



Dear Marlin Parents/Guardians, Community Members, and Guests,

It is hard to believe that we are already into the second half of this fall semester! It has been a great school year thus far and I'm continually amazed how our entire community supports our Marlins in all of their endeavors.

With basketball season starting up, we will have many more community members and guests visiting our schools to cheer on our Marlins. This is a good time to send out a few reminders to ensure that our events are enjoyable and safe for everyone.

We love to have a full gym to cheer on our Marlins and Lady Marlins! For safety reasons, elementary students should be accompanied by an adult or older sibling. Children should be sitting in the stands except for trips to the concession stand or restrooms.

Please do not bring outside food or drinks to games. Our [Marlins Athletic Booster Club](#) sponsors the concession stands at both the high school and middle school games, with all proceeds going to the Booster Club, which in turn directly benefits our athletic students and programs. They are in need of volunteers to work the concession stands. For the HS concession stand, please contact Lisa Shelton [ishelton@portaransas.org](mailto:ishelton@portaransas.org). For the MS concession stand, please contact Liza Garrett [booster@paisd.net](mailto:booster@paisd.net) or 254-855-5143 or Kathy Vana [Kathyv04@hotmail.com](mailto:Kathyv04@hotmail.com).

In addition to being a drug-free and alcohol-free zone, state law prohibits any form of tobacco on school district property. These prohibitions include e-cigarettes and vaping in any form. The prohibitions are in place for all school events and all district property, both inside buildings as well as outdoors.

The PAISD [athletics webpage](#) is updated with the schedules for each sport as they are finalized. If you use Google Calendar, then you can subscribe to the PAISD [athletic calendar](#). There is also a [Facebook page](#) for PAISD athletics.

We look forward to seeing you all as you cheer on our Lady Marlins and Marlins! #marlinpriderunsdeep

Sincerely,  
Sharon McKinney  
Superintendent of Schools