

Thoughts of a Superintendent . . .

From the Desk of Vicki Adams



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

“Happy New Year????? Has this lady lost her marbles????” you ask. Having spent about 50 years in education as either a student or an educator, August has always felt like a ‘new year’ to me - more so than January 1st. Summer is when I set resolutions, make plans to accomplish these goals, undergo necessary changes, glean additional knowledge, (buy school clothes and shoes), but yet feel refreshed and ready for the new school year to begin. This year with what the State has thrown at us such as the implementation of different, more rigorous assessments, late changes in legislature and less funding, many plans this year were based on how we can do more with less this upcoming year. Throughout all my new year’s resolutions, I still feel giving our best is far more important than being the best.

Summer is also an opportune time of year to discuss goals with our children. Even though the weather is still very hot and humid, many students are already bored with summer activities (or the lack of activities) and are also looking forward to the beginning of a new school year. Vacation, the dinner table, or traveling to the many appointments we are trying to take care of before school starts, will provide time and opportunities to communicate about what goals we have for the school year as well as expectations for our children. Talking about and even writing out goals, resolutions, plans and expectations leads to fewer disappointments and misunderstandings during the school year. Summer is also a good time to remind kids that it is much better to try to strive for more difficult goals and not fully achieve them than to coast through the school year without discovering their full potential. Use every opportunity to impress upon them to give their best.

While the new school year is an exciting time for our children, remember this is an exhilarating but yet very scary time for the educators. With the State changing the expectations for school districts with less funding to make this transition, our children’s teachers may be very apprehensive about what is in store for the future. Teachers and administrators will still enjoy teaching and education, even though they may have a lot on their minds. At PISD, our staff will continue to do an excellent job educating and caring for our children; therefore, assist them by making a resolution to celebrate accomplishments each week. Take time out to find the little things to celebrate with the kids and/or teachers throughout the year – make every week, every day feel like a “new year”!

Happy New Year! May you have a great school year and accomplish all your “new year’s” resolutions!

2011-12 Substitute Teacher Training

When: August 3, 2011  
Where: High School LRC  
Time: 8:30 - 4:30

Teachers and staff have time before school begins to receive training and prepare for the upcoming school year. On Wednesday and Thursday, August 10-11, new Palacios ISD staff will meet for orientation.

All PISD employees will gather on August 17 at 8:00 a.m., at the secondary school cafeteria to enjoy a district-wide continental breakfast provided by Palacios ISD cafeteria staff. Superintendent Adams will welcome the staff and principals will introduce their new personnel. The remainder of the week will be spent doing staff training.

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Federal Programs Meeting**  
A public meeting on the use of federal funds by the Palacios Independent School District is scheduled for Tuesday, August 9, 2011. The meeting will be held in the Administration Bldg. located at 1209 Twelfth Street in Palacios, Texas from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Federal funds to be discussed are the No Child Left Behind Consolidated Federal Grant, Carl Perkins Career and Technology Federal Grant, and the Low and Rural Income Federal Grant.

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## FOOTBALL SEASON TICKETS

Season tickets will cost \$25.00. You may renew your tickets in person at the administration building from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. Pre-game adult tickets for nondistrict cost \$5.00 and district cost is \$5.00. Pre-game student tickets cost \$3.00. All tickets purchased at the gate cost \$5.00. Unclaimed season tickets will go on sale to the public August 24th. If you have any questions, please call 972-5491.

**Senior Athletic Pass** - If you are a resident of Palacios ISD and age 65 or older you are entitled to a Senior Athletic Pass. This pass will allow one general admission seat to attend home athletic events. To receive your pass you must bring proof of age and residency to the Administration Office at 1209 Twelfth Street between the hours of 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.



## TRAFFIC CONTROL

### **Central Elementary:**

**Prekindergarten:** Students in Rooms 402 and 404 should be picked up at the Sixth Street loading area. Students in Rooms 401 and 403 should be picked up in the loading zone in front of the school on Fifth Street.

