



October 2008

The Shield

Sherwood High School Parent-Teacher-Student Association Newsletter

Principal's Perspective

by William M. Gregory

By the time you receive this newsletter, we will be in the middle of the first marking period. Our students and staff have been busy working towards excellence in learning and teaching. The opening of school was a good one. Students and staff returned with excitement and energy. There is a continued commitment to grow in academic excellence and in interpersonal relationships. These are hallmarks of Sherwood. Our school improvement plan focuses on continuing to build student achievement and community spirit. Our team meets monthly and it is comprised of school staff, students, and parents. Beginning with this issue of the newsletter, we will share highlights of our meetings and development so that you are aware of the continuous improvement efforts that are happening at Sherwood.

Over the past three years, Sherwood

has seen continued growth in students taking college entrance exams, specifically the SAT and the ACT. We have increased our participation rate from 69% to 80% to 84%. These data show outstanding growth. Our community is committed to helping each of our students open as many doors as possible for life after high school. These college entrance exams are one of the tools students need.

Wednesday, October 15, is PSAT Day. The PSAT (Preliminary SAT) helps students prepare for the college entrance exams. This year, Montgomery County Public Schools is paying for juniors and sophomores to take the test. Our expectation is that each of our sophomores and each of our juniors take this test. The information they receive back from taking this test will help them shape the work they need to do to be

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The Shield Newsletter is Going Green!

The SHS PTSA mails The Shield to all Sherwood families eight times during the school year.

The Shield is also posted on the Sherwood PTSA website at www.sherwoodptsa.org.

This year, for the first time, you can choose to get all the latest PTSA news only on-line.

If you opt out of the paper mailing, we will add you to our monthly email distribution list.

You can read The Shield (.pdf file) on line, or print all or part of it at home.

By getting your news on-line, you can help the PTSA “go green,” saving paper and saving PTSA dollars!
We don't want you to miss out on any news. To continue receiving The Shield in your mailbox, do nothing.

If you'd like to opt out of the U.S. Mail delivery and receive The Shield electronically,
simply send an email message to the_shieldSHS@verizon.net

In the email message include **your name, your student's name and your mailing address**
so we can be sure to remove the correct recipient from our mailing list.

School Year Calendar 2008 – 2009

2008

July 4	Friday	Holiday-Independence Day	Offices and schools closed
Aug. 19-22, 25	Tuesday- Friday, Monday	Professional days for teachers	No school for students
Aug. 26	Tuesday	First day of school for students	
Sept. 1	Monday	Holiday-Labor Day	Offices and schools closed
Sept. 29	Monday	Grading/planning	Early release day K-12; students dismissed after lunch
Sept. 30	Tuesday	Rosh Hashanah	No school for students and teachers
Oct. 9	Thursday	Yom Kippur	No school for students and teachers
Oct. 17	Friday	MSTA Convention	No school for students and teachers
Nov. 3	Monday	Professional day for teachers	No school for students; some 10-month employees work
Nov. 4	Tuesday	Holiday-General Election	Offices and schools closed
Nov. 11	Tuesday	Parent conferences	Early release day K-12; students dismissed after lunch
Nov. 12	Wednesday	Parent conferences	Early release day K-12; students dismissed after lunch
Nov. 26	Wednesday	Day before Thanksgiving	Early release day K-12; students dismissed after lunch
Nov. 27-28	Thursday and Friday	Holidays-Thanksgiving	Offices and schools closed
Dec. 24-25	Wednesday and Thursday	Holidays-Christmas	Offices and schools closed
Dec. 26, 29-31	Friday, Monday- Wednesday	Winter break	No school for students and teachers

2009

Jan. 1	Thursday	Holiday-New Year's Day	Offices and schools closed
Jan. 2	Friday	Winter break	No school for students and teachers
Jan. 19	Monday	Holiday-Martin L. King, Jr., Day	Offices and schools closed
Jan. 26	Monday	Professional day for teachers	No school for students; some 10-month employees work
Feb. 16	Monday	Holiday-Presidents' day	Offices and schools closed
Feb. 27	Friday	Grading/planning	Early release day K-12; students dismissed after lunch
Mar. 30	Monday	Professional day for teachers	No school for students
Apr. 6-9	Monday-Thursday	Spring break	No school for students and teachers
Apr. 10-13	Friday and Monday	Holidays-Easter (Note: Passover begins at sundown on April 8)	Offices and schools closed
May 25	Monday	Holiday-Memorial Day	Offices and schools closed
Jun. 16	Tuesday	Last day of school for students	Students dismissed after lunch
Jun. 17	Wednesday	Professional day for teachers	

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most successful when they leave Sherwood. The results help students choose the most appropriate courses they need to prepare them for life after high school, as well as provide them with information from colleges. For juniors, their participation provides them with the opportunity to enter the National Merit Scholarship Program.

On PSAT Day, our freshmen will be participating in a mock PSAT. This test will be an older version of the PSAT and it will be scored in-house. If a freshman would like to take the PSAT and have it scored by the College Board, a

registration form is included on page 7 of this newsletter.

Last year, our seniors did an outstanding job on their PSATs. Sixteen students have been commended for their performance. These students are **Stephen Ajamian, Bryn Alcorn, Alyssa Backlund, Stephen Barnold, Joshua Brule, Ryan Clark, Jacob Dinerman, Molly Grossman, Benjamin Hill-Jam, Seth Low, Gregory Maines, Megan Perry, Alex Proctor, Kenneth Rosenberg, Timothy Russell, Thomas Stratton, Colin Vale, and Sitara Weerasuriya.** I am proud to announce that **Seth Low** has been named as a semifinalist for the National Merit Scholarship Program. Seth has completed an application packet and will compete for one of the 8,200 Merit Scholarships, worth \$34 million, that will be offered next spring. Sherwood congratulates all of our commended students, their families, and their teachers for their accomplishments on the PSAT.

