

# Patriot Press

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Out of the many pictures taken during spirit week, we as the layout team feel these are the most spirited.

**Top left:** Ricky Schinkus and Jacob Roberts cheering for the favorite teams

**Top right:** Haley Heller, Kristyn Crow, and Kelly Weinzapfel bundled up for winter

**Bottom left:** Britney Jones and Kylie Kim looking stylish as always



## A Rebuilding Year

by Lindsey Layden

Anyone who witnessed the remarkable, history-making girls' basketball season last year knew that something like that does not come around often. Still, the Lady Patriots seemed to have a bright future for the upcoming season. Then came the twist that changed it all. Previously, it was thought that only 2 players would not be returning, leaving the core team still intact. However, that number soon tripled. As the team began to practice and prepare for the upcoming season, they soon became aware that this season's main goal was to rebuild. New and old players gathered on that first day of practice, ready for the hard work that lay ahead of them. Reconstructing the team was certainly not an easy job, but one that was necessary. Even so, the team worked hard to accomplish this daunting task.

Currently, the Lady Patriots are 3-2, with their losses coming from Heritage and Evangel. The two unfortunate losses have not ceased the team's efforts to continue to improve as a whole. Through their months of hard work and dedication, the Lady Patriots are slowly but surely rebuilding their team in hopes of another tremendous season.

## Influenza

By Amy Abadir

The influenza virus has unquestionably struck our school hard this year. Even after school was closed for a day because of sickness, we still had many teachers and students suffering from the common flu symptoms – fever, body aches, sore throat, cough, fatigue and vomiting. Continue to pray for those who are sick and remember to exercise proper hygiene by washing your hands frequently.

Apollonius, on the other hand, sought to teach and to learn the meaning of life to reach a state of Enlightenment, similar to Buddhism. Their backgrounds also differed immensely. Jesus was born into a poor family, not well known or prominent in their society. Apollonius, in contrast, came from a rich family which was well-respected and renowned.

These men have shaped the lives of many who have followed them, one of them being a philosophical role model while the other a spiritual one. Their contributions to society are highly notable and historically relevant. Though very similar, their differences made their impacts on the world very different. Jesus is a household name and Apollonius is forgotten in the history books. This just proves that the truth will always remain even when all other beliefs and thoughts die away.



**Middle Right:** Garrett Amos and Estefania Menacho in their western gear

**Bottom Right:** Michelle Ramos, Aaron Jacobs, Kyle Mankowski, and Sean Reidt showing support for the 'skins'



## Apollonius of Tyana: The "Pseudo Savior"

by Matt Davis

Throughout the ages, history has recorded the many men of importance that have graced the earth with their presence: Julius Caesar, Alexander the Great, Buddha Shakyamuni, and Napoleon Bonaparte to name a few. But two men in history have remarkably similar lives. The two men to whom I am referring are Jesus Christ and Apollonius of Tyana.

Apollonius' life closely resembles that of Jesus Christ's. They were born within years of each other, each being extremely advanced in knowledge of religious matters at an early age.

## The Patriot

by Gloria Gibrael

To the chagrin of the chief editor of this paper, we the staff decided to write an article about him and his double identity—the FBTA Patriot mascot.

Andrew made his first official appearance at the Varsity Boy's game against Victory on January 7. From rallying some school spirit from the crowd to helping the cheerleaders and entertaining FBTA's younger pupils, this giant Patriot was a big hit with everyone.

We decided to ask our mascot a few questions that the student body has been pondering concerning his "alter ego."

**Gloria:** Does it get hot in there?

**Mascot:** "It used to. Now we have the fan working!"

**Gloria:** Can you see?

**Mascot:** "Most of the time I can't see, so be careful around me."

**Gloria:** Is it fun?

**Mascot:** "Fun? Of course!"

**Gloria:** Is it hard to move around in the costume?

**Mascot:** "Not at all, but the head and hat are a bit frustrating at times."

**Gloria:** What are you thinking while in costume?

**Mascot:** "I think a lot of things—maybe the circus could take me, or maybe even if I get home on time, I can study for the 100 question, 6 essay GNE test!"

"Gil the Patriot" is a wonderful addition to our Academy and we are proud to be possibly the only school in AACS that can boast a mascot.

Join him at home games to cheer our Patriots on!

## Spirit Week

Both men were well-renowned for their teaching and traveling. They both performed miracles, even extremely similar ones in some cases (i.e. it was rumored Apollonius rose a girl from the dead—similar to Jesus raising a man's daughter from her death after dying of an illness). Apollonius had followers on his quest to teach and to learn, as Jesus had the disciples. They both were persecuted for trying to teach their beliefs and ridiculed by early religious leaders.

Though they are remarkably similar, it is their differences that set them apart. Jesus' purpose and plan greatly differed from that of Apollonius. Jesus sought to teach when he had the opportunity and to die for the sins of all mankind.



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To Junior Girls, from Anonymous— "Happy Valentine's Day Amy, Rachel, Saron, Ashly, Sandra, Maggie, Julianna, and Lindsey! From one of your secret admirers, (because believe me, you have many)"

To Junior Boys, from Junior Girls—"To the sweetest guys in school"

To Gretchen Hurda, from Anonymous—"You're the lamp giving light to my living room of life"

To Maggie Hurda, from Gretchen Hurda—"Maggie, you're my number 5"

To Cassie and Jenna, from Antonia Miller—"Cassie and Jenna, thank you for being such amazing friends. I love you."

To Gary Kidd, from Sarah Kidd—"Dear Dad, thank you for all you do, I love you SO much."

To Melissa Bower, from Michelle Ramos—"I love you SO much! I don't know what I would do without you. Ok, now for the mushy gushy part. A single rose my garden, a single friend my world; hope you have the bestest Vday ever. LOVE ALWAYS."

To Ashly Alapide, from Meredith Jenkins—"Hey Ashly, you're the coolest and I love you for it!"

To Mrs. Mack, from Juniors—"From your one and only speech class at

FBTA; thanks Mrs. Mack for a year full of learning and fun. Happy Valentines Day."

To Carrie, from Catherine McCrary—"Love you, Happy Valentines Day."

To Mrs. Barr, from Bro. Barr—"Happy Valentines day to my wonderful wife, I appreciate you, your love for me, our family and the teens, I love you."

To Mrs. Naylor, from Sixth Grade Girls "Dear Mrs. Naylor, thank you for everything you do, we love you."

To Micha, from Mommy and Daddy—"We love you very much. Happy Valentine's Day!"

To Seventh and Eighth Grade, from Mrs. Fea—"Mrs. Fea loves and prays for you every day."

To Rachel Feghali, Sandra Gaber, and Amy Abadir, from Saron Olkaba—"Ana Bahibik Ya Habipti"

To Daniel Moore, from Anonymous—"You're the cutest boy I've ever known; in my heart you are already mine."

To Mrs. Crow, Emily and Oliver, from Daniel Moore—"You guys make snack hall the funnest period ever."

To Taylor Crow, from Anonymous—"Will you be my valentine; you are the best and coolest guy I know; please be mine."

## CLASSIFIEDS

To Anonymous, from Matt Davis—"Loving everything about you Overcome by your beauty and grace Vowing to never leave you Every moment that we shared."

To Adam Turpin, from Anonymous—"Will you be my valentine? Score three for me in the game today!"

To Andrew Huerta, from Anonymous—"You are the cheese to my macaroni, and the ketchup on my hotdog, so far you have been a pretty sweet condiment on top of my days, so Andrew, will you be my valentine?"

To Meredith Jenkins, from Ashly Alapide—"Hey there beautiful, I love you very much."

To Joseph-INA, from Ashly Alapide—"You're a trip, you always make my day; Thanks."

To Students at FBTA, from Mrs. Naylor—"I love all of the wonderful students at FBTA."

To Lindsey Layden, from Ashly Alapide—"You bring music to my ears...literally."

To Samikins, from Ashly Alapide—"Be my second Valentine...(it's a Leah-Rachel thing)"

To Daddy, from Abbey Mack—"Daddy, roses are red, violets are blue, you are the best daddy in the world!"

To Alexis Amos, from Garrett Amos—"Dear sister, I love you so so so so so so so so so so much!"  
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To Mom and Dad, from Chris Torres—"I love you mom and dad."

To Aunt Missy, from Sarah Hughes—"You are the best aunt in the world."