**Kindergarten:** Students should be picked up in the loading zone in the north parking lot on Perryman Street.

**First Grade:** Students should be picked up in the loading zone in the north parking lot on Perryman Street.

**Second Grade:** Students should be picked up in the loading zone in front of the school on Fifth Street.

**Third Grade:** Students should be picked up in the loading zone in front of the school on Fifth Street.

**Secondary Campuses** - the following will be enforced:

**Shark Drive** - traffic flow one-way (north to south) between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on school days. During early release the times would be changed to 30 minutes before school and 30 minutes after school dismissal.

**Hornet Drive** - traffic flow one-way (south to north) from the south gate at the field house to Henderson Street between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on school days. Traffic will flow two-way from Perryman Street to the south gate. During early release, the times would be changed to 30 minutes before school and 30 minutes after school dismissal.

We're on the web  
[www.palaciosisd.org](http://www.palaciosisd.org)

## STUDENTS NEW TO PALACIOS ISD

Students enrolling in Palacios ISD for the first time must register at the school they will attend. Students new to the district are required to provide immunization records, the last report card, and other records from the previous school. We request that a copy of the student's social security card also be presented.

All students new to the district must provide evidence of having received a negative tuberculosis (TB) skin test since the second birthday. All students entering the district for the first time, including pre-kindergarten and kindergarten children, must have a hearing and vision screening test.

## COME JOIN US . . .

### BECOME A MENTOR

The Mentor Program will continue its commitment to the youth of our school and community with high expectations for 2010-2011. Many thanks to all the mentors and the organizations who make this program possible.

Palacios ISD is looking for more people who want to make a difference in a child's life - one on one.

If you are interested in serving or would like more information about this program, please contact Kay Lawson at 972-2417.



## Fall Parent Academy

### Meet the Teacher Night

This year's Fall Parent Academy, Meet the Teacher Night will be held August 18, 2011. Central Elementary will begin its night at 4:30 p.m. with MEHOP administering immunizations in the Annex. The doors for Central Elementary will open at 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for parents and students to meet the teachers and staff. East Side Intermediate will begin administering immunizations at 5:00 p.m. in the gym. The campus will open at 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for parents and students to meet the teachers and staff of East Side.

## JH/HS Parent Academy - Open House

The high school will begin the year with an Open House on Thursday, September 8th, beginning at 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The JHS will hold its Open House on Tuesday, September 13th, beginning at 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Parents and family members are encouraged to take this opportunity to visit the classrooms and meet the teachers and staff of the JHS and HS.

## EAST SIDE DRESS CODE. . .

On Monday, June 13th, the PISD Board of Trustees unanimously accepted and passed the new East Side Intermediate dress code. During the 2010-2011 school year, the topic of a standardized dress code for the entire district was discussed at a DEIC meeting. PISD then conducted a survey of teachers, parents, and community members on this topic. The survey included questions pertaining to a district-wide dress code as well as questions about dress codes for individual campuses. The junior high campus currently has a dress code in place and the survey concluded that there was not an interest in a dress code for the high school or for Central Elementary; however, there was a large interest in having one for East Side. The results were presented to the Board and the Board requested for East Side to create a committee and design a dress code. A dress code was recommended to the Board and approved. Below you will see the new requirements for the 2011-2012 school year. If you have any questions, please contact the East Side campus at 361-972-2544.

