

# PAUL VI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

December 7, 2009

## Panther Pressbox

"Do Ordinary Things Extraordinarily Well."  
St. Francis DeSales

### **Fairfax City Council Vote on Athletic Fields Tomorrow Night**

We have been asked by some of our parents about supplying a letter that can be sent to the Fairfax City Council regarding support for the Athletic Fields. Please feel free to cut and paste the letter below and email it to

[mayor&council@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:mayor&council@fairfaxva.gov)

*It is my understanding that tomorrow, December 8, the City Council will vote on Paul VI's plan for the reconfiguration of our Athletic Fields. I respectfully ask that you vote to approve this plan, which would require the use of 40 feet of the backyards of Paul VI's two residential properties to fit the two fields we are proposing.*

*In September of 1935, Fairfax High School opened in this location. Paul VI Catholic High School has been in this building since 1983. In our time here, Paul VI has brought many benefits to the community.*

*Our students perform hundreds of hours of community service each year, at places like the Lamb Center and Fairfax Nursing home. PVI hosts the largest student food drive in the area and we are the biggest contributor to the Food for Others food bank.*

*Our parents, students and teachers patronize many local businesses, not only during the school day, but before and after attending PVI sporting events, music concerts and theatre performances.*

*Our school building and fields host Special Olympics events for students throughout the region.*

*Over the years, Paul VI athletics teams have helped students develop confidence, leadership, and teamwork. They have won championships in many sports. Additionally, Paul VI sports teams have performed many service projects like raising money for Special Olympics,*

*sending care packages to soldiers and raising money for Breast Cancer research.*

*Currently, many teams cannot practice on site, which has led to problems and extra expenses throughout the years. These fields also need updating for the safety of our athletes and their opponents.*

*Our proposed field reconfiguration and enhancements will help us continue our mission of providing our students the means to achieve spiritual, intellectual, personal, social, and physical development.*

*Please approve Paul VI's plan for athletic field improvement, so we can continue to help our students in all areas of their development.*

*Respectfully yours,*

### **Varsity Hockey Wins Second Game of Season!**

Friday night the Panthers took to the ice against West Springfield / Hylton, with a full contingent of PVI students in the stands to cheer them on. In just over 2 minutes #24, Sophomore Mickey Sheridan scored the first panther goal, starting the momentum that stayed strong throughout the game. Still early in the first period, WS/H suffered a penalty and #26, Junior Frank Duggan took full advantage of the power play to slam another one in. Just before the end of the first a WS skater earned a penalty for boarding PVI #18, Nate Morrison - who though hit hard skated off the ice and was back for more by the next period. First period ended PVI 2 to WS/H 0, with shots on goal PVI 9 to WS/H 5.

The PVI cheering section continued strong as the second period began - dancing & chanting with their boom box; dressed regally in suits with sandals and goofy hats. Six minutes into the period they were rewarded when #8, Senior Nick DiBiasio scored PVI's third goal. Shortly after WS/H was called for a tripping penalty and PVI kept the puck in their zone for the power play. #30, Junior Katie Nowadly came close to a goal, and Nick Dibiasio was positioned just right to slam it in on the rebound. Then, less than two minutes later #37, Sophomore Peter Hart scored again with an assist from Dibiasio. PVI continued pounding the WS/H goal and in another minute and a half Frank Duggan scored again, bringing the score to PVI 6 vs WS/H 0, with shots on goal PVI 19 to WS/H's 9. Just before the end of the period PVI #61, Peter Veltri was called for a tripping penalty but the panthers held

the ice during the WS/H power play for the last two minutes of the period.

Four minutes into the third, Peter Veltri maneuvered his way up the ice for a hard shot into the goal. WS/H answered with their own goal one minute later, and a minute after that Nick Dibiasio scored again. Halfway through the last period #21, Junior Elijah Spoons was called for a penalty, but PVI again held the ice and didn't give anything up during the WS/H power play. Peter Velti almost hit another in but it reflected off the post, and WS/H suffered another penalty for the last 50 seconds of the game. Final score was PVI 8 and West Springfield/Hylton 1, with 27 PVI shots on goal to WS/H's 17.

Join for one of the next games:

Varsity - Friday, December 11th at 6:10pm (Reston Skatequest)

JV - Sunday, December 13th at 5:20pm (Reston Skatequest)



### **PVI Lady Panthers Basketball**

PVI Lady Panthers Basketball Program had a very successful week for all 3 teams. The varsity team won all three of its games last week as well as the JV and freshman teams won both of their games.

The varsity team won the first ever "Arthur Turner Memorial" Tip-Off

Tournament hosted by PVI by beating Stone Ridge in the finals Saturday 57 - 34.

Earlier in the week the Lady Panthers defeated Highland 91 - 24 and on Friday defeated Bishop Sullivan 76 - 24.

The Lady Panthers have three very tough away games this week.

- Tuesday 5:15 at Flint Hill (double-header with men's team)
- Friday 7:30 at St John's

- Saturday 2:30 at Visitation vs Georgetown Day School

Please come on out and support your Lady Panthers Basketball Teams!

