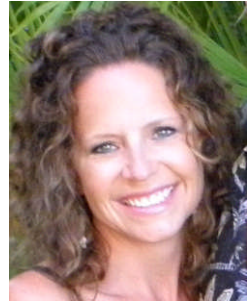


## CHANGE IS A COOL THING!

### KELLY WATERMAN-PTSA PRESIDENT



Hello Shepton parents, faculty and students! To some of you, welcome to Shepton High and to the others, welcome to another year. The theme of my first newsletter is CHANGE. When people think of change, they think oh geez, here we go again with that word. They either love it or hate it. But this year change is a cool thing! When I think back on when I was in high school and think of how different it was back then (bell bottom pants, polyester shirts, wide lapels, awful hair styles...), I realize a lot has changed (and I'm so grateful...). But then I see all the same familiar experiences of high school: band and sports practices, games, spirit

week, chatting with friends and hugging in the hallways, homework assignments, sitting at lunch with friends. For me it was a mouthful of braces, bad hair days lingering by that locker waiting for that cute guy to walk by and hopefully notice me while I swoon and fall awkwardly into my locker... I guess those times haven't changed either.

But at Shepton, what change has been made so far and worked is our back-to-school online registration for school supplies, reading books, PTSA memberships, directory data input and spirit wear. It streamlined the packet pick-up process so much and made our record keep-

ing and money management so much easier on our volunteers. PISD also made a huge change and had their part of registration online for forms and schedules. Wow! Easy! Another change is packet pick-up has been changed to Stallion Stampede and made into a fun get-to-know-Shepton-High event.

Our school store, called the Stallion Shop, is changing with upgrades and a facelift by our wonderful volunteers. The PTSA is looking at changing-up the programs lineup and bringing in some cool programs and speakers. We are in the works of bringing in a surprise celebrity to speak to our students which will make them jump with *Glee*.

So, as you can see, change is a cool thing! Whether or not you like change, please embrace our changes and make the best of what Shepton has to offer. Let's give our students, teachers and families some great experiences and memories. Reflecting back on our own experiences, bad hair, braces and all, high school is a fun exciting time for our kiddoes. Those things never change.

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## CASSEROLE DAY

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5



As part of our Shepton PTSA traditions, we show our appreciation to our hardworking staff by giving them a night off for dinner! Every year we provide a casserole dinner to each staff member for their

enjoyment one night. This year, our annual Casserole Day is October 5<sup>th</sup>. Show your appreciation for the hard work of the incredible staff at Shepton by donating a casserole! We need 160 and they can be homemade or bought. Please email [recognition@sheptonptsa.org](mailto:recognition@sheptonptsa.org) to be placed on the email list for more details coming soon. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

## TECHNOLOGY & STUDENT SERVICES

A warm welcome to all our new 9<sup>th</sup> grade students and their families, and a warm welcome back to all our 10<sup>th</sup> grade students! We've had a fantastic start to the 2011-2012 school year.

My name is Valerie VanWinkle, and I'm in a new role this year as Shepton's Technology and Student Services Assistant Principal. I will also be serving students whose last names begin with 'Mc' through 'R' concerning attendance and student management.

This year, I'm excited to introduce Digital Citizenship lessons to our students. As you may know, last year we changed our electronic device/cell phone policy, which now allows students use of their digital devices as needed outside the classroom, and as per their teacher's discretion inside the classroom.

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