

OUR MISSION

The Mission of Port Allen Middle School is to provide the highest quality of education so each reaches his/her highest potential.

From the Principal's Desk

Hello PAMS Community -

2010-11 proved to be the most successful year in the history of PAMS. **Based on spring testing, our School Performance Score climbed to its highest ever, 78.9!** We were "Thinking 80" and missed it by only 1.1 points. When you look at what the State defines as "point gain from 2010 Baseline Performance Score to 2011 Growth Performance Score," PAMS produced the largest growth in West Baton Rouge Parish! Also, our 2011 Baseline Performance Score climbed to its highest ever, 76.2, which is an average of the 2010 and 2011 Growth Performance Scores (i.e., 73.5 and 78.9, respectively).

Needless to say, great things are happening at PAMS! Moreover, this year, our outstanding staff accepted The System for Teacher and Student Advancement (TAP) challenge. Continuous professional development and countless preparation hours are the norm. Along with Port Allen Elementary School, we are the only schools to undertake TAP in West Baton Rouge Parish! More information regarding TAP can be found at <http://www.tapsystem.org/>.

Thank you for your support. Please know that PAMS is YOUR school.

Geaux Eagles,
Jonathon A. Szymanski, Ph.D.



From the Assistant Principal's Desk

Dear Parents:

I am extremely excited about the 2011/2012 school year.

As a member of the Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) Leadership Team, I am happy to say that we've already held our first dance of the school year. Ninety-five Port Allen Middle School students came to the gym Friday night, September 30th, and had a great time. Our next dance, a Halloween Costume Dance, will be held on Friday, October 28, 2011, between 7:00 pm and 10:00 pm.

As PAMS assistant principal and head of discipline, I am proud to say that the number of discipline referrals decreased last year, and hopefully the students will continue to behave appropriately at school. Our 8th grade class has won a party during school for having the fewest referrals during the months of August and September.

As always, I have an open door policy. Feel free to call me or come by the school if you would like to discuss anything about your child.

Sincerely,
John Arrasmith
Assistant Principal



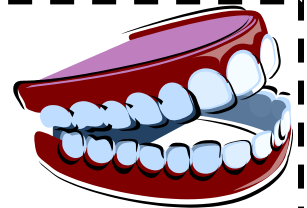
The Writing Corner

Kirsten M.'s Funny Event

One of the most hilarious events that ever happened to me was last week when I took a nose-dive to the gym floor. I was so humiliated because hundreds of kids saw me. Because I was so embarrassed, I crept out of the gym like nothing had happened instead of walking to my seat. I fell because a student's humongous backpack was protruding onto the floor. I think this was one of Jacoby's puckish plans! Everyone was regaled by my fall; they thought it was comical and amusing. The couldn't keep from bursting with laughter! When I thought about what had happened, I cried laughing myself. This is one experience I'll never forget!

"A Bitten Bottom"

By Makalya J. (7th grade)



An elderly man named Keith
Misplaced his set of false teeth.
He laid then on a chair.
He forgot they were there.
He sat down and was bitten beneath.



UPCOMING EVENTS



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www.wbrschools.net/pams.htm

Football/Volleyball Schedule

Oct 18 (volleyball only) **False River @ PA**
Oct. 25 **PA @ Livonia**
Oct. 27 **Brusly @ PA**

* All games begin at 4:30

* All home games are played at PA High School

Geaux Eagles!

Important Dates

Report Cards	Oct. 18
Teacher In-service/No School	Oct. 19
Parent-Teacher Conferences (1/2 day)	Oct. 20
Red Ribbon Week	Oct. 24-28
Halloween Dance 7:00-10:00PM	Oct. 28
1st 9wks Academic Celebration (1:20PM)	Oct. 31

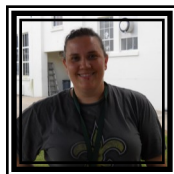
We are the BEST
We are the BRIGHTEST
We are P A M S

New to the Eagles' Family (Faculty)

Jessica Lambert & Latisa Sam
TAP Master Teacher



Jennifer Gaudet
Girls P.E.



Jodi Dyer
8th Grade Math



Farrah Piazza
8th Science



Audrey Pogue
Para. 6th



Traci Richard
Para. 5th



Girls on the Run

Port Allen Middle is proud to congratulate its first ever Girls on the Run team. Girls on the Run® is a life-changing, experiential learning program for girls that combines fun activities with training that will conclude when the participants are ready to run a 5k race (3.1 miles)! The race will take place on December 10th in Baton Rouge and over 300 participants will be finishing the race and receiving medals together. We will keep

P practice respect

A ct responsibly

M odel teamwork

S tay safe

everyone posted on how our training progresses and will definitely share pictures from our big race. Good luck to all the girls!

Top: Ms. Bernard, Jatasha, Trenece, Samantha, Cheyenne, Kristiana, Leilani, Ms. Guilliot

Middle: Laura, Coach Kylee

Bottom: Shayla, Kirsten, Alyssa, Ojanell, Mykenzie, Makayla



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