On Monday, October 13, we will host an Open House from 7:25 a.m. until 10:50 a.m. When parents arrive at Sherwood, they will have an opportunity to have coffee and light refreshments

with members of the PTSA and school staff. Parents will also visit classes to watch the instructional program in action.

We are receiving the new Promethean Boards. These are interactive classroom whiteboards. They are equipped with computer technology, the internet, and television. They allow students to be actively engaged in their learning so that they become more involved in the teaching and learning process. Teachers will also be able to assess learning throughout the lesson so they can adjust instruction accordingly. We began this year with four boards and the comments from teachers and students have been positive. Fifty-eight additional boards will be installed by the end of October.

During the first week of October, we will be mailing interim reports home to parents. As we continue through the last four weeks of the marking period, please continue to monitor schoolwork and grades. Review assignments, assessments and grades using Edline. If academic, social, or emotional issues arise with your children, we are here to work with your children and you. By working together, we can make sure that we meet the needs of our students and assist them in achieving success.

October 2008

The Shield

The Shield is published monthly by the Sherwood High School Parent-Teacher-Student-Association, 300 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Sandy Spring MD 20860.

All signed announcements, articles and other items of interest are welcome and will be considered for publication.

Deadline for submissions is the same Tuesday as the PTSA meeting each month. Place articles in the PTSA mailbox in the main office or email to mariecollins@comcast.net.

Sherwood Faculty articles must be submitted to Miss Marshall or Mr. Gregory.

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Join the PTSA Today!

The SHS PTSA goal for this year is 1,000 members. As of September 12, we are more than halfway there with 600 members for the 2008-2009 school year!

Thank you to everyone who has already submitted and paid for a membership and made a donation to our three primary funds - After Prom, Scholarship and the General Fund - this year!

Membership dues support programs within the SHS Community, such as:

- a team of students going to Destination Imagination
- a teacher and two students going to the Summer Paraguay trip
- a student going to the Tech Ed Bridge Competition
- the Washington Chinese Opera for Diversity Month
- the D. Kreihbal fund (local family in need).

The PTSA also sponsors *The Shield*, our informative monthly newsletter covering school happenings, PTSA events and the Sherwood Community.

Don't delay! There is still time to become a member of the SHS PTSA!

You can join by going to our PTSA website at www.sherwoodptsa.org and signing up either through the Paypal link or by printing out the Membership form.

SHERWOOD HIGH SCHOOL LETTER JACKET ORDER FORM

Order your letter jacket NOW from the Sherwood Science Department

\$184 for the traditional blue jacket

- Males with white leather sleeves
 - Females with a white wool hood
- (S to XL) Add \$15 per size above XL

Price Includes "Sherwood" Embroidered on the back for Males

Price Includes "Sherwood Warriors" on the hood for Females

Return the form below with your check to **Mr. Jim Douglas** at **Sherwood HS**

Deadline : December 19, 2008

Delivery in: February 2009

For more information email **Jim Douglas** at [James M Douglas@mcpsmd.org](mailto:James_M_Douglas@mcpsmd.org)

Any proceeds generated will benefit the Sherwood Science Equipment Fund.

Sherwood High School Letter Jacket – Fall Order 2008

Student Name _____

Graduating Year _____ Size _____ Gender _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____ Check payable to Sherwood High School.

LETTER JACKET NUMERALS

Order your letter jacket numerals NOW from the Sherwood Science Department

(The local vendors who used to sell numerals are no longer providing this service)

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Return the form below with your check to Mr. Jim Douglas at Sherwood HS

Deadline – December 19, 2008

Sherwood High School Letter Jacket Numerals – Fall Order 2008

Student Name _____

Graduating Year _____ Home Phone _____

\$15 Check payable to Sherwood High School.

You may write one check for the total amount if ordering numerals and a jacket.

School Improvement Team

Sherwood High School's Improvement Plans for the 2008-09 school year focus on bringing to life our vision of Respect for Each, Rigor for Each, Reach Out to Each. The School Improvement Team, comprised of staff and parents, has developed action plans in several areas to address specific areas related to our vision.

The action plan for the School Improvement Team as a whole focuses on communication and monitoring. To that end, some of the actions that will be taken include providing information to the community through outreach programs, publications, and PTSA meetings, involving students in school improvement efforts, surveying parents about school climate, and using data to monitor progress toward the achievement of the school's goals. There are five additional action plans that outline

specific actions to be taken to address goals related to participation and achievement in Honors/AP courses, on the PSAT and SAT, and on the HSAs, providing academic support, and on building community. Each of these action plans will be presented on a cyclical basis to the school improvement team, along with data to determine the level of progress and the need for possible revisions to the plan.

By setting specific goals with measures of attainment, we hope to continue to make Sherwood High School a great place to learn, where each student is able to meet and exceed our and your expectations. Throughout the year, updates on our progress on the School Improvement Plan will be published in The Shield. **Submitted by Dr. Renee M. Brimfield, Assistant Principal.**

Beautification Committee News

The Beautification Committee is already hard at work this year with our courtyard projects.

The Ertzman Courtyard is still very much a work in progress. Phase 1 is in recovery from the hot buggy summer. Phase 2 involves more landscaping, adding artistic endeavors and will require some creative thinking for acquiring seating. We hope to bring some color to the Senior Spot Courtyard and bring some needed attention to the Media Courtyard. Calls will go out for volunteers, SSL hours given.

