



THE STALLION

Don't Forget!
 'Gameplan for
 College' Program
 Wed, Oct 26
 7:00 pm
 Shepton Library

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KELLY WATERMAN
 PTSA PRESIDENT



"EVERY CHILD ONE VOICE". That is PTA's motto but what does it really mean? Are we advocating for every child? I would say "yes," we are now, but we haven't always in the past. That is where SAGE comes in. It's the PTA position created by our own Plano ISD Council of PTAs and a select group of dedicated PTA volunteers.

SAGE stands for Special and Gifted Education. This position represents the 25% of our student body that learns differently and often requires different curriculum to meet their academic needs. That is a lot of students!!! SAGE represents the extreme ends of the spectrum from special education to the highly gifted. In honor of October's NATIONAL DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH, I wanted to highlight the special education part of this PTA position and share what it's about.

Unless you have a child with a learning disability, you are probably clueless about the daily challenges of school: from learning how to read, write, and process information to communicating and socializing. How does PTA's SAGE help in this area? SAGE provides communications to teachers and parents about speakers, trainings, and conferences in the community on the latest in research-based practices, therapies, etc. through their email database. No other PTA position does this service for their

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FROM OUR PRINCIPAL BURT SMITH



Dear Shepton Stallions Staff, Students and Parents,

The start of school has gone very smoothly thanks to all the efforts of our dedicated staff, students,

and parent volunteers. We are well into the second six weeks and are excited about all of the activities that we have taken place during the first semester.

In the month of October our students have participated in marching band, band UIL marching contest, choir all region auditions, sectionals, and fall concert,

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Texas Honors Circle

Shepton Keeps Raking-in the Awards!

- Star Newspapers' 2010 Best Local High School
- Burt Smith, 2010 TEA Region 10 Principal of the Year
- And now, recipient of the Texas Comptroller's Honors Circle Award

Go Shepton!!!!

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL (CON'T)

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orchestra all region auditions and fall concert, speech tournaments, rehearsals for one act play, volleyball, tennis, football, cheerleading, drill team, JROTC drill meets, our first pep rally, Red Ribbon week, 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!

I am very excited to announce that this fall Shepton has received two very prestigious awards. First, **Shepton was named as a recipient of the Texas Honor Circle Award by the Texas Comptroller. This award honors campuses for successfully combining cost-effective spending with academic excellence.** The Texas Comptroller's "Honors Circle Award" recognizes campuses across Texas that achieves the highest level of student success and responsible fiscal management as determined by the Financial Allocation Study for Texas (FAST) report.

In addition to this award, the **Shepton Chamber Orchestra was named a National Winner in the Mark of Excellence National Orchestra Honors Project by the Foundation for Music Educa-**

tion. Shepton was one of three string orchestras nationwide to have been chosen for this prestigious honor, which featured ensembles from 32 states. This is a particularly great honor considering that Shepton was competing nationwide with high school orchestras from 4-year schools. Congratulations to our Orchestra director, Mr. Josh Thompson and all the members of the Shepton Chamber Orchestra.

We would like to send out a huge "THANK YOU" to our amazing PTSA for providing casseroles to every staff member on October 5. What a wonderful treat and greatly appreciated! October 5 was also the day Shepton supported the fight against breast cancer as we celebrated Pink Out day at school and at our 10th grade football game against McMillen High School. It was incredible to see hundreds of Stallions wearing pink in support of the cause to find a cure!

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 the following website: <http://elist.pisd.edu> or you can access the website from the main PISD webpage,

www.pisd.edu.

I would also like to encourage all parents to sign up for Parent Portal. Parent Portal provides parents access to real-time student attendance records and grades (grades are updated every Monday). You can register for this free service at: <https://parentviewer.pisd.edu> or you can access the website from the main PISD webpage, 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, Karen Hosein, at (469) 752-7606, or e-mail her regarding this program at karen.hosein@pisd.edu.

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.

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

Sincerely,
 Burt Smith
 Principal

EVERY CHILD. ONE VOICE (CON'T)

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students, families and teachers.

