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Ridgeview High School Lady Panthers

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*"Why is there only one ball for 22 players?
If you gave a ball to each of them, they'd stop fighting for it."*

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Coach's Corner

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of the players and their families an enjoyable break. We hope that each of you has a happy and wonderful seasonal time with your family.

A light practice schedule will continue during the break and players who are not out of town are required to attend. Players should inform the coaching staff in advance if they are unable to attend. We will be practicing on the following days during the break from 9.00 am to 10.30 am.

- Tuesday, 20th December
- Thursday, 22nd December
- Tuesday, 27th December
- Thursday, 29th December
- Tuesday, 3rd January

We have one game the week we come back to school. It's a home game and it's on the day we come back to school - Thursday, 5th January. This is our senior night. Our five seniors are as follows.

- **Isabella Calalang-Boyer**
- **Danielle Fletcher**
- **Anna Nesi**
- **Genevieve Olah**
- **Khalin Rivenbark**

We hope to see a large crowd in attendance supporting them as they play in one of their final home games as Panthers. The game is against Middleburg. The presentation of the seniors is scheduled to start at 7.00 pm, between junior varsity game and the varsity game. The kick-off times are 5.30 pm and 7.30 pm.

REMINDER

*Christmas Party, Coach Clark's house,
Tuesday, 20th December, 6.00 pm – 9.00 pm*

Results to Date

| | Played | Won | Lost | Tied | Goals For | Goals Against | Shut Outs |
|----------------|--------|-----|------|------|-----------|---------------|-----------|
| Junior Varsity | 13 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 56 | 21 | 4 |
| Varsity | 12 | 5 | 7 | 0 | 42 | 42 | 2 |

Schedule

Tuesday, 1st November, **5-2 win/1-3 loss**
RHS @ Oakleaf, 5.30/7.20 pm

Thursday, 3rd Nov, **0-5 loss/0-8 loss**
St Johns CD @ RHS, 5.30/7.20 pm

Tuesday, 8th November, **8-0 win/8-0 win**
* RHS @ Palatka, 5.30/7.20 pm

Thursday, 10th Nov, **7-0 win/9-1 win**
RHS @ Middleburg, 5.30/7.20 pm

Tuesday, 15th November, **2-2 tie/2-3 loss**
* Clay @ RHS, 5.30/7.20 pm

Thursday, 17th Nov, **2-0 win/10-3 win**
RHS @ St Augustine, 5.30/7.20 pm

Monday, 28th Nov, **3-6 loss/0-8 loss**
* RHS @ Ponte Vedra, 5.30/7.20 pm

Thursday, 1st December, **3-2 win/2-1 win**
Paxon @ RHS, 5.30/7.20 pm

Tuesday, 6th December, **8-1 win/4-7 loss**
* Matanzas @ RHS, 5.30/7.20 pm

Wednesday, 7th December, **8-0 win**
FSDB @ RHS (JV), 6.00 pm

Thursday, 8th December, **2-1 win/0-4 loss**
* Pedro M @ RHS, 5.30/7.20 pm

Monday, 12th December, **6-1 win/5-0 win**
* Orange Park @ RHS, 5.30/7.20 pm

Friday, 16th December, **2-1 win/1-4 loss**
RHS @ Clay, 5.30/7.20 pm

Thursday, 5th January
Middleburg @RHS (S), 5.30/7.20 pm

Monday, 9th January
Oakleaf @ RHS, 5.30/7.20 pm

Tuesday, 10th January
Fernandina @ RHS (V), 6.00 pm

Friday, 13th January
RHS @ Bishop Kenny, 5.30/7.20 pm

Monday, 16th January
Districts @ Higher Seed (V), 6.00 pm

Wednesday, 18th January
Districts @ Pedro M(V), 5.00/7.00pm

Friday, 20th January
District Final @ Pedro M(V), 7.00pm

** denotes district game
(JV) denotes junior varsity only game
(V) denotes varsity only game
(S) denotes Senior Night*

A Most Unusual Soccer Game

On Christmas Eve, 24th December 1914, during World War I, on the battlefields of Flanders, one of the most unusual events in all of human history took place. The Germans had been in a fierce battle with the British and French. Both sides were dug in, safe in muddy, man-made trenches six to eight feet deep that seemed to stretch forever. At some points, front-line troops were a mere 60 yards away from the enemy's lines. Soldiers on both sides received gift boxes containing food and tobacco prepared by their governments that Christmas. At one point on the line, German troops began to put small Christmas trees, lit with candles, outside of their trenches. Then, they began to sing songs. Across the way, in the "no man's land" between them, came songs from the British and French troops. Some of the Germans, who had worked in England before the war, were able to speak enough English to propose a "Christmas" truce. The British and French troops, accepted. This spread down the lines and signboards arose up and down the trenches in a variety of shapes. More placards on both sides popped up. On Christmas Day, a spontaneous truce resulted. All along the lines, soldiers left their trenches, meeting in the middle to shake hands. The first order of business was to bury the dead who had been previously unreachable because of the conflict. Then, they exchanged gifts of chocolate cake, cognac, postcards, newspapers and tobacco. Then, the soldiers began to play multiple soccer games. According to the official war diary of the 133rd Saxon Regiment, their game ended 3 - 2 in favor of Germany.