Thanks to all who provided time, muscle and plants in the past years. Learn more at:

www.the-courtyards.blogspot.com

Project Change Launches New Programs

Project Change (PC) is a grassroots, non-profit organization made up of youth and adults who believe that high levels of youth engagement are essential to building strong, vibrant, healthy communities. PC youth and adults share a desire to give back and a deep commitment to ensuring that youth have a voice and play a significant role in making their community the best it can be. Since 1998, PC has demonstrated its commitment to community service with a focus on youth development and safety issues through a variety of efforts.

One important goal of Project Change is to move SSL from something kids feel they *have to do* in order to graduate to something kids *want to do* because they really understand its value and what it means. This fall Project Change will launch the Community Service Network, which will identify and work with nonprofits to offer high-quality SSL opportunities for teens. Research from a national study of teenagers involved in volunteering and civic engagement (using data collected by the

US Census Bureau in Spring 2005) indicated that merely 10% of SSL students were in programs that met the criteria for high quality SSL programs: duration, planning, reflection, and recognition. Furthermore, the data indicated that twice as many students participate in Low-Quality SSL Programs than High-Quality SSL Programs; that youth in high quality programs were more likely to be encouraged to develop strong civic involvement, be interested in politics and current events, and believe they can make a difference in their communities. One of the researchers on that project was Chris Toppe, a Project Change Board member and accomplished survey researcher. According to the Project Change youth president and Sherwood High School senior, Claire Hernandez, "We think that our new Community Service Network program is exactly what's needed to help other students truly get what SSL is really all about."

A component of Project Change's service network is Youth Empowered

Service (YES). Students can propose unique community service projects, which Project Change will incubate, so that students receive SSL credit by doing something that really speaks to them.

Another Project Change goal is to help Maryland deliver on its legislative promise to protect students from bullying. PC youth have designed a unique, youth-led anti-bullying program called You Have The Power (YHTP!), which has been implemented in almost every elementary school and both middle schools in the Sherwood cluster. PC teens say they are now ready to introduce it to schools throughout Montgomery County.

At Project Change, adults and teens work together to create opportunities for teens to realize their possibility and their power! Come help make Olney a model community for youth! For more information on Project Change programs, volunteer opportunities, or upcoming events, please visit www.projectchange-md.org or call Executive Director, **Robyn Holstein-Glass at 301-570-8430.**

PSAT – Wednesday, October 15, 2008

The PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) will be administered at Sherwood High School on **Wednesday, October 15, 2008**. This year, in an effort to improve students' preparation for college level studies, the Montgomery College/MCPS Partnership Literacy Initiative will fund the test administration fee for all 10th & 11th grade students.

This test is administered once each year and is an important first step in making college plans. The structure of the test is similar to that of the SAT Reasoning Test. The test is divided into three segments: verbal, mathematical, and writing skills.

By taking the PSAT/NMSQT, **juniors** enter competitions for scholarship programs conducted by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, the National Achievement Scholarship Program, and the Hispanic Scholar Program, and other organizations that use PSAT/NMSQT scores. **Tenth and eleventh grade students are expected** to take the PSAT/NMSQT. It is a shortened version of the **SAT**, a college admissions test. The test also enables students to identify colleges that offer programs at an appropriate level of challenge, and to be contacted by colleges seeking qualified applicants. It also provides students with information about courses they should take in high school that will prepare them for college.

On October 15, testing will begin at the beginning of first period and will last approximately three hours. Students should bring two sharpened #2 pencils. Although no question requires calculator use, students are strongly encouraged to bring a calculator. Students need to bring a photo ID to the test.

Freshmen will take the practice PSAT exam during this time period as a way to prepare for the official PSAT they will take next year. This will be an in-house practice PSAT exam given by Sherwood and will be scored in-house. **However, if any freshmen would like to take the official PSAT exam on October 15, 2008, they must register by Friday, October 10, 2008 and pay the \$13.00 registration fee.**

TO REGISTER PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW

- Make checks payable to Sherwood High School.
- Completed registration form and fee should be turned in to Mr. Hock in the Career Center or to the counseling office staff before school, at lunch, or after school.
- If you have been approved for special testing accommodations, please indicate below.

PSAT/NMSQT REGISTRATION FORM FOR FRESHMEN	
STUDENT _____	ID _____
Print last name	Print first name
PARENT/GUARDIAN _____	DATE _____
Please print name	
PAYMENT RECEIVED _____ \$13.00	DATE RECEIVED _____
Check written by _____	
TESTING ACCOMMODATIONS APPROVED _____	

Engineering Opportunities

Sherwood High School now has an Engineers Without Borders club! We have a unique opportunity to work with UMD-College Park Engineering students and professors. Students will be designing solutions to provide accessible water and lighting to a community in Burkina Faso, Africa. Any student interested in being a part of this exciting opportunity should see **Mr. Lees** in room D223 or e-mail him at:

Brendan_r_lees@mcpsmd.org.

Any Sophomore or Junior interested in finding out about what majoring in engineering involves can sign up and attend a workshop at University of Maryland. The workshop is Saturday November 8th from 8:30 to 2:00. You will learn about what great things engineers do, the different engineering majors at UMD, and hear from current engineering students. Please see **Mr. Lees** in room D223 or e-mail him at **Brendan_r_lees@mcpsmd.org** if you are interested.

**Attention
Seniors and Juniors!
The National Honor Society
2008 Fall Induction
Application Process has begun.**

Information and Application Packets are available in the Counseling Office.

