

The Piney Woods School Storm Preparation Status Alert: August 28, 2008

Should normal operations be disrupted over the Labor Day weekend due to the effects of Hurricane Gustav, the following emergency procedures will be in effect at The Piney Woods School:

- 1) The campus and residence halls will remain open for students, faculty, staff and residents.
- 2) The campus will serve as an emergency evacuation shelter for non-Piney Woods persons. Evacuees seeking shelter from the storm will be housed in separate areas and will not interact with Piney Woods students outside the presence of a Piney Woods' staff person.
- 3) Beginning on Friday at 3:30 p.m., weekend modified, emergency checkout procedures will be as follows:
 - Students will be allowed to check off campus for the weekend with the persons listed on their Leave Authorization Forms.
 - The check out policies will be modified as follows to accommodate those students who wish to leave campus but are unable to return to their homes: Students will be allowed to check off campus with others who have been authorized (by faxed written documentation) by their parents or legal guardians. This includes students who will be checked out by faculty/staff of the school.
 - Parents must understand that should the storm disrupt school operations, whoever checks their child off campus must keep the child in their care until normal operations of the school resume.
- 4) Those students who remain on campus will be under the supervision of The Piney Woods School residential staff and administrators housed on campus.
- 5) Provisions will be made to insure that all faculty, staff, students and visitors will be in a safe environment. Shelter, security, adult supervision, food supplies, consumable water, waste treatment, alternative light sources (flashlights), and two-way radio communications (on-campus) will be available.
- 6) Should the campus lose electrical power, external communications and information sources for parents and other constituents may be accessed through local TV or TV websites, local radio stations, or other available communication sources. Those TV and radio stations include: WLBT (NBC) and WDBT (95.5 Hallelujah FM).
- 7) In the event the school has to close for recovery, all constituents will be notified and updated through local TV, TV websites, and/or radio stations.
- 8) Teaching faculty should monitor local news stations for word concerning the school's operational status, should the hurricane threaten this area over the Labor Day weekend.
- 9) Departmental staff should check with their supervisors before leaving work on Friday to determine their work status should the hurricane impact our school and community.

Again, these are precautionary measures, designed to protect the safety and welfare of The Piney Woods School faculty, staff, and student body.