



November, 2008

# THE STALLION

## Parent Program

November 17, 7 pm

Shepton High School Library

# Identity Theft

Presented By Officer Mark Dawson  
of Plano Police Department



How likely can you become an a victim of identity theft? According to <http://www.ftc.gov/>, about nine million Americans have their identity stolen every year.

Mark Dawson, a Plano Police Officer for 28 years and a current member of Plano's Crime Prevention Unit, presents these programs to schools, homeowner associations, church groups, and other organizations.

How does identity theft happen? How do I protect my kids? What do I do if I become a victim? Officer Dawson answers these questions and many more. Please join us for insightful information.

Shepton *PTSA* Parent Programs are open to the public, please feel free to bring a friend. Arrive a few minutes early for check in through the Raptor System in the front office. Shepton *PTSA* will provide drinks and desserts.



## Receive The Stallion newsletter in your inbox!

Sign up by sending an email to [newsletter@sheptonptsa.org](mailto:newsletter@sheptonptsa.org). Or send in writing the following information to the school office (attn: Newsletter).

Student Name(s)  
Mom's Name and Email Address  
Dad's Name and Email Address

## Visit to a Small Planet

**Thursday, November 6, 7 pm and  
Friday, November 7, 7 pm**

Don't miss Shepton's One Act Play, *Visit to a Small Planet* by Gore Vidal! It is out of this world - literally. Kreton, a visitor from outer space, plans to take over the world. Chaos ensues as war is declared. Will the Spelding family be able to save the world?

Find out on Thursday, November 6, and Friday, November 7, at 7 pm on the Shepton stage. Tickets are just \$5 and can be purchased at lunch or at the door.



The One Act Play competition will be held at Plano Senior on Saturday, November 8. Shepton is scheduled to perform at noon.

**Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 am on Sunday, November 2 (when the hour hands on clocks "fall back").** Some calendars are incorrectly showing the previous Sunday.



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## **FREE Money for Shepton!**

Shepton *PTSA* (Parent-Teacher-Student Association) finances all of its programs and support of the school through membership dues, school supply sales, snack sales and grocery store partnership programs. If you shop at Tom Thumb, Albertsons or Central Market, please be sure to register and use your cards to support the Shepton *PTSA*.

### **Here's How It's Done...**

#### **Tom Thumb Reward Card**

Present your Tom Thumb Reward Card to the service desk at any local Tom Thumb and ask them to link it to Shepton's number: 6657

#### **Albertson's Community Partners**

The preferred Savings Card is now the ONLY card needed for easy, year-round fundraising! Register your card now to start earning money for Shepton! REGISTER ONLINE: Go to [www.albertsons.com](http://www.albertsons.com). Click on "In the Community" then click on the Community Partners logo link. Once you log in, click on "Sign me up." Shepton's ID Number is 49000105382.

#### **Central Market "Fundraising Foodies" Card**

Central Market has begun a new card program to benefit schools—you simply show your "Fundraising Foodies" card to the cashier before they ring the total of your sale and Shepton earns five percent of your purchase! Pick up your "Foodies" card in the school's front office and use it each time you shop at Central Market!

Thank you for supporting the Shepton *PTSA* by helping us provide the funds to support Shepton High School through programs, volunteers and educational enhancements!



## **Principal Burt Smith**

**We are excited about all of the incredible things going on at our school and appreciate the support of our parents and community in helping insure the success of every student at Shepton High School.**

The start of school has gone very smoothly thanks to all the efforts of our dedicated staff, students, and parent volunteers. We have completed a very successful first six weeks and are excited about all of the activities that we have planned during the first semester.

In the month of October alone our students have participated in Marching Band, Band UIL Marching Contest, Choir All Region Auditions and Sectional, Choir Concert, Orchestra All Region Auditions, Orchestra Concert, One Act Play Practice, Speech Tournaments, Volleyball, Tennis, Football, Cheerleading, Drill Team, JROTC Drill Meets, our first Pep Rally, Spirit Week, Red Ribbon Week, and FBLA Induction, and that does not include attending their regular classes! Needless to say our students are very busy during the fall as Shepton is alive with activities!

