

# SWEET HOME SCHOOL NEWS



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## SWEET HOME ISD RATED “EXEMPLARY” BY THE TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY

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There is something wonderful about being the best at something. Whether we are trying to be the best in athletic competition, academic competition, or simply keeping our rooms cleaned the best they have ever been. Being the best at something doesn't mean that others can't be the best at the same time. Many students have set a goal of making this year the best ever. The great thing about being the best, is there is room for everyone else to make it, too.

This year Sweet Home School has been given a grade by the Texas Education Agency based on last year's TAKS scores. And

guess what? Sweet Home has been given the **best** rating. The rating of Exemplary is given to schools and districts that have 90% or more of its students passing the various TAKS tests given to students in grades 3-12.

Only 22 districts out of 1080 in Texas received an “Exemplary” rating. That makes Sweet Home ISD one of the best districts in the state of Texas. Of course, you all knew that already. So here is our goal this year...let's continue to work towards being the best at everything we do. It may mean being the best at arriving to school on time, keeping up with homework, scoring more points on AR than last year, or simply trying to



An Exemplary Rating is the First Place Award given by the Texas Education Agency

be the best friend to others. Together, Sweet Home ISD can carry the badge of “Exemplary” with pride and full knowledge that doing one's best is always the best thing.

## GOOD HEALTHY NUTRITION AT TOP OF THE LIST FOR TEXAS SCHOOLS

The days of physical education continue, only now the goals for school include implementing a well-rounded physical education and nutrition program. Here are a few rules that will help us all follow the state guidelines. **Mid-Morning Snacks** brought from home

should be considered healthy. Great suggestions include, carrot sticks, apple slices, or dried cereal. Please check with your child's teacher to find out if your child's grade level takes a morning snack break. **Lunches** brought from home are exempt from the State

guidelines for minimal nutritional value. However, we do encourage parents to pack a healthy lunch for their children.. Of course, all children are welcomed to eat a delicious lunch prepared by our cafeteria.

### Important Dates In September

- Sept. 3—Labor Day Holiday
- Sept 5—PTO Executive Officers Meeting (3:45 p.m.)
- Sept. 10—Grandparents Day Program (8:00 a.m.)
- Sept. 17—PTO Meeting (5:30 p.m.)
- Sept. 17—School Board Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- Sept. 24—Constitution Program during Morning Assembly at 8:00 a.m. (Fifth Grade Students Presenting)

## SMALL SCHOOLS ATHLETIC SCHEDULE 2007-2008

### FOOTBALL—VOLLEYBALL

6-Sep Thursday OPEN—Westhoff  
**Sweet Home** @ Vysehrad  
 Ezzell @ Meyersville

13-Sep Thursday OPEN—**Sweet Home**  
 Meyersville @ Westhoff  
 Vysehrad @ Ezzell

20-Sep Thursday OPEN—Vysehrad  
 Ezzell @ Westhoff  
 Meyersville @ **Sweet Home**

27-Sep Thursday OPEN—Meyersville  
 Westhoff @ Vysehrad  
**Sweet Home** @ Ezzell

4-Oct Thursday OPEN—Ezzell  
 Westhoff @ **Sweet Home**  
 Vysehrad @ Meyersville



### BASKETBALL

25-Oct Thursday OPEN—Westhoff  
**Sweet Home** @ Vysehrad  
 Ezzell @ Meyersville

1-Nov Thursday OPEN—**Sweet Home**  
 Westhoff @ Meyersville  
 Vysehrad @ Ezzell

8-Nov Thursday OPEN Vysehrad  
 Ezzell @ Westhoff  
 Meyersville @ **Sweet Home**

15-Nov Thursday OPEN Meyersville  
 Westhoff @ Vsehrad  
**Sweet Home** @ Ezzell

29-Nov Thursday OPEN Ezzell  
 Westhoff @ **Sweet Home**  
 Vysehrad @ Meyersville

10-Jan Thursday OPEN Westhoff  
 Vysehrad @ Sweet Home  
 Meyersville @ Ezzell

17-Jan Thursday OPEN—**Sweet Home** **Pending SH Tournament**  
 Meyersville @ Westhoff  
 Ezzell @ Vysehrad

24-Jan Thursday OPEN—Vysehrad  
 Westhoff @ Ezzell  
**Sweet Home** @ Meyersville

31-Jan Thursday OPEN—Meyersville  
 Vysehrad @ Westhoff  
 Ezzell @ **Sweet Home**

7-Feb Thursday OPEN—Ezzell

## Sweet “Home Improvements”

If you have visited the campus lately, we hope you have been able to see some of the improvements being made. This summer a new bathroom was added to the cafeteria. The hallway leading to this restroom will allow for extra storage for our cafeteria and has a new water fountain. We are currently in progress of building a good solid ramp leading to a portion of the playground equipment. Upcoming projects include re-

pairing and replacing broken or damaged stall doors in both of the main building student restrooms. We will be replacing damaged water fountains in the main building with new units.