## **Wrestling**

Congratulations to our Panther Wrestlers who defeated WCAC rival St. Mary's Ryken 46-21 in their first match of the year! Seniors Ben Pfothenauer, Damien Ashley, Chuck Carlton and Sammy Ojeh led the way by pinning each of their opponents. Chuck Carlton's pin was timed at just 10 seconds into the match. Don't blink when your watching Panther wrestling - you might miss something. The wrestlers battle Landon and Georgetown Day School on Tuesday (@Landon) and then compete at the prestigious Northern Region Tournament at Fairfax High School on Friday and Saturday. Go PVI wrestling!

## **Men's Basketball**

As a new season begins for the Panther basketball team, we would like to welcome the new additions to our staff. **Chris Norkun** joins the staff as a varsity assistant after spending 2 years as head coach at the Highland School in Warrenton, 2 years as an assistant at Wesleyan University and 4 as an assistant at basketball powerhouse St. Andrews (RI) under legendary Coach Mike Hart. Also joining the program is **Darius Wilson**, who will be assisting both the JV and varsity squads, after spending 3 years running his own youth program in Woodbridge. And finally, we are pleased to announce the hiring of **Katie Grim** as the team's academic advisor. Coach Grim's tireless effort to coordinate the academic schedules for our student athletes has proven to be invaluable. Many thanks to our new coaches for joining us! The program is indebted to all the staff members that spend so much time helping develop our students on and off the court!

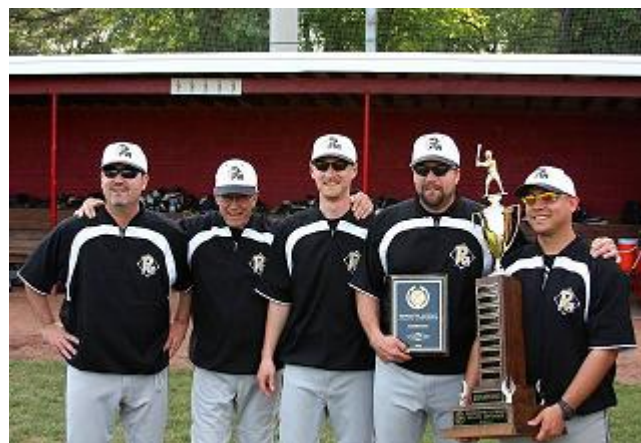
Here's the week's recap:

The Panthers began the season at W. T Woodson tournament against Mount Vernon and began with a 65-59 win. The Panthers were lead by junior Davon Hill (17pts), Tillman Dunbar (13pts), Jamal Robinson (11rebs) and Coleman Johnson (9rebs). The Panthers held Skylia Jones, one of the area's leading scorers last season to 6 points with 1 point coming in the second half. The Panthers led by 8 midway through the second quarter but Mount Vernon made a run to take the lead late in

the second quarter into the third. The Panthers remained pious coupled with pressure defense which allowed the come-back and go-ahead lead to claim the first victory of the season. With this win, the team was confident going into Friday night's championship game against the host and #15 in the *Washington Post* W.T Woodson. The Panthers started the game with an 8-0 run and a pressure defense that kept Woodson off balance. We defeated Woodson 60-45 led by Junior Davon Hill and Sophomore Tillman Dunbar with 14 pts each. Freshman Jamal Robinson and sophomore Coleman Johnson led the charge on the boards with 6 each. The Panthers never trailed in the game, their second win of the season.

On December 5, the Panthers participated in the "Battle of the Beltway" against Owing Mills from Baltimore County. Having played three games in four days, the young Panthers was fatigued. The game would come down to execution and turnovers. After trailing throughout the third quarter going into the fourth, the Panther's pressure defense started creating turnovers that led to easy baskets. The Panthers regained the lead midway through the fourth quarter and never looked back. The 65-55 win gives the Panthers its third win of the season. The Panthers were once again led by Davon Hill (14pts), Patrick Holloway (11pts), Stanford Robinson and Devin Hill (10pts each). Jamal Robinson led the charge on the boards with 7 rebounds and Coleman Johnson had 6 rebounds.

It was a great week for the young Panthers going 3-0 against its first three opponents. Next up for the Panthers, Tuesday December 7 @ Flint Hill (double header with Lady Panthers), Friday December 10 @ St. John's and Saturday December 11 @ Wise High School for the Nike High School Showcase against Wise High School.



**Baseball Team and Coaches Honored after '09 Success**

After winning all three possible championships in 2009 including "back to back" State Titles and 2 of the last 3 WCAC Championships, PVI Baseball is receiving a number of year-end awards both locally and nationally.



**Coaches Nolan, Ciatti, Davidovich, Emerson & Salgado after the 2009 WCAC Championship**

Varsity Assistant Coach Jeff Nolan



Now accepting applications for Head Football Coach - Paul VI Catholic HS  
Send cover letter, resume and references to the PVI Athletic Office  
10675 Fairfax Blvd. Fairfax, VA 22030  
or via email to: [pmenke@paulvi.net](mailto:pmenke@paulvi.net)  
No phone calls please. Interviews will begin in early January.  
**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 16, 2009**

Quote of the Week:

" Show class, have pride and display character. If you do, winning takes care of itself."

Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant