

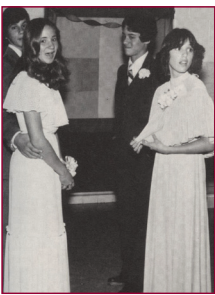
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Celebrating 50 Years at Homecoming Students and Alums Gather to Reflect and Reconnect

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The Classes of 2020-2023 came together to celebrate Paint Branch's 50th Anniversary during homecoming the week of October 14th.

The week started strong with Pajama Day on Monday. Students, teachers, and staff members flooded the halls with robes, sleeping masks, and even onesies. Some even brought blankets to accompany them in their daily class naps.

Tuesday was Culture Day and PB Panthers decorated themselves in dashikis, saris, traditional dresses, jerseys, and many more representative clothing. Some students even went to the extent of wearing their countries' flags throughout the day. Paint Branch yet again expressed and exemplified how diverse the school truly is.

On Wednesday the school celebrated Decade Day. Spirit died down a bit as most students dressed for comfort for the PSATs, but teachers went all out as a number of interesting figures roamed the halls including what many thought was Abraham Lincoln walking the halls..

Thursday was the day that PB spirit made a reappearance as the school celebrated Pink & Toga Day. October is globally recognized as Breast Cancer Awareness month and many Panthers asserted their support for those who are or have been affected by breast cancer by wearing pink paint, tutus, leg warmers, and a variety of other outfits adorned in the bright hue. Seniors strutted their school dominance in their DIY togas.

All spirit days led up to Friday where students wore their class colors and the staff showed off their school merch. Freshman wore white, sophomores gold, juniors burgundy, and seniors black. Some students even wore spirit/war paint to school - and those who did not could pay to get it done during the Lit Mag's Spirit Paint Fundraiser.

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Mourning the Loss of Two of Our Panthers

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Paint Branch suffered two tragic losses this summer. In July, rising junior Halimatou Diallo was killed, along with her mother, in an auto accident. Later this summer, in August, Damion Callery Jr., an alumni of the Class of 2019, was murdered at his home. These two deaths shook the PB Community.

On the morning of July 27, Halimatou and her mother, Fatoumata Binta Diakite, were passengers in a car that was involved in a collision on Crain Highway in Charles County. According to reports, their vehicle was rear-ended by an SUV, and they were pronounced dead at the scene. Police reports are still pending on the accident.

Fatoumata Binta Diakite

was a hardworking, single mother caring for Halimatou and her two sons, Amadou Diallo, a member of the PB Class of 2019, and Boubacar Diallo. Ms. Diakite's son stated that she was an immigrant from Guinea, Labe and had recently received her citizenship before her death.

Halimatou, well-known by everyone as "Hali," was a rising junior and also a thriving runner on Paint Branch's cross country and track teams. Amadou and Boubacar Diallo, Hali's older brothers, noted that their sister "never accepted failure, she was the epitome of perfection and she always excelled in everything that she did." She was well-respected by her community.

The track team was devastated by Halimatou's passing. She was primarily a sprinter who ran the 100 meter and 400 meter



Halimatou was a member of the Cross Country & Track teams at PB and part of the Class of 2021.

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Schools Everywhere at the College Fair

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It's that time again for the upperclassmen to start thinking about their college choices and how they envision their future. Crazy right? To help students develop a better idea of what kind of school they would like to attend, learn about specific programs that schools offer, and gain a better understanding of the cost of college, Paint Branch held its annual college fair. The event, which took place on Thursday, October 17th, featured over sixty schools.

The gym was filled with seniors and juniors who wandered from table to table to learn about each college that came to the event. At each table, students encountered representatives who provided information that ranged from the cost of the school to what majors they offer.



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Where do you see yourself in 10 years?
On the new version of "Criminal Minds"

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?
Nearly finished with my doctorate degree

What are your favorite memories at PB?
Expressing my passion through dance.

What are your favorite memories at PB?
My favorite memory would be aiding; I was able to help the counselors since they always help us.

What was your favorite television show growing up?
Spongebob

What was your favorite television show growing up?
Naruto

Do you have any advice for underclassmen about being a senior?

Do you have any advice for underclassmen about being a senior?
Do not play with deadlines!

Don't procrastinate and don't worry about hate and fake love; do what you gotta do to graduate!

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After classes on Friday, students came together at the pep rally, where the cheerleaders and poms performed and the homecoming kings and queens were announced. Students returned later that night for the 50th celebration during the game between PB and Northwood that the Panthers won easily, 42-6.

On Saturday night, students dressed up for the homecoming dance that, despite some questionable music choices, featured people crowded into each other in celebration. In 2019, Paint Branch celebrated just as it has for 50 years, as a Panther family.

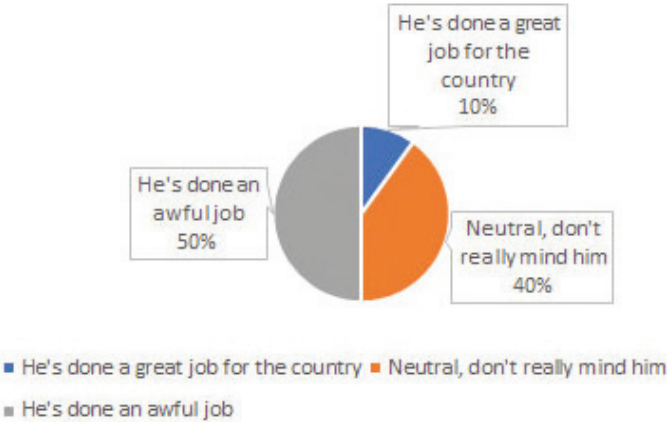


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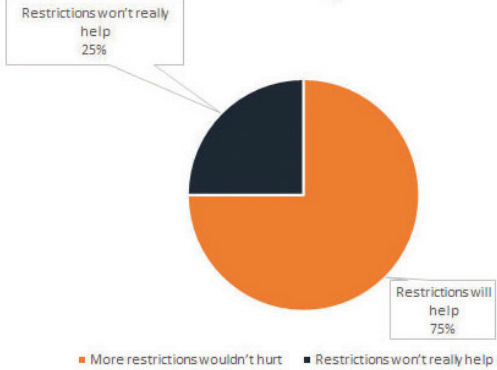
Mainstream asked 20 PB Students how they felt about four important topics facing our nation and the world.

This is what they said.

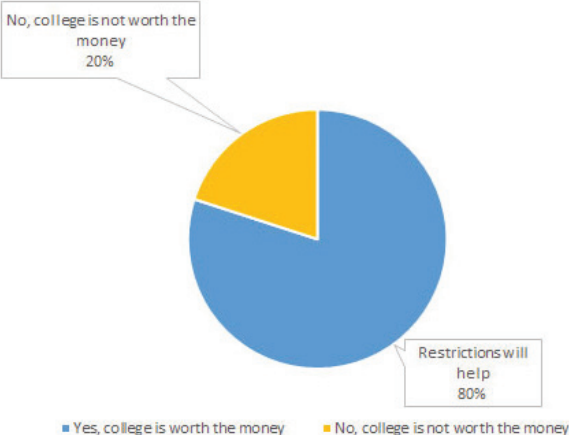
Almost four years into Trump's term, what are your thoughts towards him?



As we're continuing to see mass shootings occur, do you think there should be more restrictions on guns and access to guns?



With the rise of college debt continuing to rise, do you think a college education is still worth it?



Climate change is happening - do you feel the u.s is doing enough to combat it?