SAGE has also brought awareness to campuses about making better efforts to include students with disabilities in campus-wide activities. For example, one elementary school was hosting their annual field day with all activities out on the grass until the SAGE rep mentioned that the school's two students in wheelchairs couldn't go out on the grass. So they moved appropriate games/stations to the black top. Those students thoroughly enjoyed the field day like all the other students! And they should!

Shepton's SAGE will be working with the student

congress on the Valentine's Dance to see if we can turn the music down just a bit, bring the lights up a schmidge brighter and remove the disco ball. Why? Only one of our special needs students was able to attend the dance last year because for many of the others, the music was too loud, it was too dark and the disco ball can promote seizures. I was so sad to learn that our special needs students wanted to attend but couldn't. EVERY child should have those high school dance opportunities and memories.

How else do the PTA SAGE reps advocate for the special needs child? By just having this PTA campus position, SAGE has heard from many

special ed parents who joined the PTA to be a SAGE rep saying they now have an opportunity to fit in and be involved. As we all know, having parents involved in the overall school experiences is a win!

How can you as a PTA member or parent help? Talk to your kids about the students at school that have learning disabilities. Remind them that while they have challenges and learning differences, they are more alike than different. They want to have friendships; want to be liked, belong...just like everyone else. Tell them to get to know their fellow students and make a new friendship. They are ALL Shepton Stallions. While the special educa-

tion student will benefit from a new friendship, a high five in the hall way or that treasured text or phone call that so rarely happens, I betcha your student will be enriched just as much or more.

Kelly Waterman
Shepton PTSA President

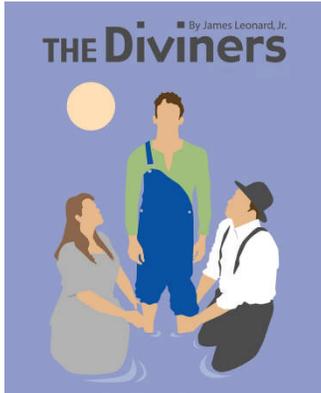


See pages 7 & 12 of this newsletter to learn more about current SAGE activities.



Fun was had by all at Shepton's annual **PINK OUT DAY** held Oct 5 in support of breast cancer awareness month & the Susan B. Komen for the Cure foundation!





Shepton Theatre Presents...



The Diviners

By Jim Leonard, Jr.

Wednesday & Thursday, November 16 & 17, 7 pm, \$5

Winner of the American College Theatre Festival, this marvelously theatrical play is the story of a disturbed young man and his friendship with a disenchanted preacher in southern Indiana in the early 1930s. When the boy was young he almost drowned. This trauma and the loss of his mother in the same accident has left him deathly afraid of water. The preacher, set on breaking away from a long line of Kentucky family preachers, is determined not to do what he does best. He works as a mechanic for the boy's father. The town doesn't have a preacher and the women try to persuade him to preach, while he tries to persuade the child to wash. When the preacher finally gets the boy in the river and is washing him, the townspeople mistake the scene for a baptism. In the ensuing panic, a great tragedy occurs.

***The Diviners* is Shepton's entry into the PISD High School One Act Play Competition. Performances will take place at Shepton on November 16 & 17 at 7:00 pm. All tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door. Our fabulous understudies will perform at 8:00 pm on November 17.**

Shepton will also perform at 2:00 pm on Saturday, November 19, in the auditorium at Plano West Senior High School for the One Act Play Competition. We hope you'll come out and support us!

SPRITWEAR



Shepton Spiritwear that was ordered over the summer, at Stampede or the first week of school has arrived! The items are ready to be picked up in the school store.

We do have extra stock if you would like to purchase Senior 2014 or 2015 shirts, the black Shepton t-shirt or gray sweatpants. If you have not received your items please email me so I can research!

Cathy Sweet
cathydsweet@yahoo.com

WESTBUND

Shepton Band Boosters proudly present:

The Shepton High School Band Spaghetti Dinner, Silent Auction & West Cluster Show

NOVEMBER 19, 2011 AT SHEPTON HIGH SCHOOL

This is an event you don't want to miss! A night of dining catered by Romano's Macaroni Grill, while listening to spectacular music performed by our very own Frankford, Renner and Shepton bands. It is also a great place to do some holiday gift shopping while supporting the Shepton band!