The Application Deadline is Tuesday, October 7, 2008

See **Mrs. Benson**
In the Counseling Office

Student Service Learning (SSL) Tips

Give a little time...make a big difference

Students gain KNOWLEDGE from high quality service learning.

- SSL is a graduation requirement in the state of Maryland. Understand the SSL plan in Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) by contacting the SSL coordinator in any middle or high school and exploring the SSL Web site www.mcpsssl.org.
- Service performed during the summer for which SSL hours are desired must be documented on MCPS Form 560-51, *Student Service Learning Activity Verification* and turned in to the SSL coordinator by the last Friday in September (September 26).
- SSL hours may be earned through involvement in the campaigns of those running for public office by submitting MCPS Form 560-50 for approval in advance of any service. No SSL hours are awarded for neighborhood canvassing, or solicitation of donations. All activities must occur in public places under the supervision of adults other than parents or relatives representing the campaign.
- Holidays and early release days are great times to get involved in service-learning activities. Stay aware of service opportunities promoted at school through listservs,

bulletin boards, television shows, and morning announce-ments.

- SSL is provided without financial compensation.

Students gain SKILLS from high quality service learning.

- Students interested in earning SSL hours with community organizations must do so by being sure both the organization and the opportunities they offer are pre approved for SSL.
- Organizations tagged "Approved SSL MCPS" and Opportunities tagged as "MCPS SSL Approved" are listed at www.mcpsssl.org.
- Organizations and opportunities not listed at www.mcpsssl.org must be pre approved using MCPS Form 560-50.
- Students may address hunger and homelessness in Montgomery County by preparing bag lunches and dinners in their homes for delivery to homeless facilities. This is an exception to the guideline that all service must occur in a public place. Check out the details at the Questions and Answers section at www.mcpsssl.org.
- Students may earn a maximum of 8 service-learning hours within a 24-hour period.

SSL Reminders 2008-2009

- Summer hours were due September 25, 2008
- All incoming 9th graders need 75 hours
- 10th graders also need 75 hours
- Before you do an activity, make sure it is **pre-approved; list is on MCPS website**
- Check the **Sherwood SSL website** for information and opportunities
- Check the SSL Bulletin Boards for updates and opportunities
- If not sure see Mrs. Smith in greenhouse during lunch on Tues. Wed. and Thurs.
- Any questions, call Mrs. Smith at (301) 924-3234

SHS Music Department News

The Sherwood Music Department is proud to announce that we have started a chapter of the Tri-M Music Honor Society at Sherwood High School. The chapter officers will be **Laura Weber, Shannon Lawrence,** and **Molly Grossman.** Faculty sponsors will be **Marsha Barnes** and **Bill Evans.** For further information students should see Mrs. Barnes or Mr. Evans.

The Music Department would like to welcome **Mr. Michael Maddox,** student teacher, from the University of Maryland who will be working with all the choirs, jazz bands, and electronic music classes for the first eight weeks of the fall semester.

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen as finalists in the Washington Post Music & Dance Scholarship Awards Program. They are: **Rachel Blaustein, Jeremy Milliner, Brandi Porter, Shannon Lawrence,** and **Laura Weber.** Congratulations to **Justin Park** for being chosen to be a member of the All-Eastern MENC Chorus that will perform during the Spring of 2009.

On Saturday October 25, 2008 from 3 pm to 8 pm at St. John's Church on

Route 108 in Olney, the Sherwood Music Boosters will have a spaghetti dinner and silent auction. Tickets for the dinner/ auction can be purchased in advance from a member of the Chamber Singers or at the door for \$10.

We will have a Music Boosters meeting on Tuesday, October 7 at 7 pm in E150 before the Chamber Music Recital which begins at 7:30 pm, All music parents are invited.

We would like to thank the following families for their donations to the Sherwood Music Boosters:

- The Blaustein Family**
- The Becker Family**
- The Perez Family**
- The Sylvester Family**
- The Weber Family**
- The Zion Family**

The 2008-2009 music season promises to be an exciting one and the staff wishes to give your child the highest quality musical education. Please see the "Music Department Highlights" on page 9.

Our performing groups are Symphonic Band and Orchestra, Concert Band, Lab Jazz Band, Jazz Ensemble, Marching Band, Chamber Singers, Jazz

Choir, Show Choir, Woman's Chorus, Freshman Chorus, Music Men and Concert Choir, all of whom perform regularly for the entire Olney community. Concert attire, instruments and instrument repair, transportation for students and fees for participation in choral and instrumental competitions can drain the limited budget that our county provides to each school.

We all want to provide our children with the best possible music education and continue in the proud tradition of the Sherwood music program. To accomplish this goal we ask you to please consider making a contribution to the Patron program. Contributions of any size are appreciated and tax deductible. We would also appreciate any volunteers to assist us in raising corporate sponsorships and community awareness. The names of everyone making a donation will appear in the school newsletter and in concert programs. If you have any questions or are interested in helping, please call **Anne-Marie Pirrone at 301-924-5207.**

To contribute to the Music Boosters Patron Program, please fill out the sheet below.

MUSIC BOOSTERS PATRON PROGRAM

Name _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____

Student (s) Name and Grade _____

Donation Amt. _____

Supporter = 1\$-24\$ Donor = \$25-49\$ Sponsor = \$50-\$99 Patron = \$100-\$499
Corporate Sponsor (6 Complimentary RRR Tickets) = \$500 and up.