To Mom, from Caleb Dyck—"I love you mom, and have a great Valentine's Day."

To Hope Zakaria, from Anonymous—"Roses are red, Violets are blue, I just wanted you to know that I love you."

To Mrs. Fea, from the whole Eighth grade—"You are the best teacher ever. You risk your health and even your life to teach us (even when you get sick). You don't know how much we appreciate you."

To Taylor and Kristyn, from Mom and Dad—"You make our hearts smile. We love you very much and thank God for you."

To Mr. Probus, from Grade 8b—"You're the best teacher ever! You are so cool and you are the coolest coach to watch

during the game. We'll never forget you."

To Rachel Feghali, from Andrew Girgis—"You're the greatest Assistant Editor anyone can have. And thanks for keeping me in line, all the time. Much love."

To Tracey, from anonymous—" Happy Valentines Day"

To Mrs. Darby, from anonymous—"Working the concession stand is a blast. Meeting and serving others that will last! It is such a blessing to me thank you for giving me the opportunity."

To Cassie, Antonia, and Sarah, from Joanna Hardy—"Thank you so much for being such great friends. I love you! Happy Valentine's Day!"

To JoJo, from Cassie Leavenworth—"You are the greatest friend I could ever ask for, 123 ya!"

To Mom, from Estefania Menacho—" I love you and I hope you have a great Valentine's Day."

To Family, from Andrew Barr—"I love you so, so, so, so, so, so much. You are the best family in the world!"

To Mom and Dad, from Jessica Pham—"Happy Valentine's Day. I love you so much."

To Daddy, from Caitlin Evans—"I love you so much. I wish you did not

have any trials and pray for your plane not to crash."

To Mom and Dad, from Hannah Shrader—"I love you!"

To Mom, from Kevin Mankowski—"I love you very much and I hope you have a Happy Valentine's day."

To Mom and Dad, from Hart Zakaria—"Happy Valentine's Day, I love you."

To Mrs. Wieler, from Anonymous—"Roses are red, Violets are blue, You are my principal and I love you."

To Ethan Taylor, from Anonymous—"Will you be my Valentine?? Guess who??You are the best."

To God, from Bezi Yohannes—"Thank you Lord, for what you have done. Thanks for loving me through and through. I know these words are overdue, but I want to thank you! I love you! Happy Valentine's Day, God!"

Carrie Hill, 8<sup>th</sup> - "My dad was working out in a gym when my mom saw him and asked him out."

Kimberly Probus, 8<sup>th</sup> - "My grandpa invited my dad to a Bible study at his house. My mom made dinner, and that is where they met."

Hannah Kidd, 8<sup>th</sup> - "My mom and dad both went to Virginia Tech and they met their senior year!"

Abbe Mithcell, 9<sup>th</sup> - "At the social party at BJU when my mom was a junior and my dad was a freshman"

Angela Fite, 8<sup>th</sup> - "My mom was making coffee for a Sunday school class and my dad came in and introduced himself as,

"The name is Fite, John Fite." My mom was so concentrated that she was totally nice to him at first."

John Joseph, K5—"They met at a bridge, they were like-talking, and then they got married."

Esther Bae, K5—"They saw each other at a restaurant, and then they got married."

Jordan Payne, K5—"They met at a bowling alley when they were kids."

Madison Varricchione, K5—"They met at a park, then they got married."

Kyle Fisher, K5—"They had cake, then they got married."

To the left are a few ways some of our lovely parents met, as told by their kids. To the right are student responses when asked by Tracy Aliaga-- "What are your New Year's Resolutions?"

Jocelyn- To get better grades

Lauren- To stop twirling my hair

Tim W- To gain 30lbs

Andrew Huerta- to get better grades

Saron- To lose 50 lbs

Ashley- To grow out my hair really long

Emily- To learn how to play the guitar

Marissa Shrader- To get on the A honor roll, as well as Hannah

Raquel- To apply something from the Bible every day and not just to say I read it

Joshua B- To read the Bible in one year.

Gloria- To be the class Valedictorian.

James- To get one next year

George- To win state championships for b-ball

Justin- To read the Bible through in one year

Sarah- To lose 20 lbs and get fit for next soccer season.