Tickets go on sale in October.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer for this exciting evening, please contact:

Lisa Bacic
LFBacic@yahoo.com



Important Shepton Phone Numbers:

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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



Benefits to Purchasing Your Yearbook NOW!!

Reminder: Order your Yearbooks now as the price will be increasing right after Thanksgiving. Order forms can be picked up outside E 202. Return the form with a check to Debra Sepp in E 202 or you can order online at <http://shop.jostens.com>.

Yearbook will be having two workshops (first come first served as I only have 29 computers) for PYP (Personal Yearbook Pages) tutorials. Dates are: Tues., Nov. 1st for Adults only, Wed., Nov. 9th for students. Please email Shepton.pub@pisd.edu to hold your spot.

Don't forget you can upload your pictures to Replayit.com. You will need to contact Ms. Sepp at Shepton.pub@pisd.edu after you register for the passcode.



Shepton PTSA is proud to announce
REFLECTIONS 2011-2012
THEME: "DIVERSITY MEANS..."

Reflections is a National PTA sponsored arts recognition program that encourages artistic expression. The Reflections theme for 2011 – 2012 is "Diversity Means..."

Students can use their imagination to create a film, song, artwork, photograph, poem, short story or dance routine. Be sure to reflect the theme in your work.

You may enter as many times as you like in as many categories as you like. Each entry must be accompanied by an official entry form. New entry forms and rules will soon be available on www.sheptonptsa.org. Meanwhile, you can go to www.pta.org for more information and to see last year's national Reflections winners. Questions please contact Shepton PTSA's Arts in Education Chairperson, Naaz Hussain, at artseducate@sheptonptsa.org or 972-473-7889.

Categories Include:

- **Literature** – Fiction or nonfiction, prose, poetry, drama, or short story (must

(maximum size 11 x 14 inches including a mat)



- **Musical Composition** – Voice, instruments or a combination of both, with or without lyrics (maximum time 5 minutes, a CD recording of a performance of the composition should be submitted.)

not exceed 2,000 words or 8 ½ x 11 inches)

- **Visual Arts** – Original print, drawing, painting, collage, photographic collage, metal etching or punch work, fiber work, or computer-generated artwork (must be flat, not more than 3/8 inches thick, maximum size 24 x 30 inches including a mat)

- **Dance Choreography** – Original dance choreographed by the student with up to 3 dancers. (maximum time 3 minutes, should be submitted on a CD or DVD)

- **Photography** – Original black-and-white or color image, single print or collage

- **Film Production** – Original work, animation, narrative, documentary, experimental, computer-generated (no PowerPoint, maximum time 5 minutes, CD or DVD)

All entries must be submitted by Friday, October 28, 2010

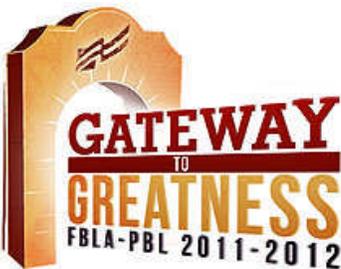
Future Business Leaders of America

Membership has now come to a close and we have 11 members this school year.

Currently FBLA is collecting the **Pull Tops** from soda cans. These go to the Ronald McDonald House in Houston, TX to help purchase much needed Medical Equipment for Children (see <http://www.rmhhouston.org/Make+a+Donation/Pull+Tab+Program/>). The collection box is in the cafeteria for all students to use, but don't forget you can collect them at home and send them in a Ziploc bag to add to our collection.

Sign A Stud to benefit Habitat for Humanity is coming up October 17 - 20, 2011. During all lunches this week we will have 2 x 4 studs for students to sign with a \$1 donation. These signed studs are then used in the building of homes by Habitat for Humanity.

Appreciate your help and support in these charitable causes!



The SAGE Committee...



