

# The Falcon Feather

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Pedro Menendez High School

## RACING TO VICTORY

### *Swim and Cross Country Lead Menendez to States 2020*



The girls Relay Swim Team went to States on November 14th. The girls who attended were: Ella Chang (12), Jasmine Newsom (12), Lindsey Lawlor (12), Sallie Panchookian (12), and Rosie Carmichael (10). They all got their season personal bests.

The boys Cross Country Team took 12<sup>th</sup> in the State Meet on Sunday, November 15th. This is the strongest finish by any Pedro Cross Country Team since the school opened in 2000. The varsity team includes: Ian Kelbert (12), Josh Brett (12), Ryan Jones (10), Luke Lawrence (11), Sam Courter (12), John Purtill (11), Luc Gillan (10), and Ian Kelsey (12).



## 2020 ELECTION

November 3<sup>rd</sup> was Election Day, but it took four days for the votes in almost all states to be counted and reported by major media sources.



With a predicted electoral vote of 290:232 as of November 13 (Associated Press), Joe Biden reached 270 first and became the President-Elect with Kamala Harris as the Vice President-Elect.

The official electoral vote will be placed December 14<sup>th</sup>.

We took a poll on the Falcon Feather Instagram to find out which of the candidates Pedro preferred. With a score of 80:56, President Trump won in the school, matching the win in Florida. If you want to participate in future polls, follow @thefalconfeather on Instagram.



# Student Athlete Interviews:

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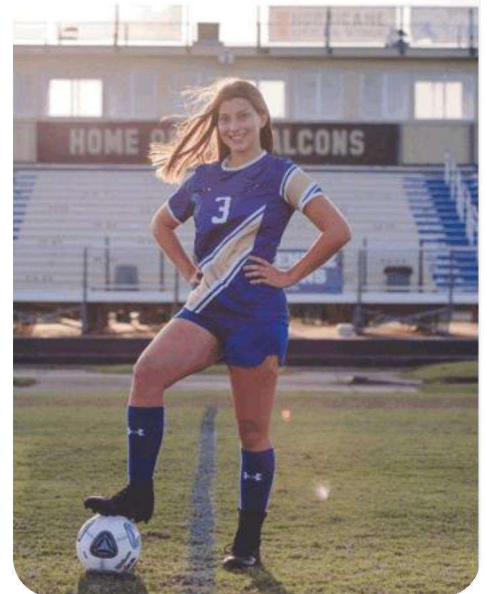


Rowan Garrison, 12

Rowan began to play soccer in his youth. When asked what he loves most about soccer, he answered, "I love running up and down the field while also working hard." His favorite memory is defeating St. Augustine in a penalty shootout. Being undefeated as a team so far this season, Rowan believes that "Pedro will be one of the best teams in the state [if] we play with maturity and consistency with good form."

Mackenzie Probst, 12

Pedro Menendez girls' soccer captain, Mackenzie Probst, loves the competitiveness of the game. Her favorite memory throughout the years has been forming close bonds with teammates and coaches, especially her Ancient City club coach, Coach Andy. Despite the team's 1-2 start this season, Mackenzie has improved her game, saying, "I'm playing with more confidence." According to Mackenzie, in order to have a winning season, "we must get in better shape and maintain good chemistry."



Tabias Brown, 11

The football team has been through a wild ride this season, with the firing of the head coach and the installment of an interim head coach. However, through all the ups and downs, the Falcon football squad has responded to their adversity by making their "bond closer and stronger, while being there for one another," according to running back/linebacker Tabias Brown. Tabias feels that he has "performed well" this season, as he's been "grinding with his brothers." Although his favorite memory is "beating St. Augustine for the first time," he was a key factor in making history in games that Falcon students, faculty, and parents will be talking about in the years to come.

# Announcements

**The dates for the Advisory Board meetings for academies:**

December 7<sup>th</sup> - Health Academy

December 10<sup>th</sup> - Business Academy

December 15<sup>th</sup> - Architecture and Building Sciences Academy

**Upcoming events:**

High school Showcase: Virtual on January 21<sup>st</sup>.

PMHS Academy Night: Virtual on January 27<sup>th</sup>.

Jazz Band Concert: December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the courtyard

Band Concert: December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the courtyard

**Girls Weightlifting Meets at home:**

11/18 v Crescent City

12/9 v Fernandina Beach

12/16 v Ponte Vedra

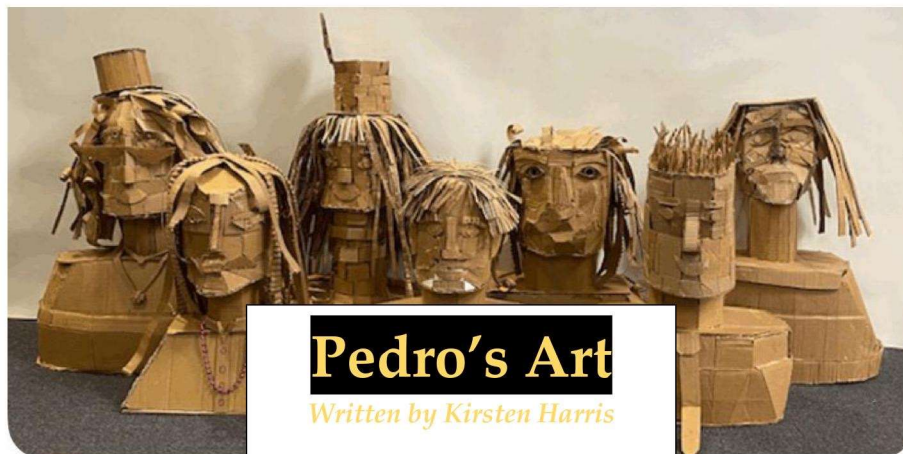
1/6 v Palatka

1/13 v Matanzas

**Girls Soccer games at home:**

12/1 v Palatka

12/4 v Santa Fe



This intricate artwork was created by Mrs. Waldrop's Pre-IB students. They were inspired by Pablo Picasso's Cubism. This process consists of breaking something down into smaller shapes and rebuilding it into a new piece of art. In this picture, the students utilized their creativity to make beautiful artwork out of cardboard cuttings.



# Pedro Poetry

## Window Key

In the Window Key, she lives alone trying to catch  
A wink of sleep but the roaring of lions demands a rematch.

Thinking of her love, who left her abruptly  
Out the window, never seeing who he corruptly  
Left alone in a house that keeps her consequently  
In the glow of a window, waiting for a snatch

Away in her bedroom in the windowless dark  
She cowers and blocks out the sounds of the mark  
That is left in her brain every night. Leading to a spark  
Which lights a fire with a single match  
The holes grow every nightfall  
Sucking everything away leaving nothing at all  
But in the morning it reappears, just as she recalls  
Down to the very last detail, especially the window with the latch

One night she heard her beloved husband calling her from outside  
She heard and cried  
Because she could not be with him alongside  
For if she did she would be sucked right off her feet and left in a patch

But she couldn't take it anymore  
And she ripped the hinges right off her door  
And was sucked into the darkness therefore,  
Where she lives in dispatch.

The author of this student poetry is Alayna Hasselman. She is a freshman in Coach Ryan's Creative Writing class. Alayna wrote this intriguing poem based on her story about a widow who lives in a haunted house. Alayna loves to read, and she often draws inspiration for her writing from what she reads and the events that occurred previously throughout her day.



## Meet your Editors

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