Please print clearly and limit letters and spaces to 35 characters Name as you wish it to appear in print:

Please make check payable to **Sherwood High Music Boosters** and mail to:
Music Boosters c/o Anne-Marie Pirrone 3805 Wilberta St. Olney, MD 20832

2008-2009 Music Department Highlights

- Oct. 7** Chamber Music Recital
(in Room E 150 soloists and small groups)
- Oct. 25** Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction (at St. Johns)
- Oct. 30** Fall Chamber Singers Concert (at Oakdale Emory Church)
- Nov. 12** UMCP High School Choral Invitational (25 Chamber Singers) ALL Day
- Nov. 20, 21, 22** Fall Musical Production
- Nov. 24, 25** RRR #38 Band Auditions
- Dec. 1, 2** RRR #38 Vocal Auditions
- Dec. 4** Winter Choral Concert
- Dec. 11** Winter Instrumental Concert
- Dec. 12** MCPS Show/Jazz Choir Festival (2-8pm)
- Dec. 13** MCPS Jazz Big Band Festival (all day, 7am – 6pm)
- Feb. 2** Chamber Music Recital (in Room E 150 soloists and small groups)
- Mar. 6, 7, 8** Rock & Roll Revival #38
- Mar. 10** PTSA RRR #38 Matinee
- Mar. 13, 14, 15** RRR #38
- April 16** “A Night of Jazz”
- April 30** Spring Chamber Singers Concert (Oakdale Emory Church)
- May 14** Spring Choral Concert
- May 21** Spring Instrumental Concert

*Unless otherwise indicated, all events Monday-Saturday begin at 7:30 pm and all Sunday events begin at 2:00 pm. Unless otherwise indicated, all performances will be in Sherwood’s Ertzman Theater.

Senior Class Information

From the Senior Class Sponsor

Week of September 22nd

- Students received a letter in English class if they still owed class dues. Dues should be paid by check made out to Sherwood High School and dropped off in the main office, to Ms. Games in H139, or at the Seniors table at Back to School Night on September 25th.
- Students will also get the order form in English class for the Class of 2009 Panoramic Photo. Complete the form and bring it to Senior Breakfast on October 15th.

Homecoming Halls

Homecoming halls will be assembled on Thursday, October 2nd and displayed on Friday, October 3rd. Parents are welcome to come in the morning to see the hall between 7:00 am and 7:35 am. Construction meetings will take place during the month of September and a schedule will be posted on the website.

Senior Breakfast

Seniors will enjoy a full hot breakfast on Wednesday, October 15th while the underclassmen are taking the PSAT. Seniors will report to the cafeteria at 7:25 and breakfast will be served from 8:00 am to 9:00 am. Then students will complete their cap & gown forms, vote for senior superlatives, and enjoy a slide show created by their class officers. They will go to the stadium where the Class of 2009 panoramic photo will be taken and then to the Ertzman to enjoy a mini “battle of the bands.”

Graduation

At this time, we do not have a date for graduation. As soon as we do, we will notify students and their families. Parent suggestions and assistance in securing a graduation speaker are welcome.

Questions

If you have any questions about senior events, dues, etc. please contact **Michelle Games, Senior Sponsor** at michelle_d_games@mcpsmd.org or 301-924-3121.

SAT® Skills Insight™

Designed to assist and encourage students as they prepare to take the SAT, SAT Skills Insight is a helpful, easy-to-use tool that gives high school students a better understanding of what's tested on the SAT -- specifically, the types of skills they need to perform better in the classroom, on the test and in college. It provides real SAT questions and answers, suggestions for improvement, and guidance on how students can sharpen their skills, allowing them to become more comfortable with the types of questions they will see on the SAT. It also helps them to recognize that these skills are the same ones they've learned in the classroom, thus boosting their test-day confidence and familiarity with the SAT. All of this adds up to better results. SAT Skills Insight is one more tool to help you guide your students toward their ultimate goal -- college success. **It is a free online resource that is available to all students before they take their first SAT and as they prepare to retake the SAT.** And after the test, you can log in with your students to review their personalized score results using My SAT Online Score Report.

With SAT In Focus, a new set of tools that include SAT Skills Insight and My SAT Online Score Report you can help your students do better, go farther and realize their full potential. So visit <http://collegeboard.com/satskillsinsight> to get started today.

Join Giant and Safeway Cash Back Programs

With Giant A+ BonusBucks and Safeway escrip points accrue with each purchase that uses the Giant or Safeway card. At the end of each month, these points determine your school's cash total which is automatically credited to its account and school totals updated each month.

Giant A+ Bonus Bucks

Enroll yourself:

www.giantfood.com/aplus

Click on "Designate school"

Sherwood's ID is 00846

Or call: 1-877-366-2668

Safeway escrip

Enroll yourself:

www.escrip.com

Sherwood High ID is 6563841

Renew or register for 1st time

Or call: 1-800-801-4973

We'll Register for You!

Fill out the information below:
(must have Giant Club Card and/or Safeway Club Card)

Giant Club Card #

Safeway Club Card #

Last Name _____

First Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

*Return to your 1st period teacher
(Send to Media Center)*

News for Senior Parents

From the Career Center

All seniors have received the information about the college application process at Sherwood High School. In order to meet the deadlines for their college applications, they must follow these procedures. Be sure to ask to see their senior commitment folders. **Joe Hock** in the Career Center can be reached at 301-924-3219 or joseph_r_hock_jr@mcpsmd.org

2008-2009 SAT & SUBJECT TESTS

Test Date	U.S. Registration Deadline	Late (a fee applies)
November 1, 2008	September 26, 2008	October 10, 2008
December 6, 2008	November 5, 2008	November 18, 2008
January 24, 2009	December 26, 2008	January 6, 2008