SAGE stands for Special *And* Gifted Education.

If you or someone you know has a student who participates in Special Education, the PACE program for gifted & talented students, or simply is an exceptionally diverse learner, this is your chance to come together with others – at Shepton & throughout PISD!

The Plano Council of PTAs established the SAGE committee to provide an opportunity for students, families & teachers of students who learn differently to share resources & friendship. Approximately 25% of the PISD student population has been identified to have a special learning need. You are not alone! You have come to the right place.

We are a group of dedicated volunteer parents who work together to provide EDUCATION, COMMUNICATION & SUPPORT for families just like you. *And*, we engage the teachers and administrators along the way.

SAGE sponsors various classes & seminars throughout the year to provide families & educators the latest information. These classes are usually free of charge. Popular topics have included:

- The Carol Gray Workshop on Social Stories
- The Wrightslaw Seminars
- Long-term planning for families with Special Needs
- SENG Clinics (Supporting the Emotional Needs of the Gifted)
- Managing the IEP Process
- Advocating for your child
- Summer Camp Vendor Fair

At Shepton, we support the STARS (Students Together Achieving Remarkable Success) student organization, as well as other organizations dedicated to supporting the gifted & special education students on campus.

If you would like to be on our EMAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST filled with current events and news specific to our students, send an e-mail with the following information to Teri Kachur and Rosetta Falchier, Shepton parents who co-chair the SAGE committee for our campus. Their email address is sage@sheptonptsa.org :

“Please add my name to the SAGE information database. I wish to receive information about...

- Choose one: {Gifted Education}
- {Special Education}
- {Both Gifted AND Special Education}

...events and programs through PISD and the community. I understand that my email address will be kept strictly confidential and will not be shared with other groups or organization.”

It’s that simple! You’ll then be connected to the Plano ISD PTA SAGE community.

CHESS CLUB

Shepton has a Chess Club that meets every Wednesday, after school in Room E 202 at 4:30 PM. Please bring your Chess Boards to challenge some of Shepton’s best minds.





Effective Parenting Strategies

*(Republished courtesy the Region 16 Education Service Center Newsletter,
The Parental Involvement Connection, September 2011)*

It may be a difficult time to be a parent; however, every generation of parents encounters anxieties and worries about parenting, but the challenges are not impossible. With some guidance and a genuine desire to become a better parent, most people can become more effective in the vital role of parenting. We will never reach perfection, but we can continually work at becoming better, more effective parents by using the following strategies:

- **Establish family identity** by discussing family pride and loyalty. Parents can set the stage for healthy family identity by discussing ways children can take pride in who they are and reasons to be loyal to their family.
- **Individualize chores** as a way of developing cooperative and responsible behavior in children. Consider the child's age and ability when assigning household chores. Change chores as children grow older. They can be expected to do chores for themselves, as well as those that help the whole family.
- **Model responsible behavior** by controlling anger, showing compassion, and teaching discipline. Demonstrate and practice the kinds of behaviors children are to follow. Through our example, we instruct our children every day; they behave the way we behave, whether we are aware of it or not.
- **Listen effectively** by establishing eye contact and giving verbal and nonverbal clues that show you are involved in the conversation. Look at your child's eyes as she talks to you; avoid making judgments; remain quiet while she talks, then check for understanding.
- **Create a caring, cooperative home environment** by planning, taking turns, solving problems, making decisions, and sharing as a family. When appropriate, involve children in decisions that affect the whole family, like choosing what to prepare for dinner once or twice a week.
- **Teach children social skills** by expecting and modeling polite and respectful behavior toward others. Discuss appropriate public manners such as being quiet at concerts, plays, or other performances. Expect children to treat others with courtesy.
- **Promote daily routines** by setting specific times for eating, sleeping, getting up, going to school, doing homework and chores, etc. Established routines become habits, so parents do less nagging and reminding.
- **Enforce family rules** by directly stating expectations. State the rule in a positive way to show children what they will gain if they behave appropriately. Make the rule short and to the point-"Homework before TV", for example.
- **Impose consequences** quickly after the rule is broken. Consequences should also be directly related to the behavior. For example, failure to do homework before watching TV would result in no TV for one evening even after the homework is finished.
- **Praise positive behavior** by catching children doing something right and approving of their behavior. Let the child know exactly what you like about his/her behavior. "I like the way you helped your sister pick up the toys without being asked."
- **Spend quiet time each day** with your child when he can have your undivided attention for a few minutes. This builds a meaningful relationship and provides a time to talk about things of importance to him. If this habit is started when he is young, it will remain an essential part of your relationship even when he moves through adolescence and into his teenage years.