### Elementary Grades (4-6)

#### Shirts or Blouses

PISD spirit shirts may be worn

#### Non-PISD Spirit Shirts

#### **Solid Colors**

Pull-over or button-down must have a regular Polo style collar or be crew-neck style

Turtleneck shirts are approved

Must have sleeves

Logos must be smaller than 2 inch by 2 inch

Must be tucked in at all times

#### Pants, shorts, capris, skirts, skorts

#### **Khaki, Black, Navy, or Blue Jean**

Solid Colors

Dresses, shorts, capris, skirts,

and skorts must be fingertip length or longer

Solid leggings may be worn under approved garment

#### Grooming

Please read: DRESS AND GROOMING – All Campuses in the Student Handbook located at [www.palaciosisd.org](http://www.palaciosisd.org)

*For funding and exemption options, see Board Policy FNCA (LOCAL).*

**ALL ATTIRE MUST BE SIZED APPROPRIATELY AND APPROPRIATE FOR EDUCATIONAL SETTINGS, AS DETERMINED BY THE CAMPUS ADMINISTRATOR.**

**Compulsory Attendance** - State law governs the age of compulsory attendance. Students who are at least six years of age, or who have been previously enrolled in first grade, and who have not yet reached their eighteenth birthday shall attend school for the entire period the program is offered. Students enrolled in prekindergarten or kindergarten shall attend school. For students under the age of 12, the student's parents could be charged with a criminal offense for the child's failure to attend school. For students ages 12-18, both the parents and students could be charged with a criminal offense for failure to attend school. If the student is 18 years of age or older, the student, but not the parents, could be charged with a criminal offense for violating the compulsory attendance laws.

#### Campus Visitors

To ensure the safety of Palacios ISD students, parents and other visitors to district campuses will be required to sign in, provide a photo ID, and obtain visitors' badges at the schools' main offices. We appreciate your cooperation!

#### Jackets, Sweaters, & Sweatshirts

#### **Solid Colors**

May be worn over an approved shirt

Must have a zipper or buttoned front and worn unzipped/unbuttoned

Logos must be smaller than 2 inch by 2 inch

Pullover hoodies or sweatshirts are NOT permitted unless they convey PISD school spirit

#### Belts

PISD school spirit belts are allowed

Required with a normal buckle if belt loops are present

Must be worn on the natural waistline and be visible

Must be appropriately sized and may not dangle

No studs or points

#### Miscellaneous

Cutoffs, frayed clothing, or clothing that have holes or slit seams are not allowed

**AUGUST 22 - FIRST DAY  
OF SCHOOL**

#### **PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF NON-DISCRIMINATION**

It is the policy of Palacios ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap in its vocational programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. District Contact: Larry Williams at 972-5491.

# PALACIOS ISD

## 2011-12 SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

### *Pre-Kindergarten*

- 1 box puff/kleenex tissues
  - 10 small elmer's glue sticks
  - 1 9 x 12 (50 count) asst. construction paper
  - 1 16 ct. crayola crayons
  - 1 4 color pack of playdough
  - 1 12 ct. Crayola colored pencils
  - 1 spiral notebook
  - 2 plastic folders w/brads & pockets
  - 1 clorox wipes
  - 1 bottle of hand sanitizer
  - 1 box ziploc baggies - gallon size
  - 2 expo/dry erase markers (any color)
- \*\*Please do not put student's name on school supplies\*\***
- Please do not send a backpack to school with your child.  
Teachers will let you know the first day of school,  
if backpacks are needed.

### *Kindergarten*

- 1 blunt 5" fiskar scissors
- 1 4 oz. elmer's school glue
- 15 elmer's glue sticks - small
- 2 pink bevel eraser - large
- 1 plastic school box - small 5 x 8
- 6 24 count crayola crayons - small
- 1 crayola 12 count twistables colored pencils
- 1 pkg. yellow, pre-sharpened, no. 2 pencils
- 2 box of kleenex tissue
- 1 8 count washable water colors
- 1 package dry erase markers
- 1 simple back pack - NO WHEELS PLEASE
- 1 10 count classic color washable markers
- 1 GIRLS ONLY - quart size zip-loc bags
- 1 GIRLS ONLY - play dough brand playdough
- 1 BOYS ONLY - clorox wipes
- 1 BOYS ONLY - cheap white paper plates

