are also a little more balanced when showcased in tribal patterns. As the tribal neon theme seems to travel through all of the collections, beaded jewelry and shoes are seen in various magazines.

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Classic whites are in as always during the summer, but new details such as pleating are giving a fresh take. Higher waistlines create a more dramatic flair as well. Other classic styles such as maxi dresses and skirts continue to be a big thing with new bright patterns being featured. A new style of translucent skirts has also arrived along with transparent tops, under which a bandeau top is to be worn.

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“I love summer fashion because it’s bright and full of floral stuff,” said sophomore Sarah Villalobos. “What’s there to hate?”


“They are better than all the other seasons,” said freshman Tony Pham. “It’s all about wearing shorts. “They’re totes adorbs,” Villalobos exclaimed. Woods loves to wear her ripped-up shorts. “It doesn’t get you hot, and it looks nice,” Woods said. The guys, however, were not so eager to wear jean shorts this summer: “They burn up. The sun makes the jeans heat up,” Nguyen said.

Students have some particular guidelines for their clothes, no matter the trend. “It has to be breezy — breathable,” Pham said. “It [summer clothes are] comfortable, and you feel free,” Nguyen said.

Even above the hype about shopping, browsing, and gathering new items for the summer season, students are ready for summer to begin. “I’m really excited for summer,” Villalobos said, voicing everyone’s thoughts.

Can you find your teacher among these baby pictures?
Tattoos: A form of art

By Emily Mooney

In the last century, tattoos have emerged as a popular form of self-expression. Tattoos can be a way to honor someone or something they love. Senior Jonathan Wooten decided to get his first tattoo, a lion tattoo, in January 2009. “It was my grandfather’s Zodiac sign,” Wooten said. His grandfather has just previously died of cancer.

Junior Dwayne Corum was only fifteen when he came home with a tattoo of the name Jacob, the name of his eight-year-old brother. “I wanted to get something that meant the most to me, and he means the world to me,” Corum said.

Tattoos can come in various forms, whether they are of animals, people, places, or things. Phrases are also a common type of tattoo.

Senior Brittany Moore tattooed the phrase “Come what may” on her body after getting her first tattoo of a dove. Wooten has this quote on his body: “Courage is letting go of the familiar.” “Everybody needs something to live by; it’s what I live by,” Wooten said of this quote.

Corum has more than 10 tattoos, and they all have to with something he loves to do, something about him, or someone he loves. For example, one of his tattoos has a basketball theme, highlighting his love of Jordans [the shoe].

Park View English teacher Ms. Melissa Vandenbusche beats Corum’s 11 tattoos with her 13 tattoos. She got her first tattoo when she was seventeen, but later covered the tattoo with a new one of a pirate woman.

Most of the tattoos she got when she was younger she later covered with larger tattoos of different designs which is why she advises teens to wait until they are older to get tattoos. “Unless you are getting something significant tattooed, you are not mature enough. Your ideas change,” Ms. Vandenbusche said.

One thing that was common between most of the people who have tattoos is a belief that they are a form of art. “It’s like artwork on your body,” Moore said. “I’m very into it [getting tattoos]. I am into collecting the art,” Ms. Vandenbusche said.

What’s your favorite kind of music?

By Ed Pifer

Music is a gateway to your own paradise. Whether you’re studying for a test, working out or just trying to relax, music is one of the most helpful things for you. We all have different “tastes” in music. Some of us like rock or rap or even classical. Music can describe what type of person you really are.

“My favorite band is Blink 182,” says senior Geoffrey Apple. “My mood is usually depending on the type of song I’m listening to.” “Feeling This,” “Always,” “Party Song,” and “Ghost on the Dance Floor” are all of Apple’s favorite songs performed by Blink 182.

Country is another genre that is listened to at Park View High. “I began listening to country music when I was little,” says Junior Amanda Wimmer. “My favorite artist is Luke Bryan.” Amanda also said that she has been to many country concerts. Rap/Hip-Hop is the undisputed champion of music today. Artists such as Wiz Khalifa, Mac Miller, Kanye West, and Lil Wayne are popular with almost everyone at Park View. “My favorite artist is Blink 182, but I listen to Kid Cudi and Kanye West,” says senior Siddique Chaudhry.

Whenever you stroll past the cafeteria during a Pride class, you will see that almost every student is listening to music. Music is just one of those things that can get you through the day or a very tough time in your life. Without music who knows what the world would be like.