COUNSELOR NEWS

It has been a busy start to the school year. The Counselors have registered approximately 200 new students from all over the world and country. We have been working with students that are struggling in classes and getting to know others through schedule adjustments.

The 9th grade students took the CogAT, and the 10th grade students took the PSAT on October 12. PSAT scores should be back in the middle of December. The 10th grade students will have another testing opportunity to evaluate college readiness. We will be giving the PLAN, which is the practice ACT test on October 27. We will be scheduling an informational meeting in December once the scores come back.

Registration and Academic Conferences:

It is time to begin looking ahead to next year and registering students. In November we will meet with 9th grade students through English to discuss class choices for 10th grade, credits, and updating Four Year Plans. The 9th grade students will then register on-line. Even though students are selecting classes this early, changes to course selections are available through May.

Tenth grade students begin the registration process in January. The Plano West Counselors will visit in January and then the sophomores will do on-line registration. We will begin our 10th grade Academic Conferences in February and will continue through April. All sophomores and their parents will have the opportunity to meet with his/her counselor to discuss:

- Class selection for 11th grade and make changes/corrections to on-line registration
- Four Year Plans & Graduation Requirements
- Class Rank
- College Requirements
- SAT & ACT Testing

These conferences are a wonderful time to talk about hopes, dreams and goals and the process for achieving them. Your scheduled appointment time will be mailed to you two or three weeks in advance.

With the new advances in technology, there are some wonderful opportunities. With the new advances in technology, there are some scary concerns about teen usage. Listed below are a few red flags that a student might be making poor choices:

- Your child changes the screen when you enter the room.
- Your child spends too much time on the Internet, especially at night.
- Your child gets phone calls from people you don't know.
- Your child has new clothes or gifts from unknown sources.
- Your child is overly upset when Internet is unavailable.
- Your child is unusually withdrawn.

The Counseling Office is here to provide support in all aspects of student life including academic issues, personal issues and social issues. Please do not hesitate to call us with any questions or concerns.



SHEPTON STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS & EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES - 2011-2012

Curricular Organizations	Sponsor/Director
AVID	Lakenya Simmons/Craig McKinney
Creative Writing Club	Lisa Snyder
Destination Imagination	Ryan Bryson
Drama (BRAVO) Theatre Club	Laura Darce/Carmen McElwain
FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America)	Debra Sepp
FFA (Agricultural Sciences)	Amanda Wall
French Honor Society	Susan Schackman
HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America)	Janie Gilkison
JROTC (Junior Reserve Officers Training Corp)	Sgt. Steve Ford
KEYSS	Cristine Jordan
LASER (Learning About Science & Engineering Research)	Deanna Shea/Stephanie Peterson
Leadership (LFL)	Amanda Wall
Math Club	Sarah Council
Model United Nations	Linda Ross
National Honor Society (NHS)	Kevin Moore
National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)	Linda Havins
Page Turners Book Club	Leslie Lamastus
PAL (Peer Assistance & Leadership)	Carmen McElwain
Speech/Debate	Chris Hammer
STARS (Students Together Achieving Remarkable Success)	Debora Bramlett
Student Congress	Kristin Rosi
Whiz Quiz	Andy Chase/Jeff Sullivan
Yearbook	Debra Sepp
Non-Curricular Clubs	Sponsor
Anime Club	Ryan Bryson
Breakdance Club	Stephen Kao
Contact Science Interest Club (CSI)	Stephanie Peterson
Equestrian Club	Kathleen Knight
Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)	Bruce Strong/Eric Neal
Gay Straight Alliance (GSA)	Kevin Moore
Jesus and Girls (JAG)	Amy Pribich
Key Club	Marti Penix
Mock Trial Club	Debi Lucas
Quidditch Team (Harry Potter)	Josh Thompson
Rachel's Challenge (FoR)	Carmen McElwain
Shepton Smiles	Quisha Webb / Mandy Reeves
Video Gaming Club	Jeff Sullivan

Performing Arts	Directors
Band	Ellie Murphy/Chris Agwu
Choir	Sarah Council
Jazz Band	Chris Agwu
Jazz Choir (TopHatters)	Sarah Council
Orchestra	Josh Thompson

Athletics	Coaches
Baseball	Greg Pierce (Head) /Marty Melson Kendall Clark (PWSH Varsity)
Basketball, boys	Chad Hurst (Head) (9 th Boys) Jorge Quintero (10 th Boys) Nathan Leraas (PWSH JV) Andrew Morgan (PWSH Varsity)
Basketball, girls	Monica Bissonnette (9 th Girls) Nakia Walker (10 th Girls) Kristen Perry (PWSH JV) Don Patterson (PWSH Varsity)
Cheerleaders	Quisha Webb and Katy Evans
Drill Team (Stallionettes)	Sarah Lastor and Katrina Johnson
Football	Chalmer Adams (Head) & Greg Pierce (9 th) Jorge Quintero and Chad Hurst(9 th) Bruce Strong (Head) / Eric Neal / Marty Melson (10 th) Mike Hughes (PWSH Varsity)
Golf	Rick Hardison (PWSH Varsity)
Soccer (at PWSH)	Jimmy Dowell (boys) Richard Grubbs (girls)
Softball (at PWSH)	Mike Ledsome
Swimming & Diving (at PWSH)	Kris Jones (PWSH)
Tennis	Brick Field (Shepton) Morgen Walker (Varsity)
Track/Cross Country, boys	Eric Neal/Chad Hurst Richard Grubbs (PWSH Varsity)
Track/Cross Country, girls	McCall Hundl Jerry Gardner (PWSH Varsity)
Volleyball	McCall Hundl (9 th Head) / Allie Rogosheske Phillip (Assistant) Monica Bissonnette (10 th grade) Brian Fitzgerald (PWSH JV) Brittany Bridge (PWSH Varsity)
Wrestling	Shawn Smith

FAREWELL TO THE FIRST SIX WEEKS

With the first six weeks come and gone, there are still a lot of things left to do in the Wolf Battalion, but at the same time we have accomplished so much. On 07 September the Wolf Battalion held its 13th Annual Commissioning and Promotion Ceremony. The purpose of this ceremony is to commission cadet officers and promote non-commissioned officers (NCO). Cadets are eligible to be commissioned or promoted based on the number of years they have spent in the Wolf Battalion, their hard work, and dedication to the Corps. I would like to send out a special congratulation to all those promoted to leadership positions. On 08 and 22 October the Wolf Battalion will participate in supporting the Patriot Booster Club and their car wash fund raiser.



The Wolf Battalion JROTC provided a color guard, drill team escorts, and gate guards on September 30, as they did in the previous home games. A lot of cadets showed up to work at the game, which was a huge relief. Cadets came out and supported the Plano West family in a positive way and they looked great doing it.

The Battalion competed in the Denton Drill Meet on 24 September, the Wichita Falls on 01 Oct and will compete in the Lewisville Drill Meet on 15 October. At Denton the Unarmed Regulation Drill Team won Second Place, and at Wichita Falls the Sporter Rifle Team took the Second Place Overall Trophy. On 29 October the cadets will attend the Annual Battalion Picnic at Arbor Hills. This informal event is planned every year to provide a way for cadets at different schools a chance to get to know each other. Of course we all know about the Formal Inspection 02 December. There is no doubt the Wolf Battalion will rise to the test!