It didn't last forever. After all, they were in a war. Commanders on both sides ordered their troops to restart hostilities under penalty of court martial, and German and British soldiers reluctantly parted, with much hand-shaking and mutual goodwill. Soldiers eventually did resume shooting at each other. But only after, in a number of cases, a few days of wasting rounds of ammunition shooting at stars in the sky instead of soldiers in the opposing army across the field. The spontaneous truce was largely over by New Year's Day. The Great War stretched on through another three Christmases and beyond, and all subsequent attempts to organize similar truces failed. Millions more died before the Armistice of 11 November, 1918, finally ended the shooting for good. But, in 1914, the spirit of Christmas was truly upheld.

Round Up of Last Week's Games

The Lady Panthers hosted Orange Park High School at Panther Stadium on Monday evening. The game was only two minutes old when **Jacqueline Gagliano** passed to **Malia Hofstra** who scored with a shot from just inside the 18 yard box. The Panthers got their second five minutes later when **Anna Magruder** sent the ball to **Jacqueline Gagliano** who scored with a far post shot. The Panthers were in control of the game. However, the Raiders were still able to break through the Panther defense at times to make runs on goal. Goalkeeper, **Allison Dailey**, was called into action on several occasions in the first half. The Panthers got their third goal with thirteen minutes left in the half when they were awarded a corner kick. **Casey Miller** took the kick and sent the ball outside of the 18-yard box. **Jasmine Echevarria** took the shot and the ball deflected off a defender and into the net. The first half ended 3 – nil. The second half continued with **Madison Yonash** switching into goal. The Raiders got one back in the opening minute of the second half from a long throw in into the box. The Panthers responded seven minutes later when **Jacqueline Gagliano** won the ball from a goal kick and ran the ball to score in a one on one against the Raiders' keeper. Seconds later, the Panthers scored again when a Raiders' defender attempted to clear a cross from **Jacqueline Gagliano**



*Jasmine Echevarria, #14, challenging for the ball,
with Shayla Hofstra, #1, and Amaya Austin, #12, in the background*

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and miscued it into her own goal. The Panthers got one final goal with twelve minutes to go in the game when **Casey Miller** passed the ball to **Jacqueline Gagliano** who ran the ball from the half to score her hat-trick for the evening. The game ended 6 – 1.

The Varsity Panthers then took to the field. The Raiders hustled for every ball and the first half was a scrappy, unsettled affair. **Genevieve Olah** broke the stalemate seventeen minutes into the half when she dribbled around the Raiders' midfield and passed to **Autumn Woodard** who scored with a shot from just inside the eighteen yard box. The Panthers had more chances than the Raiders but failed to convert and the first half ended 1 – 0.

The Panthers began to take more control of the game in the second half. The Panther defenders, **Helen Stedt**, **Kianna Dennis**, **Janelle Echevarria**, **Danielle Fletcher**, **Isabella Calalang-Boyer** and **Anna Nesi**, with **Sarah Golemme** in goal, continued to shut out the Raiders. Five minutes into the half, **Sarah Streicher** pushed the ball through to **Autumn Woodard** who dribbled in to score. Five minutes later, **Autumn Woodard** crossed the ball from out right. **Sarah Streicher**, running in, dummied and **Anya Alecca** slotted the ball into the net. Seven minutes later, **Autumn Woodard** ran on goal and pushed the ball out right for **Anya Alecca** to run on to and let rip with a right foot shot to score her second goal of the evening. The Panthers got their final goal of the night



Jacqueline Gagliano, #10, fighting for the ball, with Taysia Gendler, #1, in the background



Juliana Christos, #6, challenging for the ball, with Shayla Hofstra, #11, Casey Miller, #5, and Jasmine Echevarria, #14, in the background

with fifteen minutes to go in the game. **Sarah Streicher** played the ball out right to **Autumn Woodard** who ran to goal to score her hat-trick for the evening. The final score was 5 – nil.

On Friday, the Panthers were away at Clay High School. The junior varsity game was a scrappy affair. A depleted Ridgeview team of eleven had the majority of the possession but struggled to break through the Clay defense. The Blue Devils were the first to get on the scoreboard after they were awarded a penalty resulting from an infraction in the box. Ridgeview were able to equalize when they were awarded an indirect free kick at

Round Up of Last Week's Games Continued

the edge of the six yard box after a Clay defender passed the ball back to the Clay keeper who picked it up. Ridgeview took advantage of the Clay team confusion and took the kick quickly. **Jacqueline Gagliano** rolled the ball to **Jasmine Echevarria** who slotted it in the net. The first half ended tied at 1 – 1. The second half continued in the same scrappy vein with both sides struggling to gain the upper hand. Ridgeview finally took the lead with twelve minutes to go when **Taysia Gendler** sent the ball through the Blue Devils defense for Anna Magruder to score with a shot into the corner of the net. The game ended 2 – 1.



Isabella Calalang-Boyer, #5, clearing from the back

The depleted varsity team of twelve was on the back foot from the outset in their game. The game was only two minutes old when the Blue Devils came through the middle to score. The Blue Devils went two up thirteen minutes later with another attack through the center of the field. Keeper, **Sarah Golemme**, made some fine saves to keep the Panthers in the game. Ridgeview got one back thirteen minutes later when **Kianna Dennis** went down the left wing and crossed the ball into the goalmouth. **Anya Alecca** was there. Her initial shot was parried by the keeper but her follow up shot found the net. The first half ended 1 – 2. The second half started poorly for the Panthers when another Clay goal, three minutes in, made it 1 – 3. The Panthers had some goal scoring opportunities but struggled to find the net. Clay scored again in the dying minutes and the game ended 1 – 4.



Kayla Alexander, #16, getting challenged