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PHS SENIOR CLASS OF 2009

Commencement exercises for the Senior Class of 2009, took place at the Palacios High School Shark Stadium on Friday, May 29, 2009, at 8:00 p.m. Project Celebration festivities began for graduates and their registered guests immediately following commencement exercises. Project Celebration, an all-night event, was hosted by parents of the graduates in an effort to promote a drug-free and alcohol-free environment. Best of luck to the Senior Class of 2009 as they travel on to meet future challenges.

Valedictorian: Nolan Oldham

Salutatorian: Lori Bumguardner

Song: "If Today Was Your Last Day" - Nickelback

Flower: Tulip

Colors: Red, Black & Silver

Class of 2009 Motto:

*"There are many roads we have traveled,
many miles we have claimed,
and so many dreams we have yet to realize."*

STUDENT 'GROW YOUR OWN'

Minh Nguyen is the recipient of the 2008-09 Palacios ISD



Student 'Grow Your Own' Teacher Certification Program. She is the daughter of Hieu Trung Nguyen and Phung Thi Nguyen. Upon graduation she plans to attend University of Houston -Victoria

and major in math. The Palacios ISD Student 'Grow Your Own' Teacher Certification Program is modeled after the employee PISD 'Grow Your Own' program. The student version of the PISD 'Grow Your Own' program is another avenue to fill acute shortage positions with quality applicants willing to make a long-term commitment to our students, school district, and community. Applicants were scored on academics, essays and recommendations, as well as on verbal and written responses.

AWARDS AND BELL CEREMONY

The Palacios High School Awards and Bell Ceremony was held on Tuesday, May 5, in the Fine Arts Building. This is an annual ceremony that celebrates the outstanding achievements of PHS students and educators. Seniors in the top ten percent of the graduating class recognized the educators who have made the greatest positive influence on their lives with a speech of appreciation and an engraved brass bell as a gift of gratitude.



Nolan Oldham presented to Lydia Schuetz, Lori Bumguardner presented to Patty Frankson, Heather Nguyen presented to Christina Nguyen, Jazmine Puentes presented to Norma Wollam, Thuy Vu presented to Warren Morris, Mike Nguyen presented to Scott Kurtz, Mailey Pham presented to Jeri Garcia, Lauren Brister presented to Janet Brister, and Brandon Sanders to Marilyn Phillips.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI HONORED

Palacios ISD honored two Distinguished Alumni during the graduation ceremony on May 29th. They were chosen by the distinguished alumni board-appointed committee whose goal was to identify past graduates who have excelled following graduation. This year's honorees were:

Eugene (Gene) Cooper
William (Bill) Stuhrenberg

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Valedictorian, Salutatorian 2009
Another Year Gone!

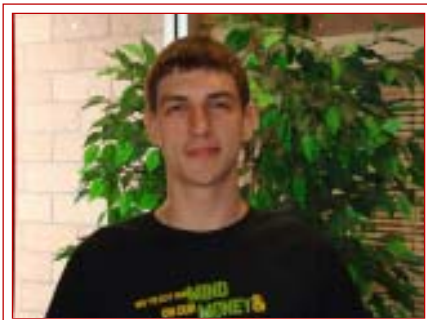
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2009-2010 School Calendar

Valedictorian, Salutatorian for 2009



Palacios ISD's Valedictorian for 2009 is Nolan Oldham. Nolan is the son of Ney Oldham III, and Cheryl and Mark Glover. While attending PISD, Nolan has been very active and involved in many different school organizations. Nolan has been President of the National Honor Society, an active member in the Student Council and Business Professionals of America, and the Drum Major for the high school band. He also qualified for UIL state competition as a debater and extemporaneous speaker. He participates in the Spanish club and is a member of the United Methodist Youth Group.

This Fall, Nolan will attend the University of Texas in Austin. He plans on majoring in Government with a minor in History or Philosophy. His goal is to attend law school after receiving his undergraduate degree and his main focus will be international or corporate law.

The advice that Nolan lives by and would offer to others is, "Always be your own person regardless of how you think others may perceive you".

Palacios ISD's 2009 Salutatorian is Lori Bumguardner. She is the daughter of Britt and Kathy Bumguardner. While attending PISD, Lori has been active in many different school organizations. She participated in volleyball, powerlifting, track, cross country, National Honor Society, Powerset, Cross Debate, Round-up 4H, Matagorda County 4H Ambassador, Matagorda County 4H Council, and the Presbyterian/Methodist Youth Group.

After high school, Lori will attend Texas A&M University where she plans to study nutritional sciences. Her words of advice to other students are, "To believe that you can achieve anything through hard work".



Another Year Gone!

Once again the school year comes to a close. While some students spend the last few days of school participating in fun activities, other stay steadily, hard at



work. Teachers scramble about trying to complete all of their paper work and get things ready for the summer. School administrators and many other district employees begin their work for the next school year. Emotions run high and many say good-bye.

On May 29, 2009, PISD said good-bye to 100 graduating seniors. After graduation many of these students will leave the nest of their families and go off to seek their futures away from home. There will be some students that will take jobs locally and begin families by setting their roots here in Palacios where they call home.

No matter where their lives take them, their roots and families will remain in Palacios. With a total number of 249 employees in the district, more than 100 are former graduates of Palacios ISD. Palacios is a strong family oriented community and Palacios ISD is proud to be a part of this family and a part of this community. Congratulations to all of the seniors and their families!

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Thoughts of a Superintendent



From the Desk of Vicki Adams...