### *First Grade*

- 24 #2 wood pencil
- 4 pink bevel eraser
- 1 reg. pencil sharpener w/receptacle
- 1 plastic school box
- 2 120 ct. kleenex tissue
- 3 4 oz. elmer's glue
- 8 small-6 gram elmer's glue stick
- 1 blunt 5" fiskar scissors
- 2 24 count crayola crayons
- 6 70 count spiral comp. book-wide ruled
- 2 7" 12 count crayola colored pencils
- 1 crayola washable 16 ct. watercolors
- 1 green pocket & brad folder
- 1 red pocket & brad folder
- 1 blue pocket & brad folder
- 1 purple pocket & brad folder
- 1 small clorox wipes
- 1 bottle hand sanitizer
- 1 ruler
- 1 notebook paper - wide ruled
- 1 GIRLS ONLY - gallon zip-loc bags
- 1 BOYS ONLY - quart zip-loc bags

### *Second Grade*

- 1 200 count wide rule filler paper
- 36 No. 2 wooden pencil (no mechanical pencils)
- 1 nylon pencil bag, clear top with grommet 7 1/4 x 10 1/4
- 4 pink bevel eraser
- 1 plastic school box (standard size: 8 1/2 x 5 3/4 x 2 1/2)
- 2 200 count kleenex tissue
- 1 large container of clorox wipes (75 wet wipes)
- 1 7 5/8 oz. Bottle of elmer's glue-all
- 4 1.41 oz/40 grams Elmer's glue stick(large)
- 1 sharp 5" fiskar scissors
- 2 24 count crayola crayons
- 4 red medium stick pen
- 4 70 count spiral comp. book wide rule
- 2 fluorescent yellow highlighter
- 1 green pocket & brad folder
- 1 red pocket & brad folder
- 1 blue pocket & brad folder
- 1 purple pocket & brad folder
- \*GIRLS ONLY - 1 box of gallon size ziploc bags
- \*BOYS ONLY - 1 box of quart size ziploc bags

### *Third Grade*

- 1 200 count wide ruled notebook paper
- 3 pink pearl beveled erasers
- 3 100 count facial tissues
- 1 10 1/2 x 5 1/2 pencil bag for notebook/3 ring binder
- 10 small (6 gram) elmer's glue sticks
- 1 70 count spiral composition book - wide ruled
- 36 #2 wood pencils (NO MECHANICAL PENCILS)
- 3 7" 12 count Crayola colored pencils
- 1 8 1/2 x 11 1/2 3rd grade writing tablet
- 2 plastic blue folders with pockets & brads
- 2 plastic red folders with pockets & brads
- 2 plastic green folders with pockets & brads
- 2 red checking pens/pencils
- 1 package of assorted colors construction paper
- 1 bottle of germ-X
- 1 1" 3-ring binder w/inside pockets
- \*GIRLS ONLY - 1 box gallon size ziploc bags
- \*BOYS ONLY - 1pkg. cheap white paper plates

### *Fourth Grade*

- 3 200 count wide rule filler paper
- 1 2" hardback vinyl binder
- 6 pink bevel erasers
- 24 No. 2 wood pencils, Oriole/American brand
- 12 red pens or pencils
- 1 7" 12 count Crayola Colored Pencils
- 2 non-perforated, 100 count spiral composition
- 1 purple pocket folder with brads
- 1 blue pocket folder with brads

- 1 green pocket folder with brads
- 1 7 pkg, 6 tab asst. expand file with string closure
- 3 120 count Kleenex tissue
- 1 pkg. Ziploc bags (sandwich size)
- 1 1" binder
- 1 yellow highlighter
- 1 pink highlighter
- 1 backpack - non rolling (optional)