JROTC CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

ACTIVITY	DATE (S)	LOCATION	PARTICIPANTS
Lewisville Drill Meet	15 Oct	Lewisville, TX	Teams
Carwash (Booster Club)	22 Oct	2 Locations	All Cadets
Battalion Picnic	29 Oct	Arbor Hills	All Available Cadets
Fort Worth Drill Meet	05 Nov	Fort Worth, TX	Teams
Sonic Fundraiser (Booster Club)	TBA	TBA	Select Jrs & Srs.
Robinson/Rice School Recruiting	TBA	Plano, TX	Select Cadet
Formal Inspection (5th Brigade)	02 Dec	PWSH (A2078)	All Cadets
Winter Social	08 Dec	PW Presentation Rm	All Cadets
Plano City Parade	10 Dec	Plano, TX	All Cadets
Winter Break	19 Dec-31 Dec	All Schools	All Cadets
Class Resumes (students)	03 Jan	All Schools	All Cadets
Middle School Recruitment	Jan 2012	Renner/Frankford	Select Cadets
Candy Fundraiser	01-29 Feb	All Schools	Interested Cadets
Birdville Drill Meet	18 Feb	Richland, TX	Teams
Greater Southwest Drill Meet	03 Mar	Grand Prairie, TX	Teams
Spring Break	12-16 Mar	All Schools	All Cadets
Mesquite Drill Meet	31 Mar	Mesquite, TX	Teams
PISD Leadership Camp	11-15 Apr	TBA	Select Cadets
Military Ball	28 Apr	Southfork Hotel, Plano	All Cadets
JROTC Awards Ceremony	15 May	PWSH Auditorium	All Cadets
City of Plano Memorial Day	28 May	Plano City Hall	Select PWSH Cadets
Last Day of School	01 Jun (students)	All Schools	All Cadets
PWSH Graduation/Color Guard	05 Jun (2:30pm)	Dallas Convention Ctr	Select Cadets

Notes:

- TBA - Color/Sabre Guard, Ushers/Security/Drill Team Escorts for SR High and H.S. Home Football Games [SR High Games: 08-26, 09-08 SR Night 09-30, 10-21, 11-04 Homecoming]
[Booster Club Concession Night: 09/30 - need 10 parents]
- TBA - Ushers/Escorts Open Houses at All Three Schools, Both Semesters (SR High: 29 Aug & 5 Mar; H.S.: 6 Sep & 1 Mar)
- TBA - Ushers/Escorts at Senior High for College Night (N/A 11/12)
- TBA - Rifle Team Postal Matches (11-12 throughout year)
- TBA - College Options Academic & Leadership Bowl
- TBA - NEFE Competition
- TBA - Color/Sabre Guard for PWSH Soccer Games
- TBA - Color/Sabre Guard for School and Community Activities
- TBA - Cadet Officer of the Quarter
- TBA - NCO and Cadet of the Month Boards are last Tuesday of the Month of Every Month
- 18 Aug - Summer School Graduation/PWSH

Our Annual Winter social is on 08 December. Junior and Senior cadets on competitive teams are awarded Lettermen jackets and pins if they meet all qualifications. This social is intended for cadets to be recognized for accomplishments on teams and a way for cadets to spend time with each other and have a little fun and eat pizza. It is NOT a mandatory event but we encourage the cadets to attend. Also coming up is the Annual Plano City Parade, 10 December, which the battalion will be marching in. This is considered to be a mandatory event and the battalion would appreciate if you come out and support us.

This year is just beginning, with plenty ahead to keep us busy. Continue to encourage your sons/daughters to get involved, as it is a great way for them to meet new people and start new friendships.

For additional information about JROTC, contact Major (Ret) John Napoli at (469) 752-9782 or 1st Sergeant (Ret) Steve Ford, Shepton HS at (469) 752-7000 or Jasper HS at (469) 752-7459.

Max Uncovsky
C/ 1st Lieutenant
Public Affairs/Marketing Recruiting Officer

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Supporting the Emotional Needs of the Gifted: A Model Parent Support Group

For parents of high achievers/high potential children

You are invited to participate in a guided discussion group to learn about the social and emotional needs of bright/gifted/talented children, and the parenting issues related to those needs. The emphasis is on positive aspects of parenting, avoiding power struggles, and helping these children learn appropriate life skills while enhancing the parent/child relationship.