Nominated for Librarian of the Year

By Deborah Wimmer

Mrs. Rush. Park View’s Librarian was nominated for the Virginia Association of School Librarians Potomac Region Librarian of the Year. That nomination truly reflects the fantastic job she does as a Librarian. “The role of a Librarian is to create a space that is inviting to everyone and has the ability to help everyone learn about themselves, the world, and where everyone comes together to share knowledge,” said Mrs. Rush. She does portray the role of an amazing librarian, but she was not expecting the honor of being nominated. “I was surprised and awestruck busy, so I was not expecting it,” exclaimed Mrs. Rush. She did not always plan to be a librarian, even in college. She first attended college to get a degree in history, which she received a masters in. Mrs. Rush was inspired to be a librarian by a friend who planned on being one. Mrs. Rush always had a love for books, which she mentioned was something she got from her mother. As a child she spent a lot of time reading and loving books. “I’ve been lucky because hard work usually pays off for me and made me do a lot of things that is useful for others,” said Mrs. Rush. Working at Park View has been much different than her past jobs. “At the other jobs, I was usually the only librarian. But I have another colleague here, and just working with high school kids, which is a new age to work with, makes all the difference,” said Mrs. Rush. Park View High School is truly lucky to have such a dedicated librarian like Mrs. Rush, and we all wish her the best of luck.
Veteran and New Teachers

This is Mr. David Pruden’s eighth year teaching here at Park View. He taught BC Calculus and Geometry this year. When asked if teaching is what he expected it to be, he replied, “No, a lot harder to do than what it appears when you sit as a student. It’s more work and students don’t see how much work it is. It’s a non-gratification type of thing. My one goal as a teacher is to try and have students learn and become interested in all different maths,” Mr. Pruden said. It is very gratifying to see them change over time.”

He also explains that his son was the one to motivate him to teach. “My son plays guitar. So I’m learning to play so that we have something in common.” Outside of school Mr. Pruden likes running, bicycling, and reading. Really old surf music is his favorite type of music, and his favorite movie is The Last of the Mohicans. Lastly, when asked what his most enjoyable memory here was, he leaves us with, “There are lots. Watching a student change over the course of the year is truly something. Also, seeing all the people at prom was pretty incredible.”

Students

Mighty mighty senior Deyci Delecid is a caring, honest, and sports-wise competitive person. When she finishes high school, she’ll miss all her friends and the great teachers, like her Advanced PE class teacher, Coach K. Her time here at Park View has flown by so fast. Her favorite subject is history, and she would like to say thank you to all her teachers for making things go easier. She is a part of the varsity lacrosse team this year. “I had a great experience with both and great team mates, they’re both great sports!” She received the Sportsmanship award from lacrosse this year. Outside of school she hangs out with friends and family. “My sisters are my best friends.” She looks up to her older sister Aida Delcid, who’s a former student of Park View. Her favorite quote is: “Life might not be the party we hoped for, but while we’re here, we might as well dance.” After graduation, she plans to prosper on the medical field as a R.N. or pediatrician, because she loves helping people and working with children.

In the future, this smart and funny young woman would like to attend Berkeley College of Music and get a degree in Music Performance. He is in the Jazz Band, and World View Outside School classes and professional theatres. She mentioned that she is looking forward to possibly being able to teach English next year. Being so familiar with stage, and getting to teach English classes will probably be more interactive,” Ms. Gayle says with a laugh. When asked if teaching is what she expected it to be, she replies, “It is, I decided to teach because it’s a career I can keep learning, to improve myself.” Ms. Gayle’s number one goal as a teacher is to, “increase students awareness and inability to take on different roles.” What motivated her to become a teacher, was, “I was able to teach ESL in the Dominican Republic. I thought it was fascinating,” she exclaims. Back in her high school days, she participated in a ton of theatre and Forensics clubs. Outside of teaching, she says, “I like music and dance, and I really like to write. I work with some sketch comedy and standup.” Ms. Gayle’s favorite movie is Stranger than Fiction. Some of her all-time favorite music is the band Cake and the rapper Asheru. She tells us that her most enjoyable memory this year was, “My first day here with my students. They had more energy than expected. They organized to bring in different fruits. My one goal as a teacher is to try and have students learn and become interested in all different maths,” Mr. Pruden said. It is very gratifying to see them change over time.”