### *Fifth Grade*

- 2 1 1/2" hardback vinyl binder
- 1 8-tab assorted index dividers
- 1 8.25 x 10.25 pencil bag
- 1 package wide ruled filler paper (200 count) Replace as needed
- 3 red medium stick pens
- 1 12 count (7") Crayola Colored Pencils
- 2 medium pens black or blue
- 12 #2 wood pencils - replace as needed
- 1 regular pencil sharpener with receptacle
- 1 pink bevel eraser
- 2 boxes 120 count Kleenex tissues
- 1 3 x 5 ruled index cards (100 count)

### *Sixth Grade*

- 2 boxes facial tissues (100 count)
  - 1 1" red hardback vinyl binder
  - 1 1" white hardback vinyl binder
  - 1 1" black hardback vinyl binder
  - 1 pkg 10 red stick ballpoint ink pens
  - 1 pkg 10 black stick ballpoint ink pens
  - 1 pkg 10 blue stick ballpoint ink pens
  - 24 #2 wood pencils Oriole/American brand (NO MECHANICAL PENCILS)
  - 2 pink bevel erasers
  - 1 highlighter
  - 1 see-thru pencil bag
  - 1 regular pencil sharpener with receptacle
  - 2 Glue stick
  - 2 12 count 7" Crayola Colored Pencils
  - 2 70 page spirals
  - 4 packages wide rule filler notepaper (200 count)
  - 6 pocket folders with brads asst. solid colors (please note: plastic folders will last longer)
  - 2 nylon/stretchy large book covers
- Backpacks not required

### *Seventh/Eighth Grade*

- 5 pocket folders w/brads
- notebook paper - 1 pkg (250 sheets)
- 1 set dividers
- 1 bx #2 pencils
- 2 ea pens- blue, black, red
- 2 erasers
- map colors
- 2 highlighters
- 2 glue sticks
- scissors
- 2 bx tissues
- 3 one-subject spiral (wide ruled)
- 1 five-subject spiral
- 2 composition books
- 2 poster board
- 1 flash drive



## NEW CAFETERIA PRICES

### STUDENT BREAKFAST

All Campuses FREE

### LUNCH

Central Elementary \$ 1.50  
 East Side Intermediate \$ 1.75  
 Secondary \$ 2.00  
 Reduced \$ 0.40  
 Adult breakfast \$ 1.00  
 Adult lunch \$ 3.00

Palacios ISD will continue to provide a free nutritious breakfast to every student enrolled. Central Elementary will continue its breakfast program in the classroom for students in grades 1-3 and in the cafeteria for Pre-K and Kindergarten students. East Side Intermediate, Palacios Junior High and Palacios High School will be served breakfast upon arriving at school. Students will swipe ID cards before going through the line. All students then have a choice of a hot entrée or may choose cereal and toast. With each breakfast, fruit or juice and milk is served.

## No Smoking



### Palacios ISD is Tobacco-Free

(The use of tobacco products is prohibited at all school facilities, including the seating area at athletic events.)

## PALACIOS ISD CAMPUS DIRECTORY

### Palacios High School .....972-2571

Sherri Seaman, Principal  
 Mayra Garcia, Counselor  
 100 Shark Drive

### Palacios Junior High School .....972-2417

Joe Adams, Principal  
 Keri Launius, Assistant Principal  
 Rhonda Huitt, Counselor  
 200 Shark Drive

### East Side Intermediate School .....972-2544

Carolyn Kubecka, Principal  
 Rebecca Crowell, Assistant Principal  
 Diva Vazquez, Counselor  
 901 Second Street

### Central Elementary School .....972-2911

Buddy Kelley, Principal  
 Selina Garcia, Assistant Principal  
 Veronica Kacer, Counselor  
 1001 Fifth Street

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## SCHOOL HOURS

### Central Elementary

Pre-kindergarten (A.M.).....7:45-10:45  
 Pre-kindergarten (P.M.).....11:45-2:45  
 Kindergarten.....8:00-2:45  
 First, Second, and Third Grade.....8:00-3:30

*Buses will run at 3:40 p.m.*

**East Side Intermediate**.....8:00-3:30

**Junior High**.....7:55-3:40

**High School**.....7:55-3:40

## PALACIOS ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB 7th ANNUAL KICK-OFF BBQ & AUCTION

**When:** Saturday, August 20, 2011  
**Where:** Palacios Recreational Center  
 Auction begins at 6:00 p.m.  
**What:** BBQ Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m.

