



November 2008

The Shield

Sherwood High School Parent-Teacher-Student Association Newsletter

A Message from the PTSA President

by Sharon St. Pierre

First marking period is ended, fall weather is officially upon us and we all are fully entrenched in school academics and activities. I don't have time to get misty-eyed over those long-gone days at the beach because so much is happening at Sherwood and with the PTSA so far this fall. It was great seeing so many parents at Back to School night, Senior Parent Night and College Night. Our September and October PTSA meetings have also been well-attended and I have had the pleasure of seeing many new faces as well as our returning dedicated parents. In September, parents heard Mr. Gregory present where Sherwood High School is in terms of academic goals and where we are heading and the expectations and goals for this year. In

October, we had our first "Chat and Chew with the Principal" during which a wonderful discussion was had regarding college readiness from 9th through 12th grade. Mr. Gregory discussed specific ways in which we can start preparing our children (and ourselves) for college beginning at college searches in 9th grade to submission of applications in 12th.

The PTSA, in partnership with the school, has been hard at work preparing three important programs for parents and students this year. The first will be in January: a college prep program for parents of next year's incoming 9th through 12th graders. It takes the theme from our "Chat and Chew" and expands more fully upon it. After an informational session on academic goals

and presentation of the school's college software program, parents will break out into sessions based on grade that will further delve into what we need to start preparing for in terms of college readiness. Our second program will be in March and will focus on "Teen Driving." After the heartbreaking accident that happened to Damascus students last month, I can't underscore enough the importance of this topic. We will be discussing teen driving laws, driver's education; police enforcement on the roads, insurance implications and more. We will be encouraging both parents and students to attend this program. Finally, in April/May we will have a program that deals with "Teen

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PTSA MEETING

NOV. 18 - 7:15 MEDIA CENTER

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.

Thomas Edison High School of Technology

12501 Dalewood Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20906

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/edison

Annual Open House

Thursday, December 4, 2008

5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

(Inclement Weather: Wednesday, December 10, 2008)

Come one, come all – no reservations are required.

Mark your calendars now!

Edison Tour Dates for 2008 - 2009

Edison tours are scheduled during the school day and reservations are required. Tours are designed for high school students with a parent(s) or adult(s) and school groups of no more than 20 students with one chaperone per 10 students.

Call 301-929-6920 to reserve a tour.

Wednesday, November 12, 2008

8:15 – 10:10 AM or 11:20 – 1:15 PM

Tuesday, December 9, 2008

8:15 – 10:10 AM or 11:20 – 1:15 PM

Wednesday, December 17, 2008

8:15 – 10:10 AM or 11:20 – 1:15 PM

Wednesday, January 7, 2009

8:15 – 10:10 AM or 11:20 – 1:15 PM

Wednesday, January 28, 2009

8:15 – 10:10 AM or 11:20 – 1:15 PM

Wednesday, February 18, 2009

8:15 – 10:10 AM or 11:20 – 1:15 PM

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

8:15 – 10:10 AM or 11:20 – 1:15 PM

Wednesday, March 11, 2009

8:15 – 10:10 AM or 11:20 – 1:15 PM

Wednesday, March 18, 2009

8:15 – 10:10 AM or 11:20 – 1:15 PM

The Thomas Edison High School of Technology is unique among Montgomery County public high schools- it is the place for advanced career technical education at the secondary level. We invite students from all areas of the county to apply to our many science and technology programs. Thomas Edison graduates experience success in universities and the work force. Since you only come to TEHST for half of the day, you get all the benefits of your home school and all the benefits of a capstone experience.

*Announcing
Class of 2009
Graduation
Wednesday
June 3, 2009
1:00 p.m.
Comcast Center*

President's Message

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Drinking". This program will focus on teen drinking and driving, house parties and the dangers of binge drinking and alcohol poisoning. We hope this will be part of a series of programs and events at the school during this time that will help students understand the consequences of this behavior. Stay tuned for further details of these programs coming your way in the next few months!

