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Student Spotlight

Did You Know?

By: Christina Joice

1. Christmas became a national holiday in America on June, 26, 1870.
2. The first president to decorate the white house Christmas tree in the United States was Franklin Pierce.
3. If you received all of the gifts in the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas", you would receive 364 presents.
4. "Jingle Bells" was first written for Thanksgiving and then became one of the most popular Christmas songs.
5. "Rudolph" was actually created by Montgomery Ward in the late 1930's for a holiday promotion. The rest is history
6. The first state to recognize the Christmas holiday officially was Alabama
7. Coca Cola was the first beverage company to use Santa for a winter promotion.
8. In 1843, "A Christmas Carol" was written by Charles Dickens in just six weeks.
9. "The Nutcracker" is the most famous Christmas ballet.

Q & A

Samantha Meadows

By: Stephanie Seyler

Brian Wright

By: Brandon Tucker

Grade	12th (Senior)	12 th (Senior)
Nickname	Sam	Master P
Years in Ponder	18 years	18 years
Favorites:		
Actor	Chad Michael Murray	John Cleese
Actress	N/A	Jodie Foster
TV Show	Desperate Housewives	Cosmos
Movie	Speed	Monty Python's Life of Brian
Sport	Football	Cock Fighting/Squash
Color	Purple	Hot Pink
School Subject/Class	PALS	Science/Schluter
Hang-out	Movies	Home Sweet Home
Restaurant	Chili's	El Matador
What do you like to read?	Fearless Series	Secular Philosophy/ Science/ Cosmetology
If you could say one thing in the newspaper, what would it be?	"Seniors Rule!"	"Wash you hands after you go potty."
What's in your CD player right now?	Mix CD	Bryan Sutton
What 4 people (dead or alive) would you ask to dinner?	My grandparents, and my best friend	Jesus Christ, Moses, Charles Darwin, and Albert Einstein
If you had \$100, what would you do with it?	Shop	Put it in my wallet and let it make friends with the other legal tender
If you could be famous, who would you be?	Don't know	Brian Wright
What's better - being honest or being nice?	Honest	Being honest in a nice way
What is your one goal this year?	Attend most of the ball games.	Make people laugh
If you could choose any occupation, what would it be?	A writer.	The owner of the world's largest Alpaca farm.

Quotable Quotes

By: Larissa Nipper

"They underestimated me."
-George W. Bush

"All truth passes through three stages. First, it is ridiculed. Second, it is violently opposed. Third, it is accepted as being self-evident."
-Arthur Schopenhauer (1788-1860)

"I'm all in favor of keeping dangerous weapons out of the hands of fools. Let's start with typewriters."
-Frank Lloyd Wright (1868-1959)

"I heard someone tried the monkeys-on-typewriters bit trying for the plays of W. Shakespeare, but all they got was the collected works of Francis Bacon."
-Bill Hirst

"Only two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity, and I'm not sure about the former."
- Albert Einstein (1879-1955)

Sports Results

By: Cassandra Hosack, Daniel McPherson, and Brittany Schmitz

Date	Team	VS	Results
11/ 19	9th Boys	Ponder Tournament	2nd place
11/19	JV Boys	Ponder Tournament	1st place
11/19	Varsity Girls	Ponder Tournament	3rd place
11/19	Varsity Boys	Ponder Tournament	1st place
11/22	9th Boys	Little Elm	Won 80-52
11/22	JV Boys	Little Elm	Won 60-42
11/22	Varsity	Little Elm	Won 42-28
11/22	Varsity Girls	Lindsay	Lost 50-56
11/29	9th Boys	Sanger	Won 45-31
11/29	JV Boys	Sanger	Lost 49-66
11/29	Varsity Boys	Sanger	Won 65-42
11/29	Varsity Girls	Howe	Lost 59-66

Upcoming Events

By Kari Routh

Date	Event	Place/Time
December 1-3	9 th and JV Boys Basketball @ Sanger Tournament Varsity Boys Basketball @ Cross Timbers Tournament	9 th /JV: Sanger VB: Stephenville
December 2	Varsity Girls Basketball vs. ESD	Ponder HS Gym @ 6:00
December 3	State FFA Leadership Development Event	Huntsville
December 6	9 th Boys, JV Boys, and Varsity Girls Basketball vs. Slidell	Slidell @ 4:00
December 8-10	Varsity Girls Basketball @ Chico Tournament 9 th and JV Boys Basketball @ Lake Dallas Tournament	VG: Chico 9 th /JV: Lake Dallas
December 9	Varsity Boys Basketball vs. North Garland	VB: N. Garland H.S. @ 1:00
December 10	Varsity Boys Basketball vs. Rowlett	VB: S. Garland H.S. @ 5:00
December 13	PHS Boys Basketball vs. Keene Varsity Girls Basketball vs. Celina	Boys: PHS Gym @ 6:00 Girls: Celina @ 6:00
December 15	Early Release	School Ends @ 1:30
December 16	Early Release/End of Six Weeks Homecoming PHS Boys Basketball vs. FW Arlington Heights Varsity Girls Basketball vs. Callisburg	School Ends @ 1:30 Homecoming: PHS Gym Boys: PHS Gym @ 3:00 Girls: PHS Gym @ 6:00
Dec. 17- Jan. 2	School Holiday	
December 20	Varsity Girls Basketball vs. Argyle	Argyle @ 6:00
December 27-29	Varsity Girls Basketball @ Holiday Classic Tournament Varsity Boys Basketball @ Whataburger Tournament	VG: Prosper VB: Nolan High School
December 31	PHS Boys Basketball vs. Argyle	Argyle @ 12:00
January 3	PHS Basketball vs. Prosper In-service Day	Ponder HS Gym @ 4:00