On October 13 Shepton hosted representatives from our Taiwanese Sister City of Hsinchu for a tour of our campus. Our own Craig McKinney, who teaches Humanities and English I at Shepton, was part of a delegation that visited Hsinchu this past summer and helped show off our wonderful school to our Taiwanese visitors.

We would like to send out a huge "THANK YOU" to our amazing *PTSA* for providing casseroles to every staff member on October 2. What a wonderful treat and greatly appreciated!

I would like to remind everyone of a wonderful communication tool that we have available. Shepton eNews is a free service in which you can receive e-mails from the school several times each week with the school announcements and other very helpful information. You can sign up at <http://elist.pisd.edu> or you can access the website from the main PISD webpage, <http://www.pisd.edu>.

I would also like to encourage all parents to sign up for Parent Viewer. Parent Viewer provides parents access to real-time student attendance records and grades (grades are updated every Monday). You can register for this free service at the following website: <https://parentviewer.pisd.edu/default.asp> or you can access the website from the main PISD webpage, <http://www.pisd.edu>.

Families who do not have a computer to use can receive a used one free of charge from the school district through a program called Computers@Home. You are welcome to call our campus technology assistant, Dan Ramirez, at (469) 752-7606 regarding this program.

Please feel free to contact me anytime I can be of assistance with your student's education.



## PTSA President Jamie Hanna

I appreciate all of the enthusiastic parents, students and staff at Shepton High School. Taking on this job can be a handful, but it's a joy thanks to all of your support!

Thank you!

I look at my calendar and see that in just a few weeks we will be enjoying a Thanksgiving Feast and the Dallas Cowboys playing on Thanksgiving Thursday. Wait! We're not ready! We have many more things that we need to finish before then. At least, we're having a great time as time zooms by.

Our teachers enjoyed our Annual Casserole Day at the end of the first six weeks. The effort called for orchestrating the logistics of getting and giving 160 casseroles to the Shepton staff — a big. Janie Burke did a fabulous job managing the whole thing. Of course, she didn't do it alone as no one could cook and deliver that many meals. So thank you to all the Shepton families who took time to donate one, two, three or many casseroles.

Melody Michael and Laura Dolan straightened out a publishing problem with one of the English books that sold at registration. We had to replace nearly 100 books purchased by our students.

Thanks also go to Cyndi Scroggins and Michele Birkenbile who oversaw the registration of over 1,000 *PTSA* Members that included more than 200 student members ensuring the S in *PTSA* receives strong representation. You can still join *PTSA* and get a directory. Contact them at [membership@sheptonpts.org](mailto:membership@sheptonpts.org) for more information.

Watch Shepton's Mane Event email blast for opportunities for your students to participate in future *PTSA*-related programs. Not getting the email blast? Sign up at <http://elist.pisd.edu>.

We have a new diversity and inclusiveness chair. Melanie Yonks has breathed life into an often underused board position. She has great ideas to help spread understanding and help promote some additional volunteer opportunities for our students who are always seeking ways to help in our community.

We enjoyed the Parenting Program entitled *Unlocking the Brain Potential* with featured speaker Debbie Romick on October 20. Shamsa Shahab, our first vice president of programs, brought the program to our school.

Lastly, we have a new look on our Web site thanks to our own newsletter guru Becky Byrley. The new look also includes easy navigation to simplify finding what you need.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Volunteers Lynda Gates

So often we dwell on the things that seem impossible rather than on the things that are possible. So often we are depressed by what remains to be done and forget to be thankful for all that has been done.

—Marian Wright  
Edelman

## Whew!

Our Volunteers took off with a running start with registration and have just kept on going. I think that with all the volunteer help we have received this year we may have already run several marathon's! Our volunteers have already put in countless hours helping out in the attendance office, making copies for our staff, selling snacks to our kids, making casseroles and helping collect and distribute them to the staff, helping out with various luncheons and breakfasts just to name a few of our activities. The people helping out with all the activities are parents just like you.