The PTSA, being a non-profit organization, has felt the effects of our precarious economy as I know that many of you have as well. Our membership is down significantly which has affected our revenue. Donations to After Prom

and our General fund are down again this year. Bottom line, our services to our children, parents and staff cannot continue to remain at our current level if we don't have the funding. I know these hard economic times are causing us all to "tighten our belts" and the PTSA will need to do the same. But, if you were planning on becoming a member and just haven't had the time to do so yet, this would be a great time to show your support and help us help our school. You can go to www.SherwoodPTSA.org or get a membership form from the Main Office in the school. Thank you!

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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 Listservs Today!

A listserv is a mailing list comprised of e-mail addresses of people with common interests. Software enables people to send messages to the group without typing a series of addresses into the message header. Members of the group in the listserv must subscribe to the mailing list. 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

You will receive a confirmation email. 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

You will receive a confirmation email. 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 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)

08 09 10 11

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.

Rock and Roll Revival #38 Information

ROCK 'N' ROLL REVIVAL #38 CALENDAR

Nov. 6	Information Meeting 2:15	Choral Room
Nov. 24, 25	Band Auditions 2:15	Band Room
Dec. 1,2	Vocal Auditions 2:15	Choral Room
Dec. 5	Cast list will be posted	
Dec. 8	Dance Workshop 2:15	Ertzman Theatre
Dec. 9	Dance Auditions 2:15	Ertzman Theatre
Dec. 15	Leads Call-Back Auditions 2:15	Choral Room
Dec. 18	Lead Vocals and Dancers lists posted	
Dec. 19	Lead Singers/Band meeting 2:15	Choral Room
Jan. 5	All Cast and Crew rehearsal in	Choral Room.

A full rehearsal schedule will be given to the cast at this rehearsal.

ROCK 'N' ROLL #38 SHOW DATES

March 6	Show 1	Showtime 7:30
March 7	Show 2	Showtime 7:30
March 8	Show 3	Showtime 2:00
March 10	PTSA RRR#38	Matinee 10:00 AM
March 13	Show 4	Showtime 7:30
March 14	Show 5	Showtime 7:30
March 15	Show 6	Showtime 2:00

TICKET SALES

Tickets for Rock 'n' Roll Revival # 38 will go on sale February 1, 2009. All tickets are for reserved seating and cost \$15.00 each. To order tickets you may download the order form from the school's web site: www.sherwoodhs.org (click on "News") OR send your name, phone numbers (day and evening and cell), number of tickets (limit of 15 per order), date of show (indicate your first, second and third choices, and state CLEARLY the number of tickets per date), enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope and a check for the correct amount payable to **Sherwood High School**. Send orders to: **Rock 'n' Roll Tickets, Sherwood High School, 300 Olney Sandy Spring Road, Sandy Spring, MD 20860.**

Questions?

If you have questions regarding the school or need to speak with anyone on the staff, please call the Main Office at 301-924-3200. If you have questions about your child's schedule or report card or future plans, please call the Counseling Office at 301-924-3210.

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta en general, o desea hablar con un miembro de la escuela, por favor contáctese con la oficina principal al 301-924-3200. Si usted tiene alguna pregunta acerca del horario o de la libreta de notas de su hijo o hija, u otra información, por favor contáctese con la oficina de consejería al 301-924-3210.

SET CONSTRUCTION

Any adults interested in working on the Rock 'n' Roll set may contact Gene Orndorff at geneo36@verizon.net or call Gene at 301-924-3222 during regular school hours. Set work begins the first week of January and continues through the week of opening night. The crew also strikes the set during the week after the final performance. The work schedule is typically Monday through Thursday 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. We also work on some Saturdays in February/March (9:00 until 2:00 is typical) Not everyone on the crew works all those hours. Some folks come twice a week, some three, some all; some leave early; some come late. We are flexible, but we try to have a good core of workers present at all times that we do work.

ADVERTISING RATES FOR ROCK 'N' ROLL PROGRAM

1/8 page (2 3/4 X 2 1/8) \$55

1/4 page (2 3/4 X 4 1/4) or (5 1/2 X 2 1/8) \$85

1/2 page (5 1/2 X 4 1/4) \$160

Full page (5 1/2 X 8 5/8) \$260

Full-page color (inside covers only) \$310

In addition to business ads, patron ads for cast and crew are available at \$5.00 for 22 words.

