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WHARTON COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE

FAITH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

BACK TO SCHOOL 2015

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East Bernard Express
Thursday August 20, 2015
**Important School Information**

### Wharton County Junior College

**www.wcjc.edu**
- **Wharton campus**
  - 911 Boling Highway
  - Wharton, TX 77488
  - Phone: 532-3612
- **Assistant principal:** Alan Black
- **Associate principal:** Molli Bodungen
- **Principal:** Mark Anglin
- **Phone:** 532-6800
- **Wharton, TX 77488**
- **No. 1 Tiger Ave.**

### Athletic director: Tim Finn

### Police chief: Landy Williams

### Special services director: Kim Somer

### Technology director: Sheri Ganske

### Special programs director: Marcia Brown

### Staff development director: Patricia Brown

### Director of operations: Steve Wernecke

### Sharon Young

### Assistant superintendent of administrative services: Bryce Kocian

### Institutional Research: Pam Youngblood

### Vice President of Student Services: David Leenhouts

### Dean of Financial and Business Services: Gus Wessels Jr.

### Vice President of Instruction: Leigh Ann Collins

### Academic Dean: G.G. Hunt

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### Wharton ISD

**www.whartonisd.net**

- **Education Support Center (Administration Building)**
  - 2100 N. Fulton St.
  - Wharton, TX 77488
  - Phone: 532-3612
- **Interim superintendent:** Tony Wadley
- **Assistant superintendent:** Curt Spear
- **Assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction:** Tina Herrington
- **Assistant superintendent of finance:** Randy Hill
- **Assistant superintendent of administrative services:** Sharon Young
- **Director of operations:** Steve Wernecke
- **Staff development director:** Patricia Brown
- **Special programs director:** Marcia Brown
- **Technology director:** Sheri Ganske
- **Special services director:** Kim Somer
- **Police chief:** Landy Williams
- **Athletic director:** Tim Finn

#### Wharton High School

- **(Grades 9-12)**
  - No. 1 Tiger Ave.
  - Wharton, TX 77488
  - Phone: 523-6900
  - **Principal:** Mark Anglin
  - **Assistant principal:** Mollie Bodungen
  - **Assistant principal:** Alan Black

#### Wharton Junior High School

- **(Grades 7-8)**

### Wharton Elementary School

- **(Grades 3-6)**
  - 2030 E. Boling Hwy.
  - Wharton, TX 77488
  - Phone: 523-6866
  - **Principal:** Tod Nix
  - **Associate principal:** Trishia Terrell
  - **Assistant principal:** Ahmesha Graham

### Wharton School Board

- **President:** Robert Goudeau (Position 7)
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- **Secretary:** Ricky Kramr (Position 3)
- **Vice Secretary:** Seferino Jimenez (Position 5)
- **Vice chair:** Gary Trochta (Position 2)
- **Chair:** Danny Gerton (Position 7)

### East Bernard ISD

**www.ebisd.org**

- **Administration Building**
  - 2030 E. Boling Hwy.
  - Wharton, TX 77488
  - Phone: 523-6882
  - **Principal:** Keith Brooks
  - **Assistant principal:** Monica Rath
  - **Assistant principal:** Kim Moses

### East Bernard School Board

- **President:** Charles New (Position 4)
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- **Vice Secretary:** Seferino Jimenez (Position 5)
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### East Bernard Junior High School

- **(Grades 7-8)**
  - 723 College St.
  - Phone: 523-6840
  - **Principal:** Philip Gaudette

### East Bernard Elementary School

- **(Grades PreK-4)**
  - 723 College St.
  - Phone: 523-6866
  - **Principal:** Jim Smith

### East Bernard High School

- **(Grades 9-12)**
  - 1867 Burning Stone Drive
  - Newgulf, TX 77462
  - Phone: 657-2837
  - **Principal:** Keith Jedlicka
  - **Assistant principal:** Tim Moore

### Iago Junior High School

- **(Grades 6-8)**
  - 200 Gift St.
  - Iago, TX 77440
  - **Principal:** Brett Pahler

### Newgulf Elementary School

- **(Grades PreK-5)**
  - 1867 Burning Stone Drive
  - Newgulf, TX 77462
  - Phone: 657-2816
  - **Principal:** Jennifer Gamer
  - **Assistant principal:** Tim Moore

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- **Chair:** Danny Gerton (Position 7)

### Boling ISD

**www.bolingisd.net**

- **Administration Building**
  - 301 Texas Ave.
  - Boling, TX 77420
  - Phone: 657-2800
  - **Director:** Becky Koval
  - **Business manager:** Cherry Page
  - **Director of technology:** Terrell Jessen
  - **Athletic director:** Stephen Dorr

### Boling High School

- **(Grades 9-12)**
  - 407 Atlantic Ave.
  - Boling, TX 77420
  - Phone: 657-2800
  - **Principal:** Keith Jessee
  - **Assistant principal:** Tim Moore

### Boling School Board

- **President:** Donald Sciba (Position 4)
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- **Vice chair:** Gary Trochta (Position 2)
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### Faith Christian Academy

**www.wharton-fca.org**

- **(infants to Grade 12)**
  - Faith Christian Academy
  - of Wharton
  - 5227 FM 1301
  - Wharton, TX 77488
  - Phone: 532-4100
  - **Email:** fcawhaiton@gmail.com
  - **Administrator:** Sandra Allen
  - **Assistant Administrator:** Diana Gajewsky
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Our schools

Three school districts, private school, WCJC serve eastern Wharton County

Staff report

The eastern side of Wharton County is served by three public school districts. The largest is the Wharton ISD, which competes in Class 4A in University Interscholastic League sports and academic competitions.

The other two school districts, both which are in Class 3A, are Boling ISD and East Bernard ISD.

In addition, there is a private school — Faith Christian Academy just outside Wharton, and Wharton County Junior College, a two-year junior college with its main campus in Wharton.

Here is a look at the schools that serve eastern Wharton County:

Wharton County Junior College

With a tax district encompassing Wharton County and the Needville ISD, Wharton County Junior College also has a service area that includes Wharton, Fort Bend, Matagorda, Colorado and parts of Jackson and Austin counties.

It has a central campus in Wharton and extension campuses in Sugar Land, Richmond and Bay City. In addition, the college offers classes at an extension center in El Campo.

College-wide, WCJC offers more than 40 programs including certificates, associate of applied science degrees, associate of arts degrees, dual credit programs and continuing education courses.

Many students live at home; however, students have the opportunity to live on the Wharton campus in dormitories and to participate in campus life.

The college participates in three competitive sports: volleyball for women, baseball for men and rodeo for men and women. The college has a choir, a band and a drama program. These sports and fine arts programs offer student scholarships.

Campus life includes intramural activities for men and women, a Presidential Scholars Program, student government and a variety of clubs and organizations.

The first day of classes for the fall semester is Monday, Aug. 31.

Wharton ISD

The Wharton ISD welcomes the new school year with an interim superintendent, a new junior high school principal and a new campus alignment to better serve its students.

Tina Herrington, who previously served as the district's assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction, was named interim superintendent in May. She replaced former Superintendent King Davis, who resigned to take a position in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

The Wharton School Board agreed to address the situation again on or before Jan. 15, 2016 with the possibility of naming Herrington superintendent.

Also this year, Wharton Junior High School will have a new principal, Todd Nix.

Beginning this year, second grade students will be at the Sivells Elementary campus instead of Wharton Elementary. In addition, sixth grade students will be at the Wharton Elementary campus instead of Wharton Junior High School.

Wharton High School will not be affected in the change.

School officials say moving the sixth graders to Wharton Elementary would help those students because of a lack of maturity in the junior high setting. In addition, it will give the junior high campus more room.

Moving the second graders to Sivells Elementary keeps them with the district's youngest students, where literacy is the main focus.

At the end of the 2014-15 school year, WISD had 2,192 students. After having a declining enrollment a few years back, the district's enrollment has increased the last two years, and it's the highest its been in five years.
— Schools prepare for new year

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The school district welcomes 48 new teachers this year.

The first day of school is Monday, Aug. 24.

Boling ISD

For 2015-16, Boling welcomes six new teachers to the district. The district will have upgraded football stadium seats, along with upgrades on technology throughout the district, renovation projects throughout the district, a new school bus and the launch of a new service that will enhance communication.

The stadium seating has been upgraded at the football field including the installation of a new handicapped seating area. Another upgrade is to the existing technology point-to-point network fiber-optic.

A new sidewalk and awning system has been built to connect the new Science, Technology and Art Facility with other buildings at the high school. The sidewalk/drainage project was completed at the elementary school and the water well system was overhauled.

There have been several repainting projects throughout the district completed.

The new service that will enhance communication by allowing the district to deliver important information via an electronic message system will assist with positive notifications, parent partnerships, instruction, attendance, discipline, etc.

“It can also be used to communicate to the public if we must evacuate, shelter-in-place, lock down, etc,” Superintendent Wade Stidevent said.

“As we begin a new year, I encourage everyone to embrace the education opportunities this year that we will provide for our students,” Stidevent said.

The first day of school is Monday, Aug. 24.

East Bernard ISD

The East Bernard ISD will start the new year with a new superintendent and new principal.