Our *PTSA* board members have been busy too - but it takes all the parent volunteers to make our programs happen at our school. Do you have an hour or two that you could donate to our school? Could you help with a food donation item for the next Teacher luncheon? Want to do something but haven't a clue? Drop us a line, pick up the phone and call. We can give you some ideas on how you too can help out. [volunteers@sheptonpts.org](mailto:volunteers@sheptonpts.org) or 214-455-7290.

Remember the best way to teach our students is by example. When they see us helping out, it helps them to hear the call to volunteer and give back!

## Casseroles A Huge Hit!

By Janie Burke, Staff Recognition, *PTSA*

Casserole Day at Shepton was a huge success this year! Casseroles, salad and rolls were enjoyed by 164 Staff at Shepton. The staff truly appreciated the generosity of those who participated in this special event.

A special thanks to all of our Shepton parents who helped the *PTSA* with Casserole Day. Those who cooked, helped financially with purchased casseroles and volunteered for set-up and distribution.

A special thanks to Kroger at Parker/Tollway who donated a portion of the rolls and salads. DinnerMyWay at Park/Tollway who discounted and delivered casseroles and Kohl's at Parker/Ohio who donated bags.





## Be A Member of Shepton PTSA

What a great response we have had for *PTSA* Membership at Shepton this school year! A special "thank you" goes out to everyone who has already joined, and helped us meet our Fall Membership deadline. As of October 15 we have 1,230 parents, teachers and students who have joined!

If you accidentally let joining *PTSA* slip by, don't worry, you still have the opportunity! The form can be located on our *PTSA* website at <http://www.sheptonptsa.org>, or you can contact me at [membership@sheptonptsa.org](mailto:membership@sheptonptsa.org) for a form.

Don't forget students, for every paid membership to *PTSA* you are also provided with a directory! It is the only way to get one, and you know how valuable they are. And, as important, it looks good on your child's college resume!

We encourage all students, parents, teachers, and community members to join the *PTSA*, what a great way to support our Shepton students!

### 3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Membership Cyndi Scroggins

Appreciation can make a day, even change a life. Your willingness to put it into words is all that is necessary.

—Margaret Cousins

## Guess who's having a birthday? We all are!



# 100Years

Texas *PTA* will turn 100 on Oct. 18, 2009, and we're all having a party to celebrate the contributions of *PTAs* — past, present and future. *PTA* has a long and impressive history in Texas in doing some pretty rearkable things for our children. Our history of success should be an insiration to current and future *PTA* members for years to come. Mark your calendars for these exciting Centennial *PTA* events:

- Texas *PTA* Day at the Capitol — Austin, February 26, 2009
- 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention — Austin, February 27–March 1, 2009
- Centennial Celebration at the State Fair of Texas Dallas, October 18, 2009

## Parenting Teenagers: Keeping Them Safe and Healthy

### Involve teens in rule-making process

A parent needs to set rules for teenagers to ensure their health and safety. This can prove to be a difficult task. Strict rules with severe punishments might only cause anger and resentment. To help navigate this tricky path, the Child Welfare Information Gateway offers these tips on setting rules for your teenaged son or daughter.

### Tips to keep in mind:

- Involve teenagers in setting the rules. They may be more likely to follow them.
- Talk about the reasons behind the rules and what you expect from them.
- Choose your battles. Provide choices in the matters that are less important (for instance, you might let your daughter pick her own hairstyle if she comes home on time).
- Make sure your teens understand the consequences ahead of time. What will happen if they break the rules?
- Set consequences that are related to the behavior and be consistent in follow through. Ask teenagers to help decide what the consequences will be if they break the rules.
- Do not make consequences so harsh that you or your teen can't follow through. Consider taking away privileges, limiting time with friends, or assigning extra chores.
- Allow your teens to gradually earn more freedom.
- Get to know your teen's friends and let them know your rules and expectations.
- Make sure they know you love and accept them even when they are not perfect.