CONTACT:

Suzanne Regnault at stregnault@gmail.com

Mr. Bill Evans at 301-924-3246

Mr. Gene Orndorff at 301-924-3222

Sherwood to Appear on It's Academic

Sherwood will appear on Channel 4's long-running quiz show, "It's Academic" on **Saturday, November 15, at 10:30 a.m.** Our team of **Molly Grossman, Josh Brulé, and Brad Matthews** takes on Eleanor Roosevelt and Mount Vernon. Sherwood's Break Dance Club will also perform on the show.

Order Sherwood's 2008-2009 Yearbook!

The yearbook is published by Walsworth Publishing located in Missouri and there are three easy ways to order! Orders cannot be taken at school throughout the year. There may be a few unsold copies left at the end of the year that will be available for purchase at a higher price but availability can not be guaranteed.

ORDER THREE WAYS:

- Web – www.buyayearbook.com
- phone – 1.888.298.5063
- mail – order form (arrives by mail at residence)

- #1 Go to www.buyayearbook.com to purchase yearbooks online. Our school ID for the site is 9064430. You will be asked for an order number which can be found on the mailer sent to your house. If you cannot find your order number, you can please use option #2 below or choose the button on the website that says "Create a New Order" and look up your order.
- #2 Call the Yearbook Order Center today at 1-888-298-5063 to order by phone. Give the school ID number which is 9064430.
- #3 Mail back the order form that is sent to you in the mail, please do not throw it away. The envelope should be blue and white and titled "Order Your Student's Yearbook Today."

Important Notes:

The yearbook staff has to pay an online user fee per student at Sherwood, even if everyone doesn't use this service to purchase a yearbook. If you do not have an order number when you place your order, please take the time to have the Walsworth Order Center look it up. Please do not just create a new order otherwise the yearbook staff incurs extra fees because you are seen as two different people, with two separate order numbers, by the Order Center computers and we are charged extra.

As you pay for your order, note that sales tax is applied and so that fee needs to be added to your overall cost. Failure to do so may cancel the order.

Please contact Walsworth Customer Service at 1-888-298-5063 to make any changes once you place your order. The yearbook staff does not have any control over the ordering process. Please contact them with any other yearbook order questions.

Prices may be subject to change but as of now:

\$70 plus buyayearbook.com fees* until January (basic yearbook + \$5 fee + \$3.50 tax = \$78.50)

\$80 plus buyayearbook.com fees* in February and March

\$90 in May at distribution sale (if any are left)

*additional charges include taxes, order center fee, and any personalization charges if ordered.

Personalization (icons and lines of name stamping) can only be ordered until January.

Any Additional Questions:

Contact the Yearbook Office at
(301) 924-3522 or email at sherwoodyearbook@yahoo.com

SHS Yearbook "Leaves" Patrons

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!

Sherwood 2009 Yearbook Patron Form

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 AWARDS 2007-2008 *Leaves*

Gold Medalist

Columbia Scholastic Press Association

First Place and Special Merit

American Scholastic Press Association

Most Outstanding Yearbook

American Scholastic Press Association

Walsworth Publishers - Gallery of Excellence

Excellence in Theme: *Herff Jones Yearbook Camp*

Student Service Learning (SSL) Tips

Give a little time...make a big difference

Students gain positive attitudes from high-quality service learning.

- Check the SSL information on the report card. Contact your school SSL coordinator with any discrepancies. Keep copies of all SSL documentation.
- Get involved in the spirit of giving! Contact the school SSL coordinator or the Montgomery County Volunteer Center at 240-777-2600 for opportunities.
- Students may earn SSL hours at school: in selected courses where SSL activities achieve instructional objectives and in school-sponsored clubs and organizations that have a service focus.
- School clubs often focus on service using **indirect action**. In indirect action a need is addressed but students do not meet the recipients of their service face-to-face. Examples of indirect service activities include collections of food, clothing, and/or hygiene items, fundraising, and blood drives.
- Plan now to be involved in SSL activities over Winter break. Look for opportunities on the SSL Web site www.mcpsssl.org, listen for opportunities promoted at school, or call the Montgomery County Volunteer Center at 240-777-2600.