Courtney Hudgins, who had accepted a position as assistant superintendent on July 1, was named the school district's interim superintendent. She replaced Ross Aschenbeck, who resigned earlier this month to become superintendent of the Sonora ISD in West Texas.

Also, two longtime employees retired last year — East Bernard High School Principal Buck Wenglar and EBISD Director of Operations Bobby Jones.

Jay Janiczak is the new principal at EBHS. He comes to the district from Angleton, where he was employed by the Angleton ISD since 2008 as an assistant principal.

The first day of school is Monday, Aug. 24.

Faith Christian Academy

Deeming itself as "a school you can believe in," Faith Christian Academy in Burr is an evangelical interdenominational school that offers instruction for students from infant to the 12th grade.

This year, school officials announce the completion of Phase 2 construction on the campus. They are moving their elementary classes, chapel and lunchroom into the new facility.

Officials invited the public to come by and see the newest addition to their educational facility.

The first day of school this year is Monday, Aug. 24.

For more information, visit the school's website: www.wharton-fca.org.

First day of classes

Wharton ISD
• Monday, Aug. 24

Boling ISD
• Monday, Aug. 24

East Bernard ISD
• Monday, Aug. 24

Faith Christian Academy
• Monday, Aug. 24

Wharton County Junior College
• Monday, Aug. 31

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Superintendent’s Message: Wharton ISD

District works hard during summer getting ready for new school year

Wharton ISD is very excited about the upcoming 2015-16 school year. We hope that all of our students and families have enjoyed a restful and revitalizing summer and have enjoyed the opportunity to spend time with family and friends.

Our teachers and staff had the pleasure of spending some of their summer with more than 300 Wharton Tigers who participated in our extending learning program. Participating students were able to work closely with teachers and focus on their individual learning needs. The WISD family has been working diligently these past few summer months preparing facilities, instructional materials, and programs in anticipation of our students returning on Monday, Aug. 24.

On July 1, I assumed the role of interim superintendent for Wharton ISD. Since that time, we have welcomed a new administrative team at Wharton Junior High School (Principal Tod Nix, Associate Principal Trish Terrell and Assistant Principal Ahmeda Graham), 40 new teachers across the district, and we will be welcoming 2,280 new and returning students.

In addition to new teachers, we have several teachers who are in new positions at different campuses, so you may discover some new faces that are not necessarily new to the Wharton family.

I am excited to announce that all four of our campuses have “met standard” for the 2014-15 school year, according to the Texas Education Agency’s rating report. Wharton High School is to be commended for receiving two distinctions in the areas of Academic Achievement in Reading/ELA and Top 25 Percent in Student Progress. Wharton Elementary School received one distinction for Academic Achievement in Science, and Wharton Junior High accomplished the task of moving from “improvement required” to “met standard.” Sivells Elementary continues to receive the grade level reconfiguration of three of the four campuses in the district. Sivells Elementary will welcome second grade students to their campus as they will have grades Pre-K through second grade. Sivells has been undergoing renovations this summer to the tune of new tile, fresh paint and refurbished classrooms.

Wharton Elementary will have grades third through sixth. The move for sixth grade students to Wharton Elementary is very exciting as they will have all of the same students returning to their campus since students advancing from fifth grade to sixth grade will not transition to the junior high.

Wharton Junior High School will only have grades seventh and eighth on its campus facilitating smoother class transitions and promoting a highly structured environment.

Wharton Junior High has also been receiving a bit of a facelift with newly tiled floors, freshly painted hallways and classrooms and an updated security system (just to name a few of the many projects). We are so very excited to welcome the students to our updated facilities!

Our partnership with Wharton County Junior College will continue to provide students at Wharton High School the opportunity to earn college course credit while still attending high school.

During the first year of the ROAR Academy, Early College High School, students were provided the opportunity to become college ready and earn their first college credits in Speech as freshmen. We have enrolled an additional 25 students into the ROAR Academy and look forward to their participation in academically challenging work.

We are also excited to announce that Wharton High School and Wharton Junior High School have been designated by the Texas Education Agency as Texas-Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (T-STEM) schools for the 2015-16 school year.

T-STEM academies are rigorous secondary schools focusing on improving instruction and academic performance in science and mathematics-related subjects, with a goal of increasing the number of students who study and enter T-STEM careers. This designation will provide training and support for our teachers as we work toward preparing our students to enter the 21st century workforce.

At the elementary campuses, we will continue our Balanced Literacy Initiative. Our administrators, teachers and literacy coaches have been busy this summer attending training and planning effective reading instruction for all of our elementary students. The goal of this initiative is to have every WISD student be a proficient reader by the end of third grade.

We are also focused on identifying all reading deficiencies and providing timely and effective interventions for all struggling readers. The teachers in grades kindergarten through 8th will continue to increase their knowledge and understanding of the newly revised mathemathic standards and increase the rigor of instruction to match these standards.

