

# Panther review

## Senior Suggest

“Early is on time and on time is late.”

-Jae’lah Harris

“The only way any issue is going to get better is if you make it better.”

-Danielle Heydon

“Challenge yourself with harder classes.”

-Kaylyn Zuech

“Don’t slack off freshman year. Every single grade counts.”

-Kaytlin O’Hara

## Tennis time

by Justin Hix

The tennis team played their area matches Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 20-21.

Although the team ended up losing, they are hopeful for the chance to go further in the spring.

During the fall, tennis plays as one team, but in the spring they compete individually and as doubles to be able to continue on to State at the end of the spring season.

While the team will not be advancing any further this fall, the matches are good practice for the spring.

“We like to work hard and to work together as a big happy family,” sophomore Danielle Deason said.

The matches for area end the fall tennis season.

“Since fall tennis season is over, we practice and condition, so we can be better in the spring,” junior Jenny Nguyen said. “Coach Ford is like our mom, she loves us so much.”

This bond allows the team to grow closer and develop better skills to help them in the spring.

## Is Ebola a threat? Has the disease spread enough to cause panic?

Editorial by Alli Hall

The first person diagnosed with Ebola in America was Eric Duncan, a citizen of Liberia who was visiting family.

Ever since news of Mr. Duncan spread, America has gone into a frenzy.

Even though there have been less than ten people who have contracted the disease within the U.S., the whole country seems to believe the world is ending.

If the virus was so severe, the government would be shutting down flights and keeping others out and us in.

Instead, major airports are simply monitoring flights and conducting examinations of passengers.

The last thing we need is a panic, and the government knows this, yet news outlets blow the disease out of proportion for the sake of a good story.

The media has been constantly attacking Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital, the hospital where the first American Ebola patient was diagnosed, saying that they failed to act accordingly to the problem at hand.

We need to remember this was the first time the disease had shown up in America.

What exactly were they supposed to do?

Yes, they were unprepared, because no one expected it. Duncan came to the hospital with a fever, and they treated him accordingly.

Also, the two nurses who contracted the disease are currently being spoken for by a nurse’s union.

These two nurses are not members of the nurse’s union and have not been asked if they needed someone to speak for them.

Americans everywhere are feeding off the Ebola story, when in reality, there is not a lot to say.

I am confident this virus will be contained and eradicated, and I also think everyone needs to calm down.

No problem, no need to worry, Ebola is not as big a threat as people are trying to make it out to be.

**Facts about Ebola**

You can't get Ebola through air



You can't get Ebola through water



You can't get Ebola through food



You can only get Ebola from touching bodily fluids of a person who is sick with or has died from Ebola, or from exposure to contaminated objects, such as needles. **Ebola poses no significant risk in the United States.**



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THANKSGIVING BREAK IS

**28 DAYS**

and counting



## Dear Darcy

Dear Darcy,

### What is the best way to avoid a person you dislike?

It is best to plan your day, so you won't see them. Don't attend extracurricular activities they are likely to attend. If they come up to you and try to start a conversation, make up a nice excuse to walk away such as "I have to use the restroom." Do not make eye contact with the person. This approach isn't entirely subtle, but if they feel like you are ignoring them they will likely follow suit and not interact with you. You should ignore them, especially if they are rude or aggressive. This may be extreme, but ignoring them is better than making a scene or starting an aggressive argument.

Dear Darcy,

### I have a crush on one of my guy friends. What do I do?

You could tell the guy how you feel. Then give him some time to decide if he feels the same way or not. If you do not want your guy friend to know, then try talking to some close friends. Considering all situations are different, friends could really help clear up the situation, especially if they have seen the two of you around each other. Also, try hanging out with him inside and outside of school if he does go to the same school as you. Make sure that whenever you have to be things as simple as lab partners, it's the two of you. If the two of you are nearly inseparable, people will start gossiping about y'all being a couple, and the thought will cross his mind too. This increases your chances with him.

Dear Darcy,

### Will anyone ever love me?

Someone will love you. There are tons of people out there in the world. My advice is to find something you love, whether it's a game, sport, or activity, and meet people with similar interests. Then, interact with these people. You'll meet people doing something you love, so you'll have a good way to start conversations. Soon you'll find people perfect enough that you'd enjoy spending more time with. Love comes through friendship and having good times with the people you make memories with that will be cherished for a lifetime.

Have a question for Darcy?  
Bring all your questions to  
Mrs. Tucker's room, and check the next  
issue. Your question could be selected!



# FRIGHT NIGHT

by Sommer Harkins

## Graystone Haunted Manor, Labyrinth, and Cemetery

Graystone Haunted Manor, located in Hallsville at 13481 Farm to Market 968 W, is a spine-chilling haunted house you should definitely visit this month.

This frightening place includes a creepy manor, where you'll discover history about the ghosts that now roam there, a terrifying Oak Raven cemetery, where you will encounter the dark souls entombed there and a petrifying labyrinth of time, where you will surely lose perception.

I would recommend this bone-chilling site, where tickets are only \$18, although the VIP tickets are definitely worth the seven extra dollars, as you will be allowed to skip the hour-long lines and, also enjoy a free snack.

I would rate this scene an "F" for frightening, because I was constantly shrieking and trembling in terror.

## Doc Wilkes House of Horror

Doc Wilkes is a frightening house of horror in Longview, Texas on 1228 Market Street off Harrison Road. It's worth a visit, because the waiting time isn't long.

However, it only takes about ten minutes to get all the way through the one building they have, and tickets are \$13.

If you're willing to pay the price for a quick encounter from Michael Myers and a chase by a man with a chainsaw, I would suggest this house.

I would rate it an "A" for alarming, because, while it was a pretty scary, only the people in the front of the group were really trembling, as they were approached by the gory characters.



You know what scares me??  
A Pop Quiz!

Have a safe and  
Happy Halloween  
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