All BBQ tickets sold at the door, no advanced ticket sales. Tickets: \$8.00. Performances by: Band, Drill Team, Cheerleaders, introduction of Volleyball, Cross Country and Football Teams. Come early and plan on having fun!!

## 2011 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
August 12 or 13	JV & Varsity Scrim	Scared Heart and Van Vleck	There/TBD
August 19	JV & Varsity Scrim	Industrial	There /6:00pm
August 26	Varsity	Boling	There/7:30
August 25	JV	Boling	Home /6:00
<b>September 2</b>	<b>Varsity</b>	<b>Tidehaven</b>	<b>Home/7:30</b>
September 1	JV	Tidehaven	There/6:00
September 3	7th & 8th	Tidehaven	Home/ 11:00 & 12:30
September 9	Varsity	Brazos	There/7:30
September 8	JV	Brazos	Home/6:00
September 8	7th & 8th	Brazos	There 5:00 & 6:30
September 16	Varsity	Hallettsville	Home/7:30
September 15	JV	Hallettsville	There/6:00
September 15	7th & 8th	Hallettsville	Home/5:00 & 6:30
<u>September 23</u>	<u>Varsity</u>	<u>Goliad</u>	<u>Home/7:30</u>
September 22	JV	Goliad	There/6:00
September 22	7th & 8th	Goliad	Home/5:00 & 6:30
September 30	Varsity	Ganado	There/7:30
September 29	JV	Ganado	Home/6:00
September 29	7th & 8th	Ganado	There/5:00 & 6:30
October 14	Varsity	Sweeny	There/7:30
October 13	JV	Sweeny	Home/6:00
October 13	7th & 8th	TBD	
October 21	Varsity	Columbia	Home/7:30
October 20	JV	Columbia	There/6:00
October 20	7th & 8th	TBD	
October 28	Varsity	Needville	There/7:30
October 27	JV	Needville	Home/6:00
October 27	7th & 8th	Needville	There/5:00 & 6:30
November 4	Varsity	Wharton	Home/7:30
November 3	JV	Wharton	There/6:00
November 3	7th & 8th	Wharton	Home/5:00 & 6:30

Parent's Night

Homecoming

October 7: Open

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

### CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

#### BUDDY KELLEY

On behalf of the staff from Central Elementary, we hope you are having a wonderful summer. Before we know it, the summer will be over and the hallways and classrooms will be filled with smiles and children learning and being successful once again. We are looking forward to a great school year, and hope you are as well.

To start the year off, Thursday, August 18th, we will have our Fall Parent Academy and Meet the Teacher Night beginning at 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. In conjunction with the parent academy, we have worked with MEHOP and will offer free immunizations beginning at 4:30 p.m. in Central's gym – you must bring your child's immunization records. The Fall Parent Academy will be a great opportunity for parents to meet with teachers, counselors and administrators. Each student and his/her teacher's name will be posted on the front doors. If you have not registered your child for the upcoming school year, we ask that you do so before August 17, 2011. If a child has not registered by this date, his/her name will not be posted.

Pre-Kindergarten is for 3 and 4 year olds who qualify for the program. Additional 4 year olds are allowed to attend until classes are filled. Since this program is limited on the number of children it can allow, once the classes are full, the remaining 4 year old names will go on a waiting list. Parents registering their child for the Pre-K program will need to bring the appropriate documentation. If you have questions, please contact Central's front office at 361-972-2911.

Monday, August 22, 2011 will begin the new school year and everyone at Central Elementary is looking forward to having your child in our hallways and classrooms. Working together we can build a successful future for your child.

