

# Port St. Joe High School

**In 2003, Port St. Joe High School decided that it would take the next step in communication by investing in an electronic message center.**

Tim Wilder, Port St. Joe's Principal immediately became involved in the project. "The school reached a point where we felt that it was necessary to provide a more detailed, consistent and up to date flow of information into the community," said Principal Wilder. "We decided as a school that we wanted the most dynamic message center; one that would serve our school for many years into the future."

In 2001, Tim Wilder was the Principal of Port St. Joe's Elementary School and had purchased an electronic message center from the Stewart School Signs; a national school sign company located in Sarasota, FL. "At the elementary school, we chose Stewart's Daystar 16x96. It was primarily designed to display text messages. At the high school, we wanted a larger sign that could display text, graphics, video and animations. We didn't want any restrictions when it came to communicating with students, teachers, parents or our community."

When Principal Wilder was searching for a sign vendor at the Elementary School, he looked at several companies, but chose Stewart School Signs because of their highly respected reputation in the marketplace. "We were not familiar with the technology and recognized that we would required a high level of support throughout the entire buying process, including sign installation, training and ongoing support. It was critical that we choose a company that could offer the best product, a competitive price and a high level of customer service. Stewart School Signs helped walk us through every stage of the decision process, delivery, installation and software training."

When it came time to choose a new sign for the high school, Principal Wilder contacted Stewart School Signs to discuss the new message center. "It was a no-brainer to go back to Stewart School Signs and work together on this new project for the high school. We decided to go with a Daystar 32x96, which doubles the height of our message center for the high school. Our new sign offers multiple rows of text and text sizes, video clips, custom animations and we can even import images from our digital camera to be displayed on the sign. It's just an awesome tool for communicating with the entire community. Everyone loves this sign and the positive feedback never seems to stop. Other schools in our county are so impressed with our new message center that they are now investing in a new sign with Stewart School Signs!"

Shortly after Mr. Wilder received the message center from Stewart School Signs, they experienced a lightning strike that disabled the modem inside the sign. "From the time I called the Stewart support department until the sign was fixed," Tim said, "I felt like I was the most important customer they had. I've had a lot of experience dealing with support people and Stewart School Signs is the best I have ever worked with. My sign was up and running again in no time! Kudos to Stewart School Signs!"



## **Port St. Joe High School**

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Port St. Joe, FL 32456

**School District:** Gulf County School District

**Principal:** Tim Wilder

**Grade Level:** 9-12

**Student Enrollment:** 386

**Message Center:** Daystar High Definition 32x96

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