New, and energetic drama teacher, Ms. Mary Beth Gayle is always excited for new ideas. This is her first year here at Park View, along with teaching overall. She is in charge of the Drama and International Thespian Society, an honors society that involves drama. Ms. Gayle has had experience working in Richmond with numerous drama classes and professional theatres. She mentioned that she is looking forward to possibly being able to teach English next year. Being so familiar with stage, and getting to teach English classes will probably be more interactive,” Ms. Gayle says with a laugh. When asked if teaching is what she expected it to be, she replies, “It is, I decided to teach because it’s a career I can keep learning, to improve myself.” Ms. Gayle’s number one goal as a teacher is to, “increase students awareness and inability to take on different roles.” What motivated her to become a teacher, was, “I was able to teach ESL in the Dominican Republic. I thought it was fascinating,” she exclaims. Back in her high school days, she participated in a ton of theatre and Forensics clubs. Outside of teaching, she says, “I like music and dance, and I really like to write. I work with some sketch comedy and standup.” Ms. Gayle’s favorite movie is Stranger than Fiction. Some of her all-time favorite music is the band Cake and the rapper Asheru. She tells us that her most enjoyable memory this year was, “My first day here with my students. They had more energy than expected. They organized to bring in different fruits. My desk was just cascaded! It was overwhelming. I loved it.”

Lastly, she leaves us with, “I learned a lot from my students. You never really know the full potential of a group until you watch, and I’ve learned that this year.”

Freaky, freaky freshman Mary Bryan, describes herself as funny, smart, nice and caring. During school, the subject she likes the most is English, “Because I love to read and write.” After school she is part of the color guard team and is the goalie on the varsity lacrosse team. Outside of school, she likes hanging out with her friends. This bubbly teen loves One Direction, a British band, and her favorite movie is Titanic. She looks up to her grandfather, because he never gave up. Being more confident is her biggest accomplishment. Her favorite quote is; “Never give up on something you can’t go without thinking about.” In the future, this smart and funny young woman would like to become an actress or a nurse.

Patriot Spotlight

By Olivia Constanza and Casey Barker

Jammin’ jammin’ junior Michael French is an estatic and happy guy, although, most of the time he’s a little tired. He loves English because of the analysis, he likes analyzing things, and he appreciates works of literary art. His participates in the drama department and was on the swim team. His favorite band is The Airborne Toxic Event. He has received a varsity letter for swimming and his biggest accomplishments are plays that he’s done. The movie he likes the best is Dr. Horrible Sing-along. His favorite movie is Rubber. He looks up to Andy Kaufman, because he never gave up. And his favorite movie is The Last of the Mohicans. Lastly, when asked what his most enjoyable memory here was, he leaves us with, “There are lots. Watching a student change over the course of the year is truly something. Also, seeing all the people at prom was pretty incredible.”

Super, super sophomore Sandipto ‘Sean’ Ghosh is a unique, friendly, and nice guy. He’s active and an aspiring musician. His favorite subject is English, “I enjoy reading and writing.” Ghosh said. He’s received the PATs award twice and has been recognized as the student of the month by Dr. Loncar. He enjoys action, comedy, and inspirational movies. He is in the Jazz Band, and World View Outside of school, he is studying, composing, or performing music. He plays the guitar, sings, and writes his own songs and instrumentals. He looks up to one of his best friends, Ylere Melende. “He is an amazing musician and human being. He inspires me to be a better person,” Ghosh said. Classic rock, blues, and jazz are his favorite music. In the future, he would like to attend Berkeley College of Music and get a degree in Music Performance.

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For most students at Park View, the end of the year signifies rapid scrambling to bring up grades, projects, and late night cramming for finals. The end of the year situation is completely flipped for our seniors. Some of them might be completing last minute work or stressing over college acceptance letters, while others have a severe case of “senioritis” and their only concern is pulling off the best senior prank.

The graduating class of 2012 will be stepping off that stage in June, diploma in hand, and heading off to the start of their new college lives. Their emotions are probably in constant flux; from excitement to anxious, and eventually, from happy to sad. They will always cherish the memories that they have made with their family, friends, and teachers from their four years at Park View; but, they will also look forward to the new opportunities that lie ahead of them. The faculty of Park View will shake their hands, and hope that they will not only remember the educational lessons, but also the important life lessons that they were taught throughout their high school years.