Last week there was a lady in Wal-Mart with her four-year old daughter. As the mother was traveling through the store, the little girl wanted a toy. When her mother told her nicely that she could not have the toy, the little girl started screaming and throwing a horrendous fit. The mother was then heard to say, "It's OK, Monica, we will finish our shopping and soon be home."

A couple minutes later, they passed near some candy. The little girl soon made another raucous louder than the first one when her mother would not let her have a bag of candy. The mother was again overheard by an older gentleman saying, "Monica, we will soon be home. We are almost finished shopping."

Soon mother and daughter were at the check-out counter and the little girl spied a package of gum she wanted. When the mother told her she couldn't have it, the girl again started screaming and kicking and throwing another fit. The man, then at the check-out counter next to them heard the mother again quietly and calmly saying, "Be patient Monica, only 5 more minutes and we will be home."

Upon leaving Wal-Mart, the man remarked to the mother, "I admired your patience with little Monica. Not many would have remained so calm during her tantrums." To this, the mother remarked, "Oh, I am Monica. My daughter's name is Tammy."

Even though many of us are looking forward to spending summer time with our children or grandchildren, I think we can all relate to Monica and that sometimes those we love most wear on our last nerve. I remember when my children were young, I couldn't wait until school started once again each fall. Each summer we went on wonderful family vacations, visited the library, participated in a variety of activities and had lots of quality time together. No matter how many summer activities were planned, by the end of the summer, they were bored and had usually fought enough with each other they were banned from playing together. Regardless, whether they tested my patience or not, summer was a time to provide them with a home they loved and that helped them to become happy, successful children who grew to be happy adults. Now that it is summer, here are a few ways for you to ensure this happens in your house:

- *Love your children unconditionally, for themselves, not because of their looks, skills or abilities. They need to understand that although you may disapprove strongly of some of their behaviors, you always love them.*

- *Model positive behaviors. Little eyes are always watching you. Imitating the behavior of those they love and respect is one of the most important ways in which children learn.*
- *Keep your lines of communication open. Children need to feel as if they can come to you with any problem.*
- *Spend time with them. Children use the time which you willingly give to them as a benchmark against which they measure their worth. One-on-one time is required to help children think through problems important to them. If daughters do not get enough attention from their fathers, they will look for this attention elsewhere.*
- *Guide their ethical and moral development. The principles that will guide their choices and decisions for a lifetime are largely formed during childhood and adolescence.*
- *Make sure your children know they please you. Praise and encouragement are powerful motivators.*

Even though our children may try our patience like Tammy did Monica's, don't let opportunities slip by that can never again be recaptured. Be there for your children, especially during their developmental years when they need you the most.

Palacios ISD 'Grow Your Own' Program

Over the past few years, Palacios ISD has implemented 'Grow Your Own' programs for both employees and graduating students. The employee program was developed first for the district in an attempt to find those employees who had the desire to further their education and careers and become a teacher for PISD. Each year the district accepts applications from employees who wish to become teachers. The applications are then submitted to a committee for review. If accepted into the program, the applicant is allowed to attend a college of his or her choice and work towards a degree and a teaching certificate. The applicant must work towards a degree and receive a teaching certificate in a subject area that has been identified as an acute shortage area by the district.

Because of the success with the employee program, the district expanded the program to graduating seniors of PISD. Much like the employee program, the students have to complete an application and go through an interview process. If selected, they can attend a college of their choice and the program pays for such items as tuition, books, and supplies.

Palacios ISD is constantly reviewing the program to better assist those in the community who have the drive and desire to become a teacher for PISD.

PALACIOS

2009-2010

CALENDAR

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HOLIDAYS

Labor Day Holiday.....September 7, 2009
 Thanksgiving Holidays.....November 25-27, 2009
 Christmas Holidays.....December 21-31, 2009
 New Year's Day Holiday.....January 1, 2010
 Matagorda County Fair Days.....March 4-8, 2010
 Easter Holidays.....April 1-2, 2010

TEACHER IN-SERVICE

New Teacher In-Service.....August 12-13, 2009

TEACHER IN-SERVICE/ PREPARATION (Student Holidays)

Tuesday.....August 18, 2009
 Wednesday.....August 19, 2009
 Thursday.....August 20, 2009
 Friday.....May 28, 2010

GRADING PERIODS

First Six Weeks.....August 24-October 2, 2009
 Second Six Weeks.....October 5-November 13, 2009
 Third Six Weeks.....November 16-January 15, 2010
 Fourth Six Weeks.....January 18-February 26, 2010
 Fifth Six Weeks.....March 1-April 16, 2010
 Sixth Six Weeks.....April 19-May 27, 2010

TESTING DATES

TAKS Testing (Exit Level Retest).....October 20-23, 2009
 TAKS Testing (Gds 3-5, 7-10 & Exit).....March 1-5, 2010
 TAKS Testing (Gds 5 & 8).....April 6, 2010
 TAKS Testing (Gds 3-10 & Exit).....April 26-30, 2010
 TAKS Testing (Gds 5 & 8).....May 18, 2010

SPECIAL DATES

Classes Begin.....August 24, 2009
 Bad Weather Days.....March 4 & 5
 Early Release Days.....November 24;
 December 18; March 31
 Students Only Early Release Days.....January 15; May 27
 Last School Day.....May 27, 2010
 High School Graduation.....May 28, 2010

FMNV DAYS

December 18; February 12; March 31

LEGEND

- ◆ New Teacher In-Service
- Teacher In-Service/Preparation Days



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