Check out the Shepton *PTSA* website. Visit often. <http://www.sheptonptsa.org>.

## Special and Gifted Education News

### Nuts and Bolts - Strategies from Both Sides of the Table

Tuesday, November 11, 7-9 pm  
1st floor Board Room  
PISD Administration Building  
2700 15th Street  
Plano, TX 75075

The SAGE Committee is presenting "Roadmaps for Your ARD Meetings," Originally a four-part seminar, the last of which will be held on November 11. Plan on attending this class to learn how to work with your student's teachers to mutually enhance your child's educational experience. It isn't necessary to have attended the previous sessions in order to benefit from this class.

At this seminar there will be:

- Interactive: Panel will role play ARD meeting participants!
- Ideas presented from *Unfolding the Tent: Advocating for Your One-of-a-Kind Child* by Anne Addision



For more information, please contact Teri Kachur at 214-460-2295, or visit the website. Please RSVP to [sage@planopta.org](mailto:sage@planopta.org) prior to each presentation and indicate seminar title in the subject line.

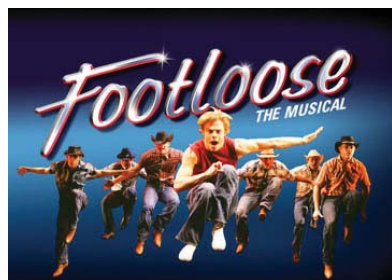
**Gratitude is a quality similar to electricity: it must be produced and discharged and used up in order to exist at all. —William Faulkner**

## AUDITIONS!

### Footloose (musical)

Tuesday, December 2, and  
Wednesday, December 3, after school

The 80's are back! Auditions for this year's musical, *Footloose*, will be held on Tuesday, December 2, and Wednesday, December 3, after school.



We are looking for featured dancers, soloists, chorus members, and actors. Sign up for a time on the theatre call board. You won't want to miss the fun! See you there!

## School Group Highlights. . .

Hey BRAVO MEMBERS! Want to pie an officer or director? Stop by Mrs. Darce's room to pick up a fund-raising packet today and help sell pies for Thanksgiving! The theatre is always in need of funds, so we need your help. Exceed your goal and win the right to pick an officer of your choice to give some pie to!

JEWELS! It's that time to shine again! Make new friends, develop leadership skills and learn to become a better you. Interested in becoming a part of this awesome organization? See Ms. Martinez in the library for more information.

Don't Forget, AVID CLUB will be selling candy and drinks after school. We are located near the front doors of the building, so bring your money and go home happy!

Do you know how to crochet or do you want to learn? Sign up for CROCHET FOR THE CURE. We meet every Friday at 4:20 pm in Room D121.

## Election News

Shepton High School is a General Election voting site.

On November 4, Shepton will host voting from 6 am to 8 pm in the small gym. Please enter the voting site through the back gym doors. Signs will be posted directing voters to the designated voting location. Additionally, please feel free to use the student parking lot, which is the first parking lot as you enter the campus facing Plano Parkway.

## Best Part-time Job!



Do you want to know about the best part-time job in the world? What could be better than to have the same hours and same holidays as your child?

PISD is looking for registered nurses, teachers, other professionals and para-professionals who are interested in substituting for the 2008-2009 school year. Orientation and training for nurses will be provided as well as opportunity to receive CEUs during district professional development/in-service days.

To find out more about these substitute opportunities, you may go to our website at <http://www.pisd.edu/employment>, and click on substitute opportunities.

We look forward to you joining our team!



## What is it and How Does it Affect Me?

During this past legislative session, a bill passed and became law that now requires ALL Texas students to have not only four years of English and History, but also four years of Math and Science. Which classes count for the Math & Science are very limited.

If you are fortunate you may have a student who will be taking these classes regardless of the law. But what about the students who are barely staying in school that will be pushed out because they are unable to complete these requirements?

We have a need for students to fill positions in all areas of our communities. We still need ranchers, plumbers, electricians, actors, artists and other professions that would benefit from other areas of education that may not include taking Physics and Pre Calculus.