I encourage parents and community members to visit our campuses and meet with administrators and teachers on a regular basis. We offer many opportunities for parents, family members, and community members to volunteer across the district and to serve as mentors to our students. We look forward to another successful school year and celebrating our students many accomplishments throughout the year.

We are Wharton… One Team, One Vision, Together on a Mission! Go Tigers!

Tina Herrington is interim superintendent of the Wharton Independent School District. She can be reached at therrington@whartonisd.net.

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School Begins for All Students—Monday, August 24, 2015

*Students NEW to district should register at appropriate campus prior to schedule pick-up - Mon. thru Fri. 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sivells Elementary
Schedule Pick-up /Registration
August 18 and 19
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Wharton Elementary
Schedule Pick-up /Registration
August 18 and 19
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

WJHS Preregistration & Schedule Pick-up
New Gym
August 4, 6, and 12
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
August 21
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

WHS Schedule Pick-up
in Cafeteria
August 18-
12th grade-4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
11th grade-6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
August 20-
9th grade-4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
10th grade-6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

FISH CAMP
Freshman orientation—August 20th - 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

School Calendars and supply lists may be picked up at each campus and at the Wharton Education Support Center

School Parent Partner Nights

Sivells Meet-the-Teacher Night
August 18
4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Wharton Elementary Parent Night
August 19
5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

WJHS Meet-the-Teacher Night
September 1
5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Wharton High School Open House
October 8
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Transportation
Wharton I.S.D. offers 16 bus routes to transport students who live 2 or more miles from school. Transportation is provided after school to Boys & Girls Club and Just Do It Now. Check at registration to sign up. Bus ridership is key to determining our state transportation funding. We can only use counts on these dates for our reimbursement determination. If your child is a bus rider, please make sure he/she rides the bus on these days:

Dates of Attendance Recording
November 3
February 9
April 5

Immunization Requirements
Students must provide proof of these immunizations before they can be enrolled in a Texas public school:

Varicella: For grades K-3rd & 7th - 10th 2 doses required
DPT of DTaP
Polio
Measles
Hepatitis A
Rubella

Free immunizations for STUDENTS OF ALL GRADE LEVELS offered at Sivells Elementary on August 5th from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Educational opportunities are offered by Wharton ISD without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, or disability. WISD does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, sex or disability in providing access to benefits of the American with Disabilities Act.

Low Cost Student Accident Insurance Available
Parents /Guardians will be given the opportunity to sign up for this insurance coverage during the first few days of school when information will be sent home with each student.

Enrollment requirements
Eligibility requirements to enroll a student in a Texas public school for the first time:
* Record showing date of birth (birth certificate, school record, hospital record, passport)
* Resident address (apartment rent receipt, utility bill, or visit from a school attendance officer)
* Immunization records from a physician or a clinic
* School transcripts
* Students enrolling after the first day of school should provide a withdrawal form from previous school

No time to Breakfast at Home? Don’t worry!
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Campus Schedule
Wharton High School
8:00 a.m. - 3:20 p.m.
Wharton Junior High
7:45 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Wharton Elementary
7:55 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Sivells Elementary
7:40 a.m. - 3:28 p.m.

Meal Program
Wharton I.S.D. offers nutritious breakfasts and lunches daily. Families meeting certain income guidelines are eligible to receive free or reduced lunch. Breakfast is always free to all students. Full paid lunch is $2.50 and reduced is 40 cents at all campuses. If your family meets one of the following income guidelines, please register your children for free and reduced lunch by calling 532-6243.

ANNUAL INCOME

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For each additional family member add 7,966

Free and Reduced lunch registration will begin on August 6 at the Food Services Building, 214 E. Third Street from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Applications for free and reduced lunch will also be available at all campus registrations. Free school supplies, for those who qualify, will be given out on the campuses during registration and schedule pick-up.

Lunch Money Now
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* Deposit to multiple students in a single credit card transaction

First Varsity Home Football Game
August 28th - 7:30 p.m. in Wharton - Wharton vs. Cuero

To stay up-to-date with all school events during the school year, visit our website at www.whartonisd.net

Any Questions? WISD School Phone Numbers
Sivells (Grades Prek, K, 1,2) 532-6866
Wharton Elementary (Grades 3-6) 532-6882
WJHS (Grades 7-8) 532-6840
WHS (Grades 9-12) 532-6800
Wharton Education Support Center 532-3612
New WJHS principal and leadership team

New Wharton Junior High School Principal Todd Nix, left, visits with members of his leadership and support team a few weeks ago at the school. The group was meeting for a week to make preparations for the coming school year.