News and Notes

THE SHERWOOD CLUSTER NAACP PARENT COUNCIL AND PRINCIPALS will hold a meeting for African American and Hispanic/Latino families on **November 20** at Olney Elementary School from 6:30-8:00. The meeting theme will be "Rules for Rigor."

THE HORTICULTURE CLASSES will be selling poinsettias ranging in color from red, pink and white to two-toned. Prices will vary from \$5.00 to \$20.00. Sales will begin the week of Thanksgiving and continue throughout the month of December.

Plants can be used for holiday decorations, gifts, business parties, or churches. The greenhouse is open from 7:30 until 3:00, but call first to check. Also call to arrange for pick up at other times. Questions? call **Susie Smith** at **301-924-3234**. You may leave a message. Thanks for your support.

The benches in the Media Center Courtyard are occupying **THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE** at the moment. They need to be replaced without breaking our budget. So the search is underway, not so simple at the end of the season. Know of any bargains? We need benches for the Ertzman courtyard as well.

We are busy planting phase two of the Ertzman project, thank you to the anonymous donor for the beautiful Nandinas, and we have welcomed donations from our avid gardening supporters in the Media Courtyard, The Senior Spot and the Ertzman Courtyard. Look to the spring for the Peonies, Lily of the Valley and Bleeding Heart to show themselves; the Coral Bells keep things pretty all year long. Finally, thanks to our student and adult volunteers for their hard labor on a beautiful Saturday. We'll be calling out for more!

November College Visits at SHS

College of Santa Fe	Thu. November 6, 2008	8:30 a.m.
Christopher Newport University	Tue. November 11, 2008	8:00 a.m.
Morgan State University	Wed. November 12, 2008	10:30 a.m.
Western New England College	Thu. November 20, 2008	9:30 a.m.
University of Hartford	Tue. November 25, 2008	9:00 a.m.

SGA Update

The Sherwood SGA has been very busy since the beginning of year. We started off by volunteering our time and helping out at the back-to-school teacher breakfast. We also helped get the freshmen pumped up and ready to come to high school by putting on a mini pep rally at orientation.

The 2008 Homecoming was a huge success with the juniors "out-playing" the Seniors in the game day hallway contest, and surprisingly the freshmen came in 3rd place! Way to go freshmen! We would like to thank all the parents who contributed all their houses, vehicles, and most importantly their time. Without the help of parents, the homecoming festivities would not be possible. The Sherwood community was highly spirited

and overflowing with blue and white.

Currently we are preparing for our next general assembly meeting where Mr. Gregory will be sharing information about the school improvement plan for the student body. At the end of October the SGA holds a Halloween costume contest.

For the month of November, the annual blood drive will take place on the 21st and we encourage members of the community to come and donate. We will also be holding freshmen class elections and a canned food drive.

Thanks again to the parents, teachers, and students for all their Warrior spirit.

Submitted by **Christine McKeldin**.

PTSA School Liaison Reports

MUSIC –

BARBARA KAHN

Sherwood Music Boosters and Chamber Singers presented a Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction on Saturday, October 25, from 3:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. at St. John's in Olney.

Sherwood Chamber Singers sang on Saturday, November 1, at 1:00p.m. at Oakley Cabin in Brookeville.

CAREER/TECH ED –

BART POPECK

Introduction to Engineering - Students are learning the following sketching techniques: isometric, oblique, and perspective.

Website Development - Students are learning how to code web pages and develop websites using XHTML and Cascading Style Sheets. They have created about ten different pages and one site already. They will be developing a portfolio template using style sheets.

Television Production - Students are producing daily morning television that delivers the announcements, short video commercials, and feature video packages. The daily program is now available for viewing on the home page. Electronic news gathering students are beginning a unit on writing news pieces for television.

Academy of Teacher Education - The preschool run by our child development students is running. Students spent the first several weeks of school practicing how to develop a lesson to deliver in the preschool, observation techniques for analyzing how teachers (high school students) are delivering their lessons, and instructional strategies for delivering the lesson. This is truly a real world experience. Advanced students are working in internships at local schools. They work with a teacher and apply what they've learned at Sherwood to the elementary school setting.