The Plano Council of *PTA* has made a proposal that aims to amend the current law to include the two new paths for student graduation. One that includes a Fine Arts/Humanities Path and a Career Path, both of which only require three years of

both Math and Science. They would also rename the original path, STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering, & Technology.

The idea being, that we want more students to be successful and graduate from High School and move on to higher education, be it a University or Trade School. We don't want to leave more students behind because we had good intentions. If you are interested in voicing your opinion:

Correspondence for Senator Florence Shapiro should be sent to:

The Honorable Florence Shapiro  
5000 Legacy Dr., Ste. 494  
Plano, Texas 75024  
Phone (972) 403-3404  
Fax (972) 403-3405

E-Mails can be sent through her website at [www.shapiro.senate.state.tx.us](http://www.shapiro.senate.state.tx.us) (click link to access, then select "E-Mail" in the menu at the top of the home page).

For a more in-depth explanation on 4x4, please visit <http://www.sheptonpts.org> and click on 4x4 to read an article written by Debbie Press.



## Welcome from the SHS Library!

By Laura Blankenship, Shepton Librarian

We have had a great start to the school year and have already circulated over 2,000 books! Students can check out books for up to three weeks at a time. Unless a title is very popular (It was noted 25 requests for *New Moon* in one day!), we are happy to renew books for another three-week period. Students may borrow magazines overnight. Ask to see the latest *Cooking Light* or *People*.

Overdue fines are 10¢ per day, so we encourage kids to get those books back on time or see us to renew. We will send out written overdue notices every two weeks and utilize the automated calling system on alternate weeks to let you know if materials are overdue.

Students can access library databases through their Quicklinks on myPISD.net or through the district Library Resources page at <http://lk-12.pisd.edu/library.html>. I also have reading lists, class lessons, a book blog, discussion board, and contest information on the SHS Library page. We look forward to helping Shepton students with all of their library needs!

## Courtesy in the Cafeteria

Did you know that nearly 1,500 students eat in our cafeteria daily? It is important to remember the following each day during the lunch period. Parents please help us by reviewing the following guidelines with your son/daughter.

- Please wait your turn in the lunch line. There are four lines available. Students will be given five days of lunch detention in ISS for cutting in line.
- After you have completed your meal, please take the time to clean your area. Throw away your trash in the appropriate recycling can (not on or under the table) and return your tray to the cart provided. Once your table has been cleaned, you may use the time to visit and relax with your friends.
- Please remain in your seat until the bell rings to dismiss you from the cafeteria. Students should return to the table after purchasing candy, drinks, etc. *PTSA* snack sales end two minutes before the end of each lunch period.

Thank you for your cooperation!

**If you want to turn your life around, try thankfulness. It will change your life mightily.**  
—Gerald Good

## Parking for Shepton Events

Please be advised that the business parking lot across Plano Parkway is in use for business purposes in the evening and on weekends. Please park in Shepton's parking area for Shepton High School events. Additional parking may be found on the west side of Shepton and/or the Huffman Elementary School parking lot. Thank you for your cooperation!

## FBLA

(Future Business Leaders of America)  
By Debra L Sepp, Keyboarding/FBLA Sponsor

FBLA is in full swing for the 2008 – 2009 school year.

Thursday, October 9, 2008 at Clark Stadium 7:30 pm, Shepton football played against Vines High School. During that game Shepton FBLA will had a **Coin Drive to benefit Hurricane Ike** survivors through Red Cross and the Salvation Army. This is a statewide event. All FBLA chapters in Texas will be having their own drive from now until October 10. Texas FBLA is hoping to make a big difference in the lives of these survivors. Shepton was able to collect \$200!