**W o r d s  o f  w i s d o m  t o  o u r  s e n i o r s**

By Megan Karman

For each year, the faculty of Park View has another class of students that have to say goodbye to and send on their way. Our graduating students should take into account the guiding “words of wisdom” that the faculty can offer them. Before the seniors leave and go off to college, most of the teachers have some life advice that they want to share with the seniors. Biology teacher, Mrs. Crystal Wolfgang, stated, “No one’s going to hold their hand in college.” Her words are very true, and will probably strike fear into the hearts of some seniors who have never been away from home for a long period of time. English/Drama teacher, Ms. Gayle, commented, “They need to work hard and stay confident. You never know how things will turn out, and don’t stress over surprises.” Hopefully, their pieces of advice will help steer the seniors to a prosperous life in college.

**Guys and Dolls:**

By Kamara-Anais Parker

In mid April, the Drama Department presented Guys and Dolls. The play was a fast paced and brilliant classic, centered in the hustle and bustle of New York City, which follows missionaries, gamblers, and show girls. It’s all in a catchy tone that has been a pleasure to audences time and time again. Even though this musical was originally performed in 1950, it still captures and delights audiences today.

Directed by head of the drama department, Ms. Gayle, and assisted by senior George Lowden, the 2011-2012 school year’s only musical had a large cast featuring spectacular talent spanning all four grades. Presented in two acts, it featured a live band that gave a truly entertaining performance of the overture before the curtains even opened. Right after, we were put right into the action on a New York street and three of the large characters singing a fun opener, Fugue for Tinhorns.

The story revolves around four main characters whose emotions all intertwine with each other; Sky Masterson, a big time gambler who had just rolled in to town, played by senior Ricky Duncan; Sarah Brown, an upright missionary who has good intentions but just can’t get through to people, played by senior Sarah Paquette; Nathan Detroit, a fumby gambler in charge of finding locations for a large crap game, played by senior Alex Vest, who played a rather jolly character by the name of Nicely-Nicely Johnson. His major solo during the song Sit Down You’re Rocking the Boat received large applause by the audience through a roaring applause. Other elements adding to the fun were the quirky moments, such as during the kicking Cuban dance scene, when three backstage crew members danced their way off stage along with the actors.

There were, overall, high hopes for the show. Even assistant director, George Lowden, mentioned in the director’s notes section of the playbills, “The amount of dedication and hard work that this cast has put into this show is beyond most things I’ve seen.” It certainly paid off. Although every school’s version of this classic holds different characteristics, Park View’s go at it was exceptional!” Planning and directing a musical is a three or four times more complicated than directing a straight play,” says Ms. Gayle. Yet, with the strenuous task ahead, they pulled through and had a major success. “In a lot of ways it was more successful, for example, much better attendance,” says Ms. Gayle. Overall, it’d be safe to expect more great productions from Ms. Gayle and her staff. “I’m glad I got the experience from Guys and Dolls,” says Ms. Gayle.

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Park View High School’s drama department brought to life “Guys and Dolls”. April 19-21. Beforehand, it was hard to imagine what it would eventually become. The magic on stage had many aspects to how it all came together, cast, crew and pit band transformed Park View’s auditorium into New York City.

For over a month, over 30 cast members rehearsed lines, songs and dances. Almost every day after school the cast worked countless hours to eventually achieve perfection on stage. In total: 2 hours worth of lines, stage direction and blocking were memorized.

A main component to any musical is the dancing. The choreography got many “ooh’s” and “ah’s” from the mesmerized audience. Mrs. McIntire choreographed multiple dance numbers and blocked the scenes. “Bushel and a Peck” and “Take Back Your Mink” performed by the Hot Box Dancers took the dancers over a month to learn. They became in sync with each other and transformed into showgirls. Other performances had only a limited time to learn routines, such as the Havana scene. The cast that was featured in that scene had about a week to learn the choreography (a speedy time compared to other numbers).

A lot goes on backstage behind the curtains. The stage crew played a large role in creating the 1950’s New York City vibe. Set building was started a few weeks before opening night. The set was a building that included Nathan’s newspaper stand, and it turned around to become The Hot Box, a club where Miss Adelaide performs. Things such as benches, street lamps, and tables were taken on and off stage by crew when the curtain closed.