2008-2009 ACT TESTS

Test Date	U.S. Registration Deadline	Late (a fee applies)
October 25, 2008	September 19, 2008	Sep. 20 – Oct. 3, 2008
December 13, 2008	November 7, 2008	November 8– 20, 2008
February 7, 2009	January 6, 2009	January 7 - 16, 2009

COLLEGE PLANNING WEBSITES

College Board: www.collegeboard.com/parents/plan/

ACT: www.actstudent.org/college/highschool.html

COLLEGE VISITS AT SHERWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Loyola College in Maryland	Wed October 1, 2008	8:15AM
Salisbury University	Wed October 1, 2008	10:30 AM
Bowie State University	Wed October 1, 2008	11:30 AM
Brock University (Canada)	Wed October 1, 2008	1:00PM
Hofstra University	Thu October 2, 2008	11:30 AM
Pace University, New York City	Fri October 3, 2008	8:00 AM
Kent State University	Fri October 3, 2008	11:00 AM
Frostburg State University	Mon October 6, 2008	8:00AM
Coastal Carolina University	Mon October 6, 2008	9:00AM
University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg	Mon October 6, 2008	10:00 AM
Virginia Wesleyan College	Mon October 6, 2008	11:00 AM
The University of Tampa	Mon October 6, 2008	1:30PM
Ohio University	Wed October 8, 2008	8:00 AM
East Carolina University	Wed October 8, 2008	9:00AM
Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania	Wed October 8, 2008	1:00 PM
Otterbein College	Fri October 10, 2008	10:30 AM
College of Charleston	Fri October 10, 2008	11:30 AM
Johnson & Wales University	Mon October 13, 2008	8:30 AM
Bucknell University	Tue October 14, 2008	9:30 AM
James Madison University	Tue October 14, 2008	10:30 AM
Washington College	Tue October 14, 2008	11:30 AM
Pennsylvania College of Technology	Tue October 14, 2008	12:30 PM
Albright College	Wed October 15, 2008	11:00 AM
Elon University	Thu October 16, 2008	8:30 AM

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Pennsylvania State University	Thu October 16, 2008	10:00 AM
University of Maryland, Baltimore County	Thu October 16, 2008	11:00 AM
Gettysburg College	Tue October 21, 2008	12:15 PM
Lenoir-Rhyne University	Wed October 22, 2008	8:30 AM
Mount Saint Mary's University	Wed October 22, 2008	10:30 AM
University of New Hampshire	Wed October 22, 2008	11:30 AM
University of Southern California	Wed October 22, 2008	1:15 PM
The Ohio State University	Thu October 23, 2008	8:30 AM
Marymount University	Fri October 24, 2008	11:00 AM
Lafayette College	Fri October 24, 2008	11:45 AM
Allegheny College	Fri October 24, 2008	12:30 PM
Stevenson University(Villa Julia)	Mon October 27, 2008	8:00 AM
University of Mary Washington	Mon October 27, 2008	9:00 AM
Bryant University	Tue October 28, 2008	11:30 AM
Randolph College	Tue October 28, 2008	12:30 PM
Monmouth University	Wed October 29, 2008	8:00 AM
Wells College	Wed October 29, 2008	9:00 AM
Skidmore College	Fri October 31, 2008	9:30 AM
College of Santa Fe	Thu November 6, 2008	8:30 AM
Christopher Newport University	Tue November 11, 2008	8:00 AM
Morgan State University	Wed November 12, 2008	10:30 AM
Western New England College	Thu November 20, 2008	9:30 AM
University of Hartford	Tue November 25, 2008	9:00 AM

Introducing myLunchMoney.com

myLunchMoney.com is a new service being offered which allows parents to make prepayments to their child's cafeteria account with a credit/debit card using the Internet. Once the myLunchMoney account is established, you can check balances, view student purchases, set up recurring payments, and receive low balance e-mail notification. Prepayments will generally be available at the school the next day.

1. Go to www.myLunchMoney.com and click on "Enroll Now."
2. Create an account for yourself and your children. You will need the **student's school, grade, birth date, and student ID number.** (The student ID is a 6-digit number used to identify your child. It can be found on your child's report card, registration documents or by calling the school office.)
3. Provide credit or debit card information. Note: There is a \$1.95 convenience fee per transaction.
4. Select the Automatic Prepayment option if desired.

Once your myLunchMoney.com account is established, you can check balances, view student purchases, and fund the account from your computer. myLunchMoney.com protects your personal and payment card information by the most advanced Internet security. With the recurring payment option, money will always be in your child's account. When a low balance is reached, your credit/debit card is charged.

For more information, contact Division of Food & Nutrition Services, Montgomery County Public Schools (301) 840-8170.

News and Notes

THE HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT will have poinsettias for sale once again this December. They can be used for decorations, gifts, thank-you gifts, or for parent volunteers, just to name a few. Students raise the plants and sell for profit with monies going back into the Horticulture Department and to the students. The prices are great, from \$4.00 to \$20.00. Thanks in advance for your support and remember our big spring plant sales. Any questions call **Mrs. Smith, Horticulture Science/ Environmental Science at (301) 924-3234.**

THE YEARBOOK STAFF enters a few contests each year. We have heard back from the first. For last year's yearbook with the theme "What Does It Take to be a Warrior?" the yearbook staff has earned two awards from the American Scholastic Press Association: First Place with Special Merit and "Most Outstanding Yearbook for 2008-2009," the top yearbook award from the association!