**Sign-A-Stud, to benefit Habitat for Humanity**, occurred on Monday, October 13 – Thursday, October 16. There were studs (2 x 4's) in the cafeteria. Students donated \$1 to Habitat for Humanity and they signed their name on these studs. These studs will be taken to Habitat for Humanity to be used in their Fall Build. This

## Driver's License!!!

**Are you about to apply for a driver's permit or a driver's license? READ THIS CAREFULLY!**

Please be aware that, in order to receive a driver's permit or a driver's license, you must verify your school attendance. This is done through our Registrar's office. BY LAW, you can only receive a TEA Verification of Attendance form if you have been in attendance 90% of the days in the previous semester (up to nine absences). If you do not present this form, the State of Texas will not issue a permit or license to you.

If the number of absences exceeds nine, an exception can be made if the work was made up and all assigned Saturday schools were attended. Any student who has been



is a very worth while cause and I thank you for your generosity in sending some extra lunch money with your student that week.

Wednesday, October 15, 2008 at 7 pm in the school library FBLA had their **Induction Ceremony**. It was nice to seeing all parents at the ceremony.

Officers:

President – Henry Popp  
Vice President – Ross Van de Kop  
Secretary – Kevin Mei  
Treasurer – Jany Xu  
Historian – Ruiting Xia  
Reporter – Steven Test  
Parliamentarian – John Mark Malouf

denied credit in any class due to absences during the previous semester cannot receive a TEA Verification of Attendance form until the end of this semester, providing that absences are no longer an issue.

It is important to remember that if a class is missed due to a doctor's appointment, a dental appointment, or medical treatment, a note from the physician not only excuses the time out of class, but these are not considered to be absences. PLEASE return such permits to the attendance office the moment that you return to the building. Any absence becomes excused if it is not excused with a written notice within three days.

## Dress Code Guidelines

As you purchase new clothing for your rapidly growing student, it is important to remember that the Plano ISD does have a dress code. This code is enforced at Shepton High School. Students that are not within dress will be placed in our in-school suspension room until the problem is corrected. Please follow the guidelines closely when making purchases and decisions about what you will be wearing to school.

The dress and grooming of secondary students for school is expected to be in keeping with accepted community standards. Guidelines include:

- Shoes must be worn at all times. House shoes are not to be worn.
- Shorts may be worn but must meet the following standards:
  - Must be loose fitting - no biking shorts, cutoffs, boxer shorts, or combination thereof;
  - Must be hemmed or cuffed,
  - Length must be to the fingertips or longer.
- Dresses or skirts must be longer than fingertips.
- Tank tops, tube tops, bare midriff or half shirts, halter-type blouse or mesh shirts will not be permitted. Shirts should overlap the waist band of skirts, shorts, or pants by at least one inch. (When arms are raised, the shirt remains over the waistband). All tops must be modestly cut.
- Items with provocative, drug-related, alcohol or tobacco, offensive, or violent

pictures or slogans will not be permitted.

- No hats, caps, bandannas, hoods, wallet chains, or sunglasses are to be worn. This includes headscarves for girls.
- No type of clothing which has been torn or has holes will be allowed.
- No sagging pants or shorts (back pockets must cover the rear). Both pant legs should be down.
- Pajama pants are not allowed.
- No gang paraphernalia or gang related markings on clothing, books, notebooks, or drawn on body.
- No visible pierced jewelry other than earrings.
- All students are expected to meet community standards and school policies with regard to health, cleanliness and appearance. All safety rules must be obeyed.
- The District prohibits any clothing or grooming that in the principal's judgment may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal school operations.

Any student in violation of the dress code will report to SSR and solve the problem. Students may call a parent for clothing items to be brought to school. If the problem cannot be solved, the student will remain in SSR for that day. Dress code violations are cumulative for the semester.

1st offense: Referral to SSR to correct the problem.

2nd offense: Referral to SSR to correct the problem. Parent contacted.

3rd offense: Referral to SSR to correct the problem. Saturday School assigned.

## When You Visit Shepton

Parents are always welcome at Shepton. When coming to campus, please remember to stop at the front desk to be issued visitor tag. For your first visit only to this campus you will need to show your driver's license to be entered into the system. For subsequent visits you will need to give your name. If you have children in multiple schools, you will need to follow this procedure for each. This helps us in providing safety and security on campus.