The 1950’s attire was borrowed from Potomac Falls High School and Sterling Playmakers. The drama department greatly appreciated the costumes, from the fedoras to the farm girl dresses. Many costume changes took place throughout the show, some cast members had as many as five costume changes to accommodate each scene.

The catchy tunes being sung throughout the musical could not have been done without pit band present. They rehearsed dozens of songs for nearly a month. The violinists, pianists and trumpet players, and many more musicians were included in the pit band.

Tech Week. This drama term both excites and scares everyone involved in the musical. The week of opening night, tech week is when pit band, crew, and cast put everything that they have all learned separately and perform it together as they would during the night. The first day is often chaotic and messy, but as opening night nears everyone performs in harmony. “Guys and Dolls”, was enjoyed by many faculty and students and was yet another spectacular performance by the drama department.
Boys soccer takes on Briar Woods

By Ed Pifer

The Park View boys soccer team faced off against Briar Woods on Tuesday, May 1st in a district game. Junior and team captain Geovanny Hernandez said, “A lot of pressure is on us and we need to win. Our goal is to destroy them and get that win.”

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The Patriots held back the Falcons, but the Falcons scored the first goal in the first half. After that goal, sophomore goalie, Sam Onyeador, turned up that heat by having two very nice saves which stopped the Falcons from scoring. After the first half the score was 1-0 Briar Woods. The Patriots were playing strong both defensively and offensively. Onyeador had a solid game with over 10 saves. The game was cut short after a fight on the field took place. The officials stopped the game early and Briar Woods walked away with the 1-0 victory.

Boys lacrosse helps to end streak

By Matthew Morley-Hillen

On Tuesday April 24th, Park View boys’ lacrosse played Wakefield High School from Arlington at Park View. Leading up to the game, junior captain Alex Nykrochek said, “We practiced hard every day and we are going to play hard and give it all we got.”

As the sunset was in the horizon, it was time for the face-off. The teams were announced and the ball was dropped.

Wakefield won the faceoff, and from that they ran up the field and scored. Although, two minutes later Park View equalized the score through sophomore Mark Brooks. From then on it was end to end action.

The first quarter ended at 1-1. The second quarter started the way the 1st had ended, shots from every angle but none would seem to go in. Then Wakefield made a counter attack with a goal. With less than minutes in the 2nd quarter, Wakefield extended their lead to 2 goals making the score at half time 3-1.

Starting the third quarter off slow was something the Patriots couldn’t afford to do. They came out fighting, but at the end of the third quarter it was 8-1 Wakefield. Coming into the 4th quarter, the Patriots still kept fighting and the final score being 12-1. This game was special for Wakefield as it ended their 99 game losing streak. Junior Anthony Velasquez commented, “We tried our best and this time it didn’t go good for us. Being cocky and thinking we already won gave us the wrong mindset. We needed more intensity.”

Softball fights back

By Matthew Morley-Hillen

On Wednesday, April 25th, the Lady Patriots softball team took on the Woodgrove Wolverines. “I go to practice and work extra hard on ground balls and my batting swing. I think it will be a close game,” said junior Vanessa Grapes before the game. The sun was beaming down from the sky on this late afternoon in April for this rescheduled game. Senior Britney Moore started as pitcher, as the team hoped for a win.

The first inning started off quick and easy when the first three batters got out. Senior Samantha Thomas started off the bottom of the first inning with a double to left field, but she was soon stranded on third base with no more hits.

With a few hits here and there, in the fifth inning the score was still tied 0-0 and the Patriots were starting to fancy their chances of getting a win. Suddenly, the Wolverines went from zero to three when their first three batters made it home. The Patriots were fortunate that the bases were empty when Wolverine catcher, Christy Haney, hit a home-run.

The Wolverines emerged out of the fifth inning 8-0, and the game was soon to end 10-0. “I believe we have performed well but not to our abilities. If we play to the level I know we can, we could go really far,” freshman Kat Baran admitted later.

This game must have motivated the team to work harder as they have had back to back wins since the loss to the Wolverines. An intense 6-4 win over South Lakes and a huge upset win against Loudoun County 6-3 show signs of ending this season well.

It just takes one bad game to build a team closer. “It’s mine and Britney’s job to provide senior leadership and get everyone to keep playing hard no matter what, even if we don’t go out and get a win. We are going to play to the very end,” said senior captain Samantha Thomas.