Academy of Hospitality Management -

Students in Food Trends with Technology and International Cultures and Cuisines are learning about food science, nutrition, food preparation, and certifications necessary to enter the hospitality and restaurant industry. Students in ICC will take the ProStart and ServSafe Industry certification exams. This certification is recognized in the industry and shows mastery of food preparation and sanitation procedures and techniques.

Medical Careers – Instruction in the Medical Careers class is currently focused on the Anatomy and Physiology of the Cardiovascular System. The students are learning the importance of and the methods used in measuring Blood Pressure, Heart Rate, Respiratory Rate and Temperature. Additional focus is being placed on the requirements and responsibilities of professionals who work with patients who are experiencing health issues related to the Cardiovascular System. On October 20, 2008, the students with parent chaperones travelled to Fairfax Inova Hospital to observe Open Heart Surgery being performed.

Horticulture - Students are raising poinsettias for sales beginning at the end of November. The plants make great gifts, decorations for your company or business or to add color to your home. Student will also make arrangements for Thanksgiving and the winter holiday. If interested, please visit our greenhouse in the back of the school for sales and orders. Students will also be collecting, mounting and identifying trees around the school campus. For information call Susie Smith at 301-924-3234.

Computer Science - Students in computer science are learning the basic concepts behind object oriented programming using Java and C++. Students in Programming 2 and 3 are preparing for the AP exam. Projects include simple and complex programs to solve selected problems.

Software Applications - Students in software applications are learning touch typing techniques and keyboarding between 25 – 30 words per minute with 6 or less errors. They are also learning how to use basic and advanced features in Microsoft Word.

Career/Tech Ed Staff News

Congratulations to **Kim Cannon**, Academy of Hospitality Management teacher, and **Maureen Goodwin**, Medical Careers teacher, for earning the **2007/2008 High School Career and Technology Education Award of Excellence** in their career cluster.

Scott Beattie is working together with cooperative work experience teachers to develop the new curriculum, Career Research and Development. This is a positive move to help our students better prepare for college and careers.

ENGLISH –

LINDA OSBORNE

The school newspaper, “The Warrior,” and Sherwood’s yearbook “Leaves,” both won Columbia University’s gold award this year. This is the most prestigious award in high school journalism. We also have two more teachers going for National Board Certification, **Emily Dolim** and **Lori Leonard**.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE –

LINDA OSBORNE

The Foreign Language Department is very glad to welcome into its ranks three great new teachers, who already have infused the department with new ideas and best teaching practices. **Anne Bastings**, who is teaching French 1 and 2 is a native speaker of French and originally from Belgium.

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Ilenia Di Cesare, the new Italian teacher, is devoting lots of time preparing and implementing a sound Italian program. Her goal this year is to start an Italian club that will be open for all students at Sherwood to join. Ms. Di Cesare wants to promote the study of Italian at Sherwood. She is a native of Milan, Italy.

Margaret Foeckler is a half-time Spanish teacher and this year she is teaching Spanish 1. She has brought with her a wealth of materials and techniques to help students get a good start in the study of Spanish.

Substituting for **Mrs. Victoria Thompson**, who is on long-term sick leave, is **Mr. Carlos Perez**. Señor Perez is providing his students in his Spanish 2 classes sound instruction, which assures our students a good foundation in Spanish. He is a native of Colombia, South America.

In terms of events, **Mr. John Falls** in the French department is taking 23 students to Nimes, France on the **French Exchange**. They will be in Nimes, as part of the home stay, from the 14th of November to the 24th. Also, the French Honor Society recently had a fund raiser at Rita's to raise money for the French Honor Society.

The **German Exchange** is now being coordinated by **Laura Weiss**, a para-educator here at Sherwood. The German students will be here in March of 2009 and our students will visit Germany at the end of June 2009. Please contact Laura Weiss at Sherwood for more information regarding the German Exchange Program.