## Wolf Battalion Moves Out with Success

By Major (Ret) John Napoli, Jr

With the first six weeks quickly coming to a close, the Wolf Battalion has already done so much and has lots more to do throughout the year. But before mentioning the events JROTC has participated in the Wolf Battalion would like to do on some of our outstanding LET I at Shepton. Cadets Sierra Barber, Paul Copley, Christopher Ostrander, Archit Sahay, Gabrielle Uvalle, Johnny Warren, and Austin Yago all received their Recruiting Ribbons and were all promoted to the rank of Cadet Private E-2. These cadets brought more cadets to the Wolf Battalion through recruiting their peers and friends. The battalion extends congratulations to these cadets for a job well done!

We have attended four football games since the school year began, providing JROTC cadets for color guards and drill team and gate guards. C/PV2 Sierra Barber, C/PV2 Archit Sahay, and C/PV2 Chris Ostrander were awarded the Appearance and Bearing Medal for their hard work and dedication to learning their knowledge and having an impressive looking uniform at the football games. The Wolf Battalion would also like to recognize Cadets Dak Cohen and Daniel Gordon for participating on color guards at the football games.

On 23 September the Wolf Battalion held it's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Commissioning/Promotion Ceremony. This was a night of recognition for the cadets being promoted and receiving their position pistol belts. Cadets Daniel Gordon and Kioumars Rezaie were promoted to Cadet Staff Sergeant and received their first sergeant pistol belts. Cadets Kevin Bailey, Hunter Jones, Aaron Gomez, and Viktoria Rose were all promoted to Cadet Sergeant and received their platoon sergeant pistol belts. And Cadets Sandeep Desai, Dak Cohen, Megan Welch, Charlotte Bailey, Nik Laymon, Lauren Ledenham, Kiara Clement, Andrew



Halcomb, Reese Wood, Leroy Muya, Daniel Wiggins, Kyle Puckett, Daniel Barrera, Cooper Zima, and Alexander Powers were all promoted to Cadet Corporal and received their Squad Leader pistol belts. Congratulations go to each and every one of these cadets.

This past Saturday we competed in the Denton Skills Meet. As of this writing we have not received the results.

Upcoming events in the Wolf Battalion are: Car Wash on 04 October, Homecoming Football Game on 10 October, the Lewisville Drill Meet on 18 October 2008, the Senior Night Home Football Game on 24 October, and our Annual Battalion Picnic on 25 October. We look forward to all of our events and spending time with all of our cadets at the Battalion Picnic.

Also we'd like to thank the Booster Club for providing us with the refreshments at the Commissioning/Promotion Ceremony and for never failing to make the best out of all of our events through out the year.

For additional information about JROTC, contact Major (Ret) John Napoli at 469-752-9782 or 1st Sergeant (Ret) Steve Ford at 469-752-7000.

## Counselor's News...

To graduate from Plano ISD on the Recommended Plan, a student must have 26 credits and must have four years of English, math, science and social studies. The new requirements have resulted in a change in the Promotion Policy from one grade level to the next. We discussed these changes with all 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students through the social studies classes.

10<sup>th</sup> grade (Sophomore)  
6 total credits

11<sup>th</sup> grade (Junior at Plano West)  
12 credits including:  
English I and English 2  
Algebra I and Geometry  
Biology  
1 credit in either World History or World Geography

12<sup>th</sup> grade (Senior)  
19 credits

If your student is short credits or would like to get ahead in order to work more things into his/her schedule, there are some additional ways to acquire credit. These include Night School, E-school, Summer School, Correspondence, and Credit By Exam.

### Night School:

Time: 5-30-8:30 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Plano Senior High.  
Registration for the Spring semester is January 6-21. Cost: \$200.

### E-School:

Register on-line at <http://planoisdeshool.net>.  
Cost: \$230-\$300

### Summer School:

Registration packets will be available in April. Cost: \$200

### Correspondence - \$150 and up

Classes and assignments are done through Texas Tech. The final exam will be taken at Shepton and is the grade for the course.