### EAST SIDE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

#### CAROLYN KUBECKA

It is hard to believe school will begin in just a few more weeks. It is with great excitement that I welcome students and parents to East Side Intermediate for the 2011-2012 school year. I have met with each of the grade level teams of teachers and together we have planned a year filled with many exciting activities. Our theme this year is "A STAAR is Born". TAKS is history and we will be preparing for a more rigorous state assessment, STAAR. Success at school comes from the enthusiasm students, parents, and teachers share for learning.

Please refer to the NEW East Side Dress Code as you are making school clothes selections for your children. You should have received information in the mail. You may also access the dress code in our student handbook on our district and campus website.

All sixth grade students in band, art, or choir need to be sure of their elective choices before school starts and notify the office if a change needs to be made. Students will have until September 6th to make schedule changes.

I know the students are anxious to know who their teachers will be. Class rosters will be posted on the windows outside the office on Thursday August 18th at 3:00 p.m. Our "Meet the Teacher Night" will be held Thursday August 18th from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. I encourage all parents to meet the staff at East Side and visit their child's classroom. The first day of school is Monday, August 22nd.

I am very excited about the upcoming school year. We look forward to seeing you at the "Family Nights" we have scheduled throughout the year and encourage all parents to be actively involved in their child's education.

*Palacios ISD is an equal opportunity employer. All positions and all school programs are offered without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, or handicap.*

### PALACIOS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

#### JOE ADAMS

Preparations are under way at Palacios Junior High to ensure each student receives the best possible foundation for future success. The administration and staff of Palacios Junior High are eagerly awaiting the return of students to our campus. We are looking forward to a tremendous school year and would like to extend an invitation to all parents to be involved at our campus and in your child's education. We look forward to exciting things happening during the 2011-2012 school year and your involvement will only make them more memorable.

Classes will start on Monday August 22rd. Our school day begins at 7:55 a.m. and ends at 3:40 p.m. We will have homeroom on the 1st day of school and schedules will be handed out during that class. Students initially report to their homeroom. As soon as homeroom is over, students will report to their 1st period classes.

There will be a few new faces on campus this fall, I hope you will come meet our new staff members when we host our "Meet the Teachers Night" on Tuesday, September 13th. Parents are encouraged to attend this as it will give you the opportunity to meet all teachers and visit your child's classrooms. This will also be a chance for administration to get to know you. Your support of PJHS is greatly appreciated.

The thought of new experiences, new opportunities and new challenges has me very excited about PJHS for the 2011-2012 school year, especially when I consider the excellent team of teachers and staff I work beside every day. Together we will accomplish great things for the Sandsharks. Enjoy the rest of your summer and I look forward to seeing all of you soon!

### PALACIOS HIGH SCHOOL

#### SHERRI SEAMAN

It is hard to believe that summer has come to an end and here we are starting a new school year. The PHS staff is excited about the opportunities a new school year brings. Our teachers, staff and students should be proud of our many accomplishments last year. Palacios High School is a TEA "Recognized" campus for the 3rd year in a row. This is not an easy task and was achieved only because of the hard work and dedication by our students and teachers. Thank you for a job well done.

Summer is a busy time on any high school campus. Many of our teachers and students have been busy this summer preparing for the 2011-2012 school year. Football, volleyball, cross country, band, cheerleaders, drill team, and color guard are spending many hours practicing for the new season. So if you find yourself with nothing to do on a Tuesday, Friday, or Saturday this fall, make your way to the gym or field to support our students as they compete in a variety of events.

Once school starts, many parents and students find themselves overwhelmed by the multitude of daily tasks that must be fit into a 24 hour period. Planning ahead can alleviate some of this stress. In an effort to help families plan ahead, PHS will mail home a newsletter each six weeks with important information for parents and students. Please take time to read the newsletter and contact us if you have any questions. We look forward to a successful and productive school year.

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