SENIOR BREAKFAST: Parent volunteers are needed on October 15th for the Senior Breakfast for the Class of 2009. We are looking for 10-15 parents to help on **OCTOBER 15th** from **7:25 AM to 11:00 AM.** Please come help our Senior class start the year out right!! Contact **Belinda Wasserman** at **bbwasserman@verizon.net** or **(301) 774-0933** if you can help on October 15th.

Attendance Policies and Procedures

2008-2009

1. Submit absent notes directly to the Attendance Office within **THREE DAYS** of returning to school. After the three days, absence becomes unexcused regardless of the reason.
 2. Students requesting early dismissal must obtain an Early Departure Pass **from the Attendance Office before 1st period**. Every student issued an Early Departure Pass **MUST SIGN OUT** at the Attendance Office at the time of departure. **Failure to sign out will result in an unexcused absence even with a note.**
 3. A physician's note is required for any absence of **five or more** days due to illness.
 4. Students who arrive **after 7:40 a.m.** must sign in at the Attendance Office. Students who arrive **between 7:25 and 7:40 a.m.** report to their 1st period classroom and turn in their excuse note to the teacher.
 5. Missing fifteen (15) minutes of any class constitutes an absence from that class.
 6. Students who anticipate being absent should submit an Absence Request Form to their assistant principal **ONE WEEK prior** to the day of their absence, i.e., college visits, school-related activities, etc. Absence Request Forms are available in the Attendance Office. **(All college visits must be verified in writing with a letter FROM the college.)**
 7. The only excused absences are for:
 - Work approved or sponsored by the school, the local school system, or the State Department of Education, accepted by the local superintendent of schools or the school principal, or their designees, as reason for excusing the students. A number of activities or work situations that the principal/designee should accept as lawful when approval for the absence has been requested five school days in advance in writing from the parent/guardian/eligible student are included below:
 - Visits to college campuses and participation in college orientation programs (see local student handbook for limitations)
 - Scheduled interviews with prospective employers
 - Short-term full-time work assignments for students not enrolled in cooperative education program
 - Death in the immediate family
 - Illness of the student. The principal may require a physician's certificate from the parent or guardians of the student in cases in which a student has chronic or extended absences for an illness
 - Medical appointment
 - Court summons
 - Hazardous weather conditions. Hazardous weather conditions shall be interpreted to mean weather conditions which would endanger the health or safety of the student when in transit to and from school
 - Observance of religious holiday
 - State emergency
 - Suspension
 - Failure to provide MCPS authorized transportation to eligible students. This does not include students denied MCPS authorized transportation for disciplinary reasons
 - Other emergency or set of circumstances which, in the judgment of the superintendent or designee, constitutes a good and sufficient cause for absence from school
 8. Notes excusing absences must include:
 - Student's full legal name (printed),
 - ID number,
 - Date(s) of absence,
 - Reason for absence,
 - Phone number of parent,
 - Parent/Guardian signature.
 9. Parents/Guardians should call the attendance office between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. to report an absence at **(301) 924-3206**.
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Join the PTSA Listservs Today!

The Sherwood PTSA sponsors two email listservs to inform you about events and issues in the Sherwood community. **SherwoodPTSA** is a moderated discussion group that allows all members to post and read messages. This listserv also includes a calendar and email reminders of school-related events. **SherwoodWarriorNews** is an announcement-only list for communication from the Principal and PTSA officers. Both lists are hosted by Yahoo groups. To join a Yahoo group all you need is a valid email address. If you register for a **free** Yahoo ID, you will be able to access the group website to browse messages or have the messages sent directly to your email address. You can even choose the frequency (individual emails or once-daily digests) at which you wish to receive the messages.

To subscribe with an email-only account:

Send a blank email to SherwoodPTSA-subscribe@yahoogroups.com or SherwoodWarriorNews-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Follow the instructions in the confirmation email that is sent back to you. The email will direct you to a web page. On that page click on "join the mailing list".

To subscribe with a web-enabled account:

Send a blank email to SherwoodPTSA-subscribe@yahoogroups.com or SherwoodWarriorNews-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Follow the instructions on the confirmation email that is sent back to you. The email will direct you to a web page. On that page click on "Join the Group". On the next page, click "Sign Up" to begin the creation of your Yahoo group.

To subscribe with a web-enabled account (if you have a Yahoo account):

Sign into Yahoo and then visit:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/SherwoodPTSA/join>
<http://groups.yahoo.com/SherwoodWarriorNews/join>

Sherwood 2009 Yearbook Patron Form

Being a patron of the Sherwood *Leaves* yearbook is the perfect way to show your support and interest in our students, school, and community. Your name will be proudly displayed on our patrons' page in the community section of the 2009 edition of *Leaves*.

For starting at just \$20, you can become a patron and show your support for the student community of Sherwood High School. Your generosity helps the yearbook staff defray publication expenses. Please, help the yearbook staff make the 2009 *Leaves* one of the best! If you have any questions, please contact **Ms. Lori Leonard, Yearbook Adviser** or anyone on the Yearbook Staff in our office at **(301)-924-3255**.

Thank you for your support and patronage! We couldn't do it without you!

SHS Yearbook "Leaves" Patrons

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ Check amount \$ _____ (payable to Sherwood High School)

Mail your donation to: *Yearbook Staff*

Sherwood High School
300 Olney-Sandy Spring Rd.
Sandy Spring, MD 20860

Student Contact

Yearbook Senior Ad Order

Place a personal ad to honor a graduating senior in the 2009 *Leaves* Yearbook.

All ads and payments are due OCTOBER 31.

Ads submitted after that time are not guaranteed placement.