### Credit By Exam: (CBE)

The next testing is January 10. The deadline to apply is December 19.

If you have any questions concerning graduation requirements or credits, please contact the counseling office at 469-752-7615.

## Curriculum Office News...

### Student Absence Request

Sometimes it is necessary for a student to miss school for reasons other than illness. Unfortunately, most of those absences are unexcused absences. In order for a student to make up and receive credit for work assigned during an unexcused absence, the student must submit one week in advance a written notification of the planned absence to the principal. When no prior notification is given, students shall receive a zero for all work assigned during the absence. Please use the attached form to make the appropriate notification to the school. Siblings need to be listed only if the siblings will be absent on the same dates.

### UIL Eligibility

All students in an extracurricular program are subject to the UIL No Pass-No Play Policy when his/her extracurricular program is in season. Eligibility for the 3<sup>rd</sup> six weeks will be assessed based upon the grades posted at 4:30 pm, Thursday, November 6. The student will then regain or lose eligibility

at 4:30 pm, Thursday, November 13. All students who are deemed to be ineligible as of November 6 will be reassessed for eligibility based upon the grades posted on 4:30 pm, Tuesday, November 25. If the student is deemed eligible on that date, the student will then regain eligibility at 4:30 pm, Tuesday, December 2.

### Report Cards and Progress Reports

Report cards for the second six weeks will be issued during 4<sup>th</sup> period on Friday, November 14. They should be signed by a parent and returned to the 4<sup>th</sup> period teacher on Monday, November 17. If you do not receive your student's report card, please contact our registrar, Fran Weidemier, to receive a copy. Progress reports for the 3<sup>rd</sup> six weeks will be issued during 4<sup>th</sup> period on Monday, November 24. If you do not receive your student's progress report, please contact the 4<sup>th</sup> period teacher by calling our front desk at 469-752-7600.

## 2008-2009 Semester Exams Schedules

### Fall Semester

Tues., Dec. 16	Wed., Dec. 17	Thurs., Dec. 18	Fri., Dec. 19
Study Hall 9-10:55 am	Period 2 9-10:55 am	Period 4 9-10:55 am	Period 6 9-10:55 am
Break 10:55-11:05 am	Break 10:55-11:05 am	Break 10:55-11:05 am	Break 10:55-11:05 am
Period 1 11:05-1 pm	Period 3 11:05 am-1 pm	Period 5 11:05-1 pm	Period 7 11:05 am-1 pm

Buses will run at 1 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. On Friday, buses will run at approximately 2:15 pm.

### Spring Semester

Mon., June 1	Tues., June 2	Wed., June 3	Thurs., June 4
Study Hall 9-10:55 am	Period 2 9-10:55 am	Period 4 9-10:55 am	Period 6 9-10:55 am
Break 10:55-11:05 am	Break 10:55-11:05 am	Break 10:55-11:05 am	Break 10:55-11:05 am
Period 1 11:05 am-1 pm	Period 3 11:05 am-1 pm	Period 5 11:05 am-1 pm	Period 7 11:05 am-1 pm

Buses will run at 1 pm on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. On Thursday, buses will run at approximately 2:15 pm.

**There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle. —Albert Einstein**

### Important School Phone Numbers:

Attendance Office: 469-752-7604  
Cafeteria: 469-752-7608  
Counselor's Office: 469-752-7615  
Main Office: 469-752-7602  
Nurse's Office: 469-752-7609  
Registrar's Office: 469-752-7623

## PTA Council Meetings

Plan on attending a meeting to find out what's going on in your school's area. Each PTA has four votes - from the president, principal and two delegates, but the meetings are open to all Plano ISD PTA members. All meetings start at 10 am and are held in the PISD Administration board room. The building is located at 2700 W. 15th Street, just east of Independence.

Upcoming meeting dates are: Monday, November 17; Tuesday, January 13; Tuesday, March 24; Tuesday, April 14 and the meeting preceding Officer & Chairman Training & Meeting on Tuesday, May 12.



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