In addition, new parking has been created behind the junior high/cafeteria wing. We will



be installing a fence to keep cars from parking over the new septic system. Please use caution when driving or parking in this area until the new fence can be installed.

More improvements to come... We will keep you posted!

## Sweet Home Has A New School Bus

What holds 57 students, has 6 wheels, and one happy bus driver? Our new air-conditioned school bus.

We hope that our students will enjoy the new bus for years to come. In addition to the new bus are revised bus rules to help keep all students safe. Even if your child does not ride the bus to or from school, the rules are important to read over and follow. This way all students will be safe on field trips and other bus trips throughout the year.



The new International Brand school bus will serve SHS for the next 10—15 years.

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2—Vanessa Garza
- 3—Ashley Bennetsen
- 4—Alexandra Henkes
- 6—Austin Johnson
- 9—Krystal Frazer
- 13—Jillian Pohl
- 15—Mr. Mican
- 16—Isaac Cardenas
- 20—Burgandy Quarles
- 21—Brent Motal
- 23—Julie Nance
- 28—Austin Points

## SMALL SCHOOLS ATHLETIC SCHEDULE—(CONT.)

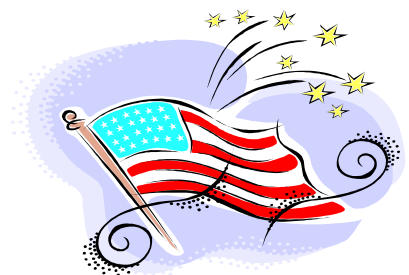
- 7-Mar Saturday Meyersville Track Meet @ Cuero
- 25-Apr Friday Small School Track Meet @ Hallettsville
- 2-May Friday Softball Tournament @ Westhoff
- 9-May Friday Softball Tournament @ Sweet Home



## WEEKLY ASSEMBLIES CONTINUE THIS YEAR

Sweet Home School will continue the tradition of beginning each week with an opening ceremony in the gym at 8:00 a.m. We will have opening ceremonies on the first day of the week, even if Monday is a holiday. Dur-

ing the opening ceremonies, students will recite the pledges to the United States and Texas flags. We will sing our National Anthem, Texas State Song, and our School Song.



Teacher Conference Periods  
2007-2008

10:15—11:00 [Ms. Jalufka & Mrs. Pohler]

12:15-1:00 [Mrs. Steinmann, Mrs. Raz, & Mrs. Mikes]

1:00—1:45 [Mrs. Hale & Mrs. Jaks]

1:45—2:30 [Mrs. Steffek]

Please feel free to contact your child's teacher(s) during their conference periods. Our school phone is 361-293-3221.

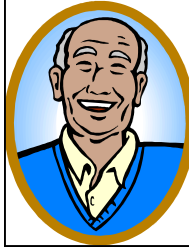
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[www.sweethomeisd.org](http://www.sweethomeisd.org)

GRANDPARENTS DAY

*A Special Invitation*

*Dear Grandparents,*

*Please join us at Sweet Home School Monday, September 10th at 8:00 a.m. for our opening ceremonies in the gym. You will be our special guests. After the opening assembly, you may have your picture taken with your grandchild (ren). Complimentary refreshments will be provided to all grandparents after the assembly and pictures.*



Happy Grandparents Day!

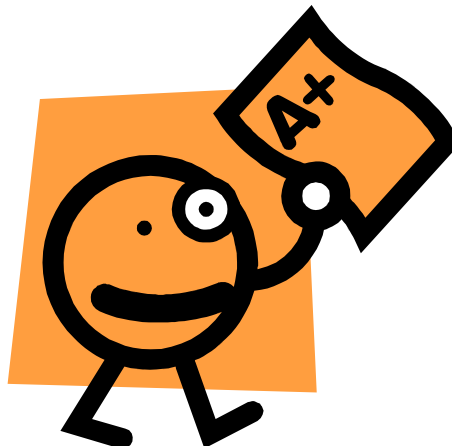


NEW GRADING PERIODS BEGIN THIS YEAR

Last year Sweet Home School decided to change grading periods for the upcoming school year from 6-week reports to 9-week reports. Parents will receive a progress report each 3-weeks if an average in any core-subject is a 75 or below. This means that there are two(2) progress reports that may go home before the 9-week report card. In addition, we will be moving over to a new grade book software. Our school works with the Region 3 Education Service Center and is prepar-

ing for this change. We hope to have everything in place for the new printed report

cards by the end of September. Your first progress report may be handwritten, but by the end of the month, progress reports will be printed similar to the 9-week report cards.



New Grade Book Software uses technology to create more detailed grade reports for parents.