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**WISD dress code for 2015-16**

**Wharton ISD Elementary Student Dress Code for 2015-16 Dress and Personal Appearance:**

The district’s dress and grooming code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, instill discipline, prevent disruptions, avoid safety hazards and teach respect for authority. Students should be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean and neat, that prevents safety hazards to themselves or others, and that promotes a positive self-image and impression for both the student and those around him or her.

The staff of the school is authorized to enforce the district’s dress and grooming code. Interpretation of these codes is entirely within their judgment. Final determination of acceptable dress and grooming rests with the principal or his/her designee and cannot be appealed.

**Attire:**

The District prohibits any clothing or grooming that in the principal’s judgment may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interfere with normal school operations. The District prohibits pictures, emblems, or writing on jewelry that are lewd, offensive, vulgar, or that advertise alcohol or tobacco products or any other substance prohibited under board policy FCNCP(L). Any frayed clothing (shirts, shorts, jeans, dresses, etc.) that shows skin or undergarments will not be allowed.

**Shirts:**

- Shirts will be clean and neat.
- Shirts may be tucked in or worn outside the pants. However, shirts that are not tucked in must not extend below the hip.
- Sleeveless shirts are not permitted.
- See-through shirts are not permitted.

**Pants/Dresses:**

- Girls may wear capris, jumpers, skirts and shorts that are within two inches of the top of the knee. Spaghetti straps, halter-type, backless, low cut, sleeveless, tight, or revealing dresses are prohibited.
- Leggings may be worn as long as the outer garment comes to the knee.
- Foods must be worn at the waist. No sagging or low rise pants will be permitted.
- No holes in pants showing skin or undergarments will be permitted.
- Wind pants and sweat pants are not permitted.
- No baggy clothing will be allowed. The waist size of pants may not exceed the natural waist size by more than (1) inch.

**Shorts:**

- Shorts must be within two inches of the top of the knee.
- Athletic or swim-type shorts are not allowed.
- No sagging, low rise, tight, skinny jeans, jeans with holes or hip huggers will be permitted.

**Accessories:**

- Boys may have one (1) stud earring in each ear. No excessively long nails will be allowed.
- Tattoos must not be visible at school or during participation at school events. It is the student’s responsibility to cover the tattoo with clothing or bandages while at school or participating in school events.
- Bracelets, chains, belts and other ornamental and excessive jewelry that present a distraction, disruption, or a potential danger to self or others or to school property, may not be worn.
- Students shall not bring sunglasses, hats, caps, sweatbands, or do-rags, to school, except upon a physician’s order.

**Footwear:**

- Sandals may not be worn because they are a safety hazard for our young students.
- Shoes with retractable rollers (including heels) are not permitted.
- Backpacks with wheels will NOT be allowed.
- Backpacks with wheels will NOT be allowed.

**Purses:**

- Purses must not be larger than 12 inches x 12 inches x 6 inches. No large beach or tote bags will be allowed to be used as a purse.

**Wharton ISD Secondary 2015-16 Dress Code Dress and Personal Appearance:**

Wharton High School and Wharton Junior High have a dress and grooming code that is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruptions, avoid safety hazards and teach respect for oneself and others. Students should be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean and neat, that will not be a safety hazard to themselves or others, and that promotes a positive self image and impression for both the student and those around him or her. Given that school is the student’s environment where he/she will learn social skills and the proper way to interact with peers and persons of authority, they are expected to dress in a way appropriate to that environment.

The staff of the school is authorized to enforce the district’s dress and grooming code. Final determination of acceptable dress and grooming standards rests with the Principal and his/her designee and cannot be appealed.

**General:**

- No pants/Jeans should have no rips or tears larger than 2 inches, and no rips or tears in areas that would be considered lewd or inappropriate.
- E. Facial hair should be neat, clean, closely trimmed and not be a distraction to the learning environment.

- Shirts:
  - A. Shirts will be clean and neat.
  - B. Sleeveless, strapless tops are not allowed.
  - C. Shirts/tops must touch the waist of pants/skirts at all times (i.e., when in movement, when arms are extended or raised, and when in seated position, etc.)
  - D. The length of an untucked shirt must be no longer than the tip of the longest finger with the student’s hand fully extended down the side of the student’s leg.

- **Pants/Dresses:**
  - A. Dresses, capris, jumpers and skirts may be worn. The length of the garment must be no shorter than two inches above the knee.
  - B. Dresses may not be halter type, sleeveless or strapless. Low cut fronts and/or backs are not permitted. Also, backless dresses are not permissible.
  - C. No pajama bottoms, sleepwear, or lounge wear.
  - D. Pants/Jeans should have no rips or tears larger than 2 inches, and no rips or tears in areas that would be considered lewd or inappropriate.
  - E. Pants will be worn at the waist at all times.
  - F. Any clothing, jewelry or accessories having criminal street gang identifiers, accessories that may be used as weapons, and accessories having drug, sex, tobacco, or alcoholic beverage references or designs.