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As the end of the school year fast approaches, seniors are anxious to leave, while the rest of the students are sad to see them go. The four years spent in high school have been good, and the seniors have grown as young men and women. On their way to lead and serve in the real world, their lives start a new chapter as they prepare to leave for college. Those fellow students, who will accompany them on their journey through this new section of life, can be seen through the college list below:

**Northern Virginia Community College:**
- Carolina Alcantara
- Cynthia Alfaro
- Iqra Aslam
- Nayarit Ayala
- Abdi Babayigit
- Can Babayigit
- Yessenia Bonilla Rosa
- Nora Brizuela-Vasquez
- Holly Burns
- Kristina Burns
- Jocelyn Caverio
- Ngoc Chau
- Aymen Dahab
- Nasif Farhan
- Arooj Fatima
- Karina Gomez Santos
- Jennifer Gonzalez Araujo
- Shirley Hernandez
- Han Dang Le
- Cynthia Machado
- Rebekah Mellick
- Roxana Miguel
- Clarisa Munoz-Olivas
- Kimberly Osorio Castillo
- Sonya Quiroz Robles
- Estefanny Ramirez
- Felix Romero
- Thanarath Sananikone
- Elizabeth Sandoval Sanchez
- Stephanie Sisido
- Eduardo Somoza Canas
- Magalie Sosa
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Prom 2012
The PTSO Band Extravaganza event happened on Saturday, May 5th at 7pm in the cafeteria. The entrance cost was $2.00 for a student and $5.00 per adult.

The setting was warm and romantic; creating the perfect atmosphere for the event. The cafeteria’s columns were wrapped in white Christmas lights. There were fake candles covering each table with a warm glow. Parents and students all sat around the table, waiting for the event to begin.

The event began with a performance by Park View’s Jazz Band. Their first song was Carnival del Sol, which was fast paced and jazzy. They performed 8 songs. The two students that played the saxophones had solos, Devin Colby off on someone else when I was irritated, and receive him back when he would start to whine. Now the tough part was coming, bedtime.

Surprisingly, the same routine took place Saturday night. I’d lay my head down on my pillow; get comfortable, and then the baby cries. Put the key in the baby, lay back down, baby cries. An hour or so went by, baby cries. Just the same old same old.

Sunday morning came and, lasting on roughly one hour of sleep, it’s time to get up. Truthfully, knowing that I was going to shut off baby Colby later that day, I decided to be a good mom and spend some quality time with my baby.

I dressed Colby, and we made a cake. We took a nap, played some games, and I even took him on a walk around my block. Happily, he didn’t cry as much on real, breathing baby. I encourage anyone who thinks they’ve had hard work to take this class and bring home a fake baby. It will be an experience you will never forget.

Beard and Jason Miller. There was also a student in the trombones that had a solo. The drummer, Ricky Duncan, had a couple solos, as well.

The jazz band dedicated their fourth song, Moon Dance, to Dr. Minshew, because it’s her favorite song. Mr. Philip directed the whole thing, breaking in to announce who just played and other interesting news concerning the band. Three students, Daniel Shafer, Jonathan Thurston, and Devin Beard, made it into the all district Jazz band. To get in, these students had to do an improvisation and site reading where you can’t see the judges as you play. Two students, Linda Yoles and Daniel Shafer, were also recognized for their outstanding performance at the event. After their songs, there was an intermission, where everyone got food donated by the Jazz band and their families.

“I think we did alright,” sophomore James Vandyke commented. “I thought we did a marvelous job of understanding the music that was on our sheets,” junior Pablo Rivera said.

The PTSO Band, Swing Shift, performed after the intermission. This was their third year doing the PTSO band extravaganza. They began with a couple of songs, with just pure instruments, but after a few songs, they began to spice things up. A man, part of the PTSO band, began to sing one of Louis Armstrong’s songs and other romantic jazz songs. He invited people to dance, but everyone was too shy to take up that invitation.

The PTSO band sold their CD’s for ten dollars, and many of the public bought it. Their performance was very well enjoyed by everyone, and the night ended with positive thumbs up from everyone. “Swing Shift is fantastic,” Vandike said.

So if you ever get invited to an event with performance by Swing Shift or Park View’s Jazz band, make sure you say yes, because they are unbelievable.
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