The **Spanish Exchange** Program is starting a brand new exchange with a high school outside of Madrid, Spain. Dates for the hosting phase have already been established (March 8 -21). Our students, in turn, will participate in the sending phase of the exchange between March 30th and April 13th. For more information contact **Mr. González** at

301- 924-3231 or via email. As always there is a lot of enthusiasm among our students for the various exchange programs that are offered by the Foreign Language Department.

MATH – PATRICIA LEE

There are a few awesome Math announcements that we would like to make you aware of at Sherwood High School this fall, from the calculator lease program, an upcoming Math competition and to stay tuned for Math Curricular changes next year!

Every student can have access to a calculator by participating in the **calculator lease program or the rent-to-own a calculator initiative!** At Sherwood, students can lease or rent-to-own a T1-83 calculator. For more details and forms, contact Sherwood's Math Resource Teacher, **Deborah Hiltner** at (301) 942-3253 or Deborah_A_Hiltner@mcpssmd.org.

There's a math competition at the University of Maryland! You can find out the details on how to participate by going to the link: www.math.umd.edu/highschool/mathcomp/2008.shtml

Last, but not least, expect some additional enhancements to the curriculum for school year 2009-2010. Stay tuned!

ART – LIBBY LAMANCUSA

Congratulations to **Angela Praisner** who has been awarded "MCPS Master High School Art Teacher of the Year"

ART SHOWS

2008 Maryland Art Education Association's Annual Showcase of Outstanding Maryland Student Artwork - Friday, October 17, 2008. Recognition Ceremony at 5:30 p.m. - **Dongin Yoon, Olivia Partlow, Kristy Fury.**

Exhibit at the Treasury Building in Annapolis (work will hang until the spring) - **Katie Salke**

National Art Honor Society will host its annual charity event, "**Empty Bowls**" on **Wednesday, November 19.**

The AP and Studio Art Students are fundraising: **Senior T-shirts \$10**, currently for sale; 2009 calendars feature student artwork (\$10 & \$15, for sale beginning mid November).

The photo program is asking for SLR film cameras that could be donated (tax deduction).

SCIENCE – BARBARA KAHN

The science department welcomes three new staff members. **Mrs. Connie Draper** and **Mr. Donovan Clark** are teaching Honors Matter and Energy. **Mrs. Joan Chongpinitchai** is our new Paraeducator supporting Matter and Energy and also Biology.

The **Sherwood Science Club** (formerly the Sherwood Academy of Science) is a program funded by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. The program supports student inquiry and science projects that are being done outside the classroom setting. The 2009 Montgomery Area Science Fair will be in March (search for **Science Montgomery** on the web) at the University of Maryland College Park and the Sherwood Science Fair will be May 20, 2009. Students should see **Mr. Jim Douglas in B212** for more information.

The **Green Team** is off to a great start this school year. We spent the first few weeks getting the **AquaEcosystem** up and running and the National Aquarium in Baltimore sent us 25 baby rockfish and 1,200 marsh grasses! We'll be taking care of these organisms over the winter and will release the tagged fish and plant the seagrasses in May.

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Greg Trilling from the National Audubon Society came to speak at lunch. We are working with the Audubon Society to develop the K-wing courtyard into an outdoor classroom and to achieve a **Green School certification**. AP and on-level **Environmental Science classes** have been out in the courtyard working with fish and planting native plants.

The **Green Team Recycling Group** has been working to improve the recycling here at Sherwood. Currently, the students are collecting data about how successful our efforts have been and then we will launch a media campaign to encourage appropriate recycling in school.

The **Green Team Energy Group** is continuing to collect data on the classroom temperature in the school. We will continue to forward this data to facilities management and our own building service management as we try to reign in our energy costs. Our newest endeavor is to collect data on lighting use with the goal of reducing energy use throughout the school.

In **AP Environmental Science**, students have been traveling to locations in the Chesapeake Bay watershed to get some first-hand experience in field study. Students have done water sampling, oystering, navigating, and biological sampling with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation on the workboat Snowgoose on the Patapsco River. Other APES students have had a chance to do some seining, birding, and biological sampling in a marsh behind Fort McHenry with representatives of the National Aquarium in Baltimore. A three-day residential stay at the Karen Noonan Environmental Center is planned for November. Students will get to do lots of water analysis, biological sampling of the seagrass beds near Cambridge, MD,

saltmarsh studies and will even address some political, cultural and economic issues of the Maryland watermen.