**Shirts:**

- A. Shirts will be clean and neat.
- B. Sleeveless, strapless tops are not allowed.
- C. Shirts/tops must touch the waist of pants/skirts at all times (i.e., when in movement, when arms are extended or raised, and when in seated position, etc.)
- D. The length of an untucked shirt must be no longer than the tip of the longest finger with the student’s hand fully extended down the side of the student’s leg.
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**Footwear:**

- Sandals may not be worn because they are a safety hazard for our young students.
- Shoes with retractable rollers (including heels) are not permitted.
- Backpacks with wheels will NOT be allowed.
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**Purses:**

- Purses must not be larger than 12 inches x 12 inches x 6 inches. No large beach or tote bags will be allowed to be used as a purse.

**Wharton ISD Secondary 2015-16 Dress Code Dress and Personal Appearance:**

Wharton High School and Wharton Junior High have a dress and grooming code that is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruptions, avoid safety hazards and teach respect for oneself and others. Students should be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean and neat, that will not be a safety hazard to themselves or others, and that promotes a positive self image and impression for both the student and those around him or her. Given that school is the student’s environment where he/she will learn social skills and the proper way to interact with peers and persons of authority, they are expected to dress in a way appropriate to that environment.

The staff of the school is authorized to enforce the district’s dress and grooming code. Final determination of acceptable dress and grooming standards rests with the Principal and his/her designee and cannot be appealed.

**General:**

- No pants/Jeans should have no rips or tears larger than 2 inches, and no rips or tears in areas that would be considered lewd or inappropriate.
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- **Pants/Dresses:**
  - A. Dresses, capris, jumpers and skirts may be worn. The length of the garment must be no shorter than two inches above the knee.
  - B. Dresses may not be halter type, sleeveless or strapless. Low cut fronts and/or backs are not permitted. Also, backless dresses are not permissible.
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- **Shirts:**
  - A. Shirts will be clean and neat.
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Nadine Sadler, a fourth grade reading teacher at Wharton Elementary School, displays books on her bookshelf as she get her classroom ready for the new school year.

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EAST BERNARD ISD: SUPERINTENDENT’S MESSAGE

EBISD working hard for another great school year

It’s been a nice, hot summer with many new happenings at EBISD from facility improvements to hiring new personnel and just working hard to prepare for another great year. We are less than one week away from the start of another successful school year, and I couldn’t be more excited to have our students and faculty back on campus.

Our in-service trainings this year kicked off with the “welcome back” breakfast and a motivational speaker. The week continued with trainings on response to invention techniques, 504 and special education updates, ELPs standards, TBSI and Autism information, technology trainings on various Google applications and Eduphoria assessment building, and rounds out with curriculum support for social studies and high school math.

Volleyball, football, cheerleading, cross country and band are all under way and off to a great start. Even in these hot temperatures, our coaches and students are giving it their all to pave the way for another successful year for EBISD.

Academically, all campuses as well as the district met standard on state accountability measures. The high school claimed three distinctions—science, math, and post secondary readiness, while junior high received a distinction in social studies performance and elementary received theirs in English Language Arts. Our district had an overall passing average of 91 percent on STAAR performance, which topped our 90 percent from last year. We are truly blessed at EBISD to have a talented and dedicated staff at school and caring, supportive parents at home.

Summer facility improvements include new roofs throughout the district, a lean-to added to the ag science building, various plumbing updates and repairs, new exterior locks installed, door repairs, stadium light improvements, irrigation improvements, improved lighting and flooring in educational settings, new paint in the junior high gym, HVAC repairs, technology updates, and cleaning up the grounds around the district.

Each campus will bring in new faces to the 2015-16 school year, and we are happy to welcome all of them to the East Bernard family. East Bernard High School new faculty/staff are: Jay Janczak, principal; Gabriel Garza, science and athletics; Adam Spiegelman, social studies and athletics; Jayson Hill, Ag Science; Amanda Heimann, special education aide; John Heimann, district maintenance & grounds; Henry Longoria, Jr., district maintenance and grounds. East Bernard Junior High School welcomes Rod Naulls, junior high and assistant high school band director. East Bernard Elementary adds: Jennifer Janczak, second grade teacher; Denise Rabius, RTI teacher; Kristen Seay, special education teacher.

The theme for the year is “Be the Change You Wish to See in the World,” and with the staff, students, and community we have, I know without a doubt you will see good things from EBISD again this year.