Mail or bring to the main office:

1. the completed form (on the back)
2. photos (or CD of photos)
3. typed message (on paper and/or disk)
4. payment: check or money order made out to Sherwood High School

Mail to:

Ms. Lori Leonard
 Yearbook Adviser
 Sherwood High School
 300 Olney-Sandy Spring Road
 Sandy Spring, MD 20860

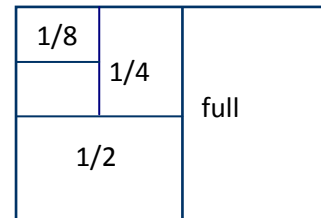
Layouts will be created by yearbook staff members in a manner that is congruent with the overall theme and style of the yearbook. However, you may make an appointment to come to the yearbook office and consult with our editors if you have specific layout suggestions. Call 301-924-3255 for an appointment.

Photos do not have to be sized as they are scanned, adjusted, and placed digitally. We do accept digital images on disk only, do not try to email them. Please submit quality photos. We cannot make a bad photo good! Do not submit Polaroids, composite images, photos cut into shapes, xeroxed copies or color photos printed on regular paper (they are not high enough quality). Photos may be returned when the book is delivered in May however we cannot guarantee all photos will be returned, some could be unintentionally lost during production. Please do not send photos that are irreplaceable, go to Ritz Camera or elsewhere and get a high quality copy made! **Write the name of the senior on the back of each photo in black ink (do not write heavy or use other colors).** One photo may be made more dominant than the others depending on layout, if you have a preference for the dominant, please indicate so by writing DOMINANT on the back of the photo in black ink.

Messages should be typed on a separate page. We can not accept copyrighted material such as poems or song lyrics with extant copyrights. We will not accept coded messages or abbreviations of any type.

Pricing is based on printing costs for the pages. Groups of friends or other organized groups such as sports teams and clubs are welcome to combine funds and purchase larger ads.

Size	Max # of Photos	Max Word Count	Price
1/8	one	40	\$60
1/4	three	60	\$110
1/2	six	90	\$200
full	up to 10	120	\$375



Inclusion of salutations in the 2009 yearbook is not guaranteed. We have limited space and it is filled on a first come basis. If not all pages are filled by October 31, there may be a second deadline but the costs may also be raised. Arrange for your salutation page(s) early.

Please understand that it is the yearbook staff's intention to produce a book that will bring enjoyment and pleasure to our readers for many years to come. The staff will work hard to create your salutation to your specifications, but **we reserve the right to edit or reject any salutation or photo that we deem to be inappropriate or lacking in the standards and/or quality that we strive to maintain for our publication.** Realize however that we are a student publication, we can not refund for any unintentional errors.

Sherwood Class of '09 Senior Salutation Ad Submission Form

Fill out this form completely and include in a medium to large envelope with a clasp along with your photos, message, and payment.

Full Name of Senior (or all names if a group)	
Purchaser's Name	Purchaser's Relationship to Senior
Phone Number (to contact you with questions)	
Email Address (to contact you with questions)	
Message Included YES NO	Is the page a secret? YES NO
How you want message to be signed (e.g. Love always, Mom and Dad)	
Number of Photos Included	Check Amount
Size Desired (please circle) 1/8 1/4 1/2 Full Page	
Any Special Instructions:	

Feel free to photocopy this flyer if you wish to purchase more than one ad. A form should be with every ad. Questions? Email [Lori Leonard@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Lori_Leonard@mcpsmd.org) or call (301) 924-3255.

I authorize the Sherwood High School yearbook staff to reproduce the included photos of (senior's name) _____ in a salutation for the 2009 yearbook. I understand that it may not be possible to have the submitted photos returned to me. I also understand that the yearbook staff reserves the right to edit or reject any salutation determined to be inappropriate or lacking in the standards and quality which the staff strives to maintain for the yearbook publication. I waive the right to ask for a refund because I realize any student publication may have accidental errors.

 Submitter's signature

 Date

FOR YEARBOOK STAFF USE ONLY	Date Received:
Assigned to:	Date Completed:
Proofed by:	Deadline #:
Message _____ # of pictures _____	Assigned # Page #:

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* phone - 1.888.298.5063

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**Need more information?** Want to show your support for the yearbook, the school, or your favorite senior?

Go to [www.sherwoodhs.org](http://www.sherwoodhs.org), click on "Yearbook" for

**Specific Directions on How to Order a Yearbook**

**Senior Salutation Ad Forms (page 14&15 of this newsletter)**

**Yearbook Survival Form for Senior Class**

**Business Advertising Form (it's tax deductible)**

## Oct./Nov. Calendar

- Oct. 4 Homecoming Dance 8:00pm Main Gym
  - Oct. 7 National Honor Society Applications Due
  - Oct. 7 Chamber Music Recital 7:30pm E150
  - Oct. 9 Holiday - Yom Kippur - No School**
  - Oct. 10 Freshman Deadline - PSAT Registration
  - Oct. 13 Open House 7:25am - 10:50am
  - Oct. 15 PSAT Day and Senior Breakfast/Photo
  - Oct. 17 Professional Day - No School**
  - Oct. 21 PTSA Meeting 7:15pm Media Center**  
**November Shield Article Deadline**
  - Oct. 23 College Night 7:00pm Cafeteria
  - Oct. 25 ACT
  - Oct. 31 Yearbook Deadline for Ads, Pictures, Salutations, Remember When
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- Nov. 1 SAT
  - Nov. 3 Professional Day - No School**
  - Nov. 4 Election Day - No School**
  - Nov. 11&12 Early Release Days - Conferences**
  - Nov. 26 Early Release Day - Thanksgiving**
  - Nov. 27&28 Holiday - Thanksgiving - No School**

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