I am proud to announce that our very own **Mr. James M. Douglas** has been selected by the Montgomery County Board of Education to receive a **Twelfth Annual Distinguished Service to Public Education Award** in the category of **MCPS Staff**.

This award was established to recognize and show appreciation to individuals, groups, and organizations that have made exemplary contributions to public education in Montgomery County.

SOCIAL STUDIES – VICTORIA THANOS

In **9th Grade U.S. History**, students are in Unit 2, Technology Transforms American Society. It includes the cause and effects of U.S. transition to an industrial country and with it, growth of cities, waves of immigrants, opening of the West and the end of the Native American's lifestyle.

In **10th Grade National, State and Local Government**, students spent most of October on Unit 2, Participating in the Political Process. Instruction will focus on voting, elections, presidential campaigns, political parties, interest groups, the media, campaign finance, demographics, voting patterns, lobbying, the census and reapportionment.

In **11th Grade Modern World History**, worked on Unit 1 through the end of the marking period and focused on the history of global interaction socially, politically and economically.

In **12th Grade** the parents and students should consult with individual elective teachers for updates and/or check Edline.

SPECIAL EDUCATION – MARIE COLLINS

Transition planning is the process of implementing a coordinated set of activities that is designed to help a student with disabilities reach his/her identified outcomes. **Outcomes** are the post-school activities toward which the student is working. The IEP team may identify more than one outcome for a student. There are seven identified outcomes in the Individualized Education Program:

- Post-secondary Education
- Vocational Training
- Integrated Employment
- Continuing and Adult Education
- Adult Services
- Independent Living
- Community Participation

MCPS Transition Services is pleased to offer **Next Steps Workshops** this school year. This series of workshops is provided to parents and students in an effort to answer any questions they may have regarding postsecondary outcomes. The next workshop will be held November 12 (**Topic: Postsecondary Education**) from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Earle B. Wood Middle School. If you have any questions, contact **Keysha Garner, Transition Support Teacher** at Keysha_R_Garner@mcpsmd.org.

STUDENT SERVICE LEARNING – RUTH MARIN

The SSL Fair during the open house on October 13 was a success! We had 15 organizations in attendance and various other organizations sent flyers of SSL events they were offering.

Many of those organizations that came said that they wanted to come again next year.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN THE PTSA!

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.

If you haven't joined, don't delay! There is still time to become a member of the 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.

You can also get a membership form from in the main office.

THE SHERWOOD PTSA INVITES YOU TO STAY INFORMED!

In your mailbox: **The Shield**
In your inbox: **Sherwood PTSA**
SherwoodWarriorNews
On the web: **www.SherwoodPTSA.org**

Nov./Dec. Calendar

- Nov. 1 SAT
 - Nov. 3 Professional Day – No School
 - Nov. 4 Election Day – No School
 - Nov. 11 Report Card Distribution**
 - Nov. 18 PTSA Meeting 7:15pm Media Center**
 - Nov. 19 "Empty Bowls Dinner" 4:00pm
 - Nov. 21 SGA Blood Drive
 - Nov. 21,22&23 Fall Musical 7:30pm Ertzman
 - Nov. 24&25 RRR#38 Band Aud. 2:15 Band Rm.
 - Nov. 26 Early Release Day–Thanksgiving**
 - Nov. 27&28 Holiday/Thanksgiving-No School**
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- Dec. 1&2 RRR#38 Vocal Aud. 2:15 Choral Rm.
 - Dec. 4 Winter Choral Concert 7:30pm Ertzman
 - Dec. 5 RRR#38 Cast List Posted
 - Dec.11 Winter Instrumental Concert 7:30pm
 - Dec. 16 PTSA Meeting 7:15pm Media Center**
 - Dec. 19 Letter Jacket Orders Due
 - Dec. 24&25 Holiday/Christmas –No School**
 - Dec. 26 – Jan. 2 Winter Break –No School**

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