Courtney Hudgins is interim superintendent of the East Bernard School District. She can be reached at courtney.hudgins@ebisd.org.

Getting their feet wet with learning

Jocelyn Mrkwa, a first grade teacher at East Bernard Elementary School, decorates a wall outside a classroom to motivate the students for the new school year.

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Making her mark

Suzan Koenig, a fourth grade writing teacher at East Bernard Elementary School, puts up a poster about proofreader’s marks as she gets her classroom ready for the 2015-16 school year.
Registration for fall 2015 continues until Aug. 30

Special to the Journal-Spectator/Express

Wharton County Junior College is currently registering for the fall 2015 semester. Students may register now through Aug. 30 on the web. Walk-in registration may be completed at the Wharton campus, Sugar Land campus, or the Richmond campus now through Aug. 30. Registration appointments are not required.

Full classes begin Aug. 31.

Wharton County Junior College offers an associate of arts degree for those intending to transfer to a four-year institution, an associate of arts in teaching degree, associate of applied science degrees and certificate programs.

Distance education courses are available through the web and interactive television. For more information about programs or registration, call 800-561-9252 or visit www.wcjc.edu.

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Getting ready for classes

Julie Aaronson, Wharton County Junior College’s Manager of Student Recruitment, right, assists Heather Henneke of Hallettsville in deciphering the college catalogue earlier this year during a new student orientation session. Registration for the fall semester is open. Students may register online or in person through Aug. 30. The first day of classes is Monday, Aug. 31. For more information, call 800-561-9252 or visit the college’s website: www.wcjc.edu.

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  - Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT)
  - Emergency Medical Technician /Paramedic (EMT/P)
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  - Human Services
  - Manufacturing Technology
    - Electrical Technician
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I hope that everyone had an enjoyable summer and I welcome you back for our 2015-16 school year. As we begin a new year, I encourage everyone to embrace the educational opportunities this year will provide for our students.

For 2015-16, Boling ISD welcomes six new teachers to the district. Our new teachers include: Jane Slaughter (Kindergarten), Christine Taylor (Kindergarten), Christopher McFarlane (Junior High Social Studies/Coach), Thomas Josey (Junior High Athletic Coordinator/Coach), Jerry Young (High School Social Studies/Coach) and Zach Whitt (High School Social Studies/Coach).

A new sidewalk and awning system has recently been built to connect our new Science, Technology and Art Facility with other buildings on that side of the high school campus. Our stadium seating has been upgraded at the football field including the installation of a new handicapped seating area. Additional new items for 2015-16 include an upgrade to our existing technology point-to-point network to fiber-optic, completed a sidewalk/drainage project at the elementary school, overhauled the water well system at the elementary, completed several repainting projects throughout the district and purchased a new school bus.

Boling ISD is excited to announce the launch of a new service that will enhance communication by allowing us to deliver important information via an electronic messaging system. This service is not intended to replace our existing means of communication, rather it will enhance them. This system will not only assist with positive notifications, parent partnerships, instruction, attendance, discipline, etc., it can also be used to communicate to the public if we must evacuate, shelter-in-place, lockdown, etc. We will continue to communicate important and urgent information to the public via our website, KULP Radio 1390, partnering community-sponsored social media sites, etc., however this messaging system is designed to increase related capabilities. In response, we ask that parents review the primary contact information on your child’s registration form and assure the accuracy.

Parents, please pay close attention to the information that your child brings home from school for your review. Thoroughly complete and sign all forms that are required and promptly return them to the school.

I encourage you to attend Open House scheduled from 6:00-7:30 p.m. on Sept. 14 (Boling High School), Sept. 15 (Iago Junior High), and Oct. 8 (Newgulf Elementary). Our elementary school will also host a “Meet The Teacher” Night on Thursday, Aug. 20 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

If we continue to work together, we will make this another successful year of learning while accomplishing the mission to prepare our children to successfully live and work in their changing future. Our administrators, teachers, and staff are devoted and work collaboratively in the best interest of our students. Have a great year!

Wade Stidevent is superintendent of the Boling Independent School District. He can be reached at wstidevent@bolingisd.net.

SUPERINTENDENT’S MESSAGE: BOLING ISD

Campus improvements made as new year begins

Wade Stidevent

Busy Boling FFA students

The school year hasn’t started yet, but Boling FFA students, from left, Aubrey Alcala, Kryste Vitera and Jordan Spacek were working on a project last week.

Photo courtesy of Terrell Jessen

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BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS

Drivers, bicyclists, pedestrians: Be careful

Just when summer is really starting to heat up in Texas, it is almost time for children to go back to school. Soon motorists will be sharing the roads with school buses, pedestrians, bicycle riders and lots of new teen drivers taking their first car to school. According to the National Safety Council, teen car crashes spike in September when they are driving to and from school. Drivers young and old need to be vigilant because child pedestrians can be very unpredictable. They’re easily distracted and can often run into traffic or out from behind parked cars. Looking out for children rather than expecting them to look out for us is our best defense as drivers.