Topics will include: *Identification/Characteristics, Parent Relationships, Sibling Relationships, Communication of Feelings, Stress Management, Depression, Motivation, Perfectionism, Tradition Breaking, Peer Relationships and Discipline.*

For more information on SENG (Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted) see www.sengifted.org

Evening Session

Facilitator: Sandra Colston
Dates: Tuesdays, October 4th through November 8th, 2010
Time: 7:00 to 8:30 PM

A six-week commitment is required.

Location: PISD Administration Building
2700 W. 15th Street
Plano, TX 75075

Cost: \$30.00 (*non-refundable*) The cost covers the cost of the book "A Parents Guide to Gifted Children" by Webb, Gore, Ahmend and Devries.

Registration: PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Register early; class size is limited. *PISD parents are given priority.*

For more information and to register, contact:

Evenings: Sandra Colston
972-608-0282
scolston1@msn.com



Use PayPAMS, PISD's electronic payment system for meal payments, athletic fees and fare busing. Features include:

- E-mail confirmation notification of payments
- Timely posting of payments – account balances updated two times per day
- Low balance email notification when balance falls below \$10
- Repetitive automatic payment option with e-mail confirmation when payment is initiated
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- Balance transfer from year-to-year
- Universal PIN number for use by student throughout his school years with PISD
- Ability to monitor what your child eats on a daily basis
- Ability to view account balance
- Ability to view payment history

When using PayPAMS for the first time, the parent must register. Once registration is complete, there is a one-time 24-hour delay before the parent can see their child's account balances. After that time, account payments are posted two times per day.

To register, go to: <https://paypams.com/HomePage.aspx>

JOIN SHEPTON PTSA

It Is Not Too Late!

If you didn't join Shepton PTSA during registration you can still become a member of the 2011-2012 Shepton Parent Teacher STUDENT Association!

To join, go online to www.sheptonptsa.org & click the Membership Tool Kit link located on the home page. All information is collected and paid online. It's very easy!!

A student directory is included with each paid membership.

All Parents, Teachers, and Students are welcomed and encouraged to join the

Shepton PTSA.

- First Membership - \$16.50
- Add'l Memberships - \$8.50
- Life Membership - \$14.25
- Faculty Membership - \$8.50

If you have any questions, please contact Hollie Carlson at membership@sheptonptsa.org.



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Use Parent Viewer.

Online access to view your child's grades and attendance is on the PISD Parent Viewer web site. You can view current grade averages as well as the six or nine week summary averages. Daily attendance information is also available. Additional reports available online enable you to view details such as assignments, quizzes and tests along with the grade, score weights, due dates, and maximum

values. Missing assignment reports are also an option for you to view. You can also sign up for automatic email notifications.

You can schedule the following types of reports:

- Unexcused absence
- Detailed attendance
- Grade summary
- Detailed grade info
- Grade notification

Register for Parent Viewer at <http://parentviewer.pisd.edu> to setup your individual account information for access.

School Website

The Shepton High School website is a terrific source for all kinds of Shepton information. Go to <http://k12.pisd.edu/shepton-high-school>

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Promote Your Events!

Teachers, Students, Parents

Don't forget that *The Stallion* can be another advertising vehicle to let people know about your event. Whether it is golf, football, choir or band concert, play, etc., *The Stallion* will reach 1,000+ people who are eager to support Shepton High School and its many talented students.

Send information & any graphics you wish to appear in the newsletter to Doug Rogers at newsletter@sheptonpts.org.

Newsletter Deadlines

<u>Publication</u>	<u>Articles Due</u>	<u>Posted on Web</u>
Dec 2011	Wed, Nov 16	Thurs, Dec 8
Feb 2012	Wed, Jan 18	Thurs, Feb 2
Mar 2012	Wed, Mar 7	Thurs, Mar 29
May 2012	Wed, Apr 25	Thurs, May 10

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