Distracted driving is always dangerous, but it is especially dangerous in and around school zones. According to the Texas Department of Transportation, crashes in school zones are most commonly due to driver inattention, failure to control speed, and failure to yield the right-of-way at stop signs. As responsible drivers, we need to put down the phone and pay attention in school zones. In fact, it is illegal to use a cell phone in a school zone.

Whether your oldest is just starting kindergarten or taking that first trip to school in his or her own car, parents can play an important role in keeping their children safe. For young children, make sure they know the rules about school bus safety when it comes to boarding and getting off the bus. If you are transporting children to school, remember that children under 13 should always ride in the back seat in a car seat (including a booster) or seat belt depending on whether they fit properly in the seat belt. Teen drivers and their parents should be aware of the Texas Graduated Driver License Law and the restrictions it puts in place, including no cell phone use at all and no more than one passenger under 21 in the vehicle unless the passenger is related to the driver. And, most importantly, always stress buckling up on every trip – even on those short trips to and from school!

Bethany Jackson, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agent in Wharton County, reminds drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians to follow these safety tips from the Texas Department of Transportation to prevent needless tragedies.

Tips for driving in school zones
• Put away your cell phone. Cell phone use is banned in active school zones, and violators face fines from $200 to $500.
• Always obey school zone speed limit signs. Remember, traffic fines usually double in school zones.
• Drop off and pick up your children in your school’s designated areas, not the middle of the street.
• Keep an eye on children gathered at bus stops.
• Be alert for children who might dart across the street or between vehicles on their way to school.

Tips for bicyclists
As a bicyclist, you should wear a helmet and obey all traffic laws, including the following:
• Stop at red lights and stop signs.
• Pay attention to lane markers.
• Ride near the curb, traveling in the same direction as traffic.
• Use a light on the front and a red reflector or red light on the back of your bike while riding at night.

Tips for pedestrians
• When there is a sidewalk, use it! Most pedestrians involved in traffic crashes due to walking in the roadway.
• Remember, texting or listening to mobile devices can distract you from your surroundings.
• Always cross at intersections and pay attention to the control signal. Look left, then right, then left again before proceeding and try to make eye contact with drivers before you cross the street. If a crossing guard is available, wait for the guard to lead you across.
• Look for traffic when stepping off a bus or from behind parked cars.
• As a passenger, get in or out of a car on the curb side of the street.

Motorists can make a big difference by remembering to drive with extra caution when driving in and around school zones. Your slower speed and extra attention may very well save a life!

Visit www.txdot.gov/driver/kids-teens/school.html more information on back to school driving safety.
Getting ready for students

Boling High School Counselor Melanie Schubach writes some reminders on the board for students in preparation for the new school year. The first day of school in Boling is Monday, Aug. 24.
Football, volleyball kick off '15 season

By KEITH MAGEE
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Last year was a big season in football, and not just for the three teams on the east side of Wharton County.

For the first time ever, all five Wharton County high school football teams advanced to the state playoffs.

It's a little easier now with four teams making the playoffs from each district, but it's still quite a fete, and everyone will be hoping for a return trip to postseason play this year.

Wharton Coach Tim Finn returns for his fourth season, while East Bernard again is led by veteran Coach Jerry Long.

The Boling Bulldogs welcome a new coach this year, Stephen Dorr, who previously was the offensive coordinator at Angleton.

For the second year in a row, the Tigers will compete in District 12-4A Division II, while the Bulldogs and Brahmas will return to District 13-3A Division II for the second year in a row.

All three football teams had their first scrimmages of the season on Aug. 14, with the final scrimmages scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 20.

The Tigers open the season on Friday, Aug. 28 by hosting always-tough Cuero at 7:30 p.m. at Tiger Stadium.

The Brahmas also open at home, on Friday, Aug. 28 against Stafford at 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Stadium. East Bernard hopes to avenge last year's loss to Stafford, which was their only regular-season defeat.

The Bulldogs will travel to Palacios on Friday, Aug. 28 for Dorr's debut as Boling's head coach. That game also starts at 7:30 p.m.

Meanwhile, the schools' volleyball teams got an earlier jump on the season. Wharton, East Bernard and Boling all started their regular season on Aug. 11 after a number of scrimmages prior to that date.

Both Boling and East Bernard are hoping for a return trip to the state volleyball playoffs this year.

Wharton, Boling and East Bernard have also started cross country practices, with those teams scheduled to begin their season next month.

Basketball season begins in November.
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