



# The Shield

Sherwood High School Parent-Teacher-Student Association Newsletter

## Principal's Perspective

by William M. Gregory

The next couple of months will be busy ones for all of us. We are at the beginning of the holiday season and are making plans for the upcoming winter break. Since we are approaching the middle of the marking period, our students and staff are preparing for the end of the semester and the final exams in January. Typically, this is a time of the year that brings much joy to us as we

spend time with family and friends. However, it is also a time that can be quite stressful as we cope with losses and tough times. As we move further into this season, we need to take care of our children and ourselves. Our teachers, counselors, and other school staff are here to provide resources to support you and your children.

I am very excited about the addition of the Promethean Boards in 62 of our classrooms. Although we had four boards at the beginning of the year, the rest of the boards arrived towards the end of October. Teachers greeted the boards with much excitement and a little bit of anxiety. However, with some training and support from one another, teachers are increasing the use of the boards in their instruction. Twila Cavey, one of our media specialists, has written an article about the Promethean Boards (on page 9 of this newsletter). I am excited

about seeing how students will continue to become more engaged in their learning as teachers become more knowledgeable about their use.

Since my last letter, Sherwood received additional information about seniors that were commended by the College Board for their accomplishment on the 2007 PSAT. **Daniel Choquette** and **David Elizondo** received an honorable mention award by the National Hispanic Recognition program. **Shannon Lawrence** and **Ceisl Neita** have been named as Outstanding Participants in the National Achievement Scholarship program because they were in the top four percent of the black Americans that took the PSAT. These students, as well as our National Merit Commended Students and Semifinalist who were mentioned in my last letter, were recognized during a breakfast held

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#### PTSA MEETINGS

**DEC. 16 - 7:15 MEDIA CENTER**

**JAN. 20 - 7:15 MEDIA CENTER**

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*We don't want you to miss out on any news. If you'd like to continue receiving The Shield in your mailbox, do nothing.*

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**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.

## SENIORS:

There is a **TRIP TO SALISBURY UNIVERSITY** for  
**MINORITY STUDENTS**  
Friday, **DECEMBER 5, 2008**

### REQUIREMENTS:

- Minority students with a 2.8 GPA
- Signed Parent Permission Form
- Must Register Early because of space.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- There will be two pick up points in Montgomery County (one north and one south).
- Pick-ups to occur around 7:00 and 7:30 a.m. The buses will return around 5:00 p.m.
- The visit includes a thirty-minute information session, a ninety-minute tour, and complimentary lunch in the "Commons," Salisbury's award winning dining facility.
- Students who attend the bus trip will receive an application fee waiver.

See Mr. Hock in the Career Center for Parent Permission Form & to register.

**Joe Hock, College Career Advisor, Sherwood HS Counseling, 301-924-3219 or 301-924-3210**

# Thomas Edison High School of Technology

12501 Dalewood Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20906  
[www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/edison](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/edison)

## Annual Open House

Thursday, December 4, 2008      5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
(Inclement Weather: Wednesday, December 10, 2008)

Come one, come all – no reservations are required.

## 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.**

All tours are scheduled for  
8:15 – 10:10 a.m. or  
11:20 – 1:15 p.m.  
on the tour date.

Tuesday, December 9, 2008  
Wednesday, December 17, 2008  
Wednesday, January 7, 2009  
Wednesday, January 28, 2009

Wednesday, February 18, 2009  
Wednesday, February 25, 2009  
Wednesday, March 11, 2009  
Wednesday, March 18, 2009

*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*

## Principal's Perspective

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in their honor on November 7.

The first semester ends in January. Make-ups for students who need to take an HSA before the May session will be held from January 12 through January 15. The students needing this assessment and their parents will be notified by our testing coordinator, Mr. Awkard. The review day for the semester exams is January 15. Final exams begin January 16 and run through January 23. Additional information about the final exams is found on page 5 of this newsletter. It is important that students

return from winter break prepared to complete the second marking period and up-to-date with all of their work. The semester will end quickly and we want our students to achieve their highest levels of success.

Winter break begins at the close of school on Tuesday, December 23. Students and staff return on Monday, January 5. As we approach these holidays, I want to wish our students, staff, and families much peace and happiness.

December 2008/January 2009

### 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](mailto:mariecollins@comcast.net).

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

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### Mark Your Calendar!

## Sherwood High School College Readiness Program and Course Registration Fair

**Thursday, January 29, 2009  
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

Sherwood High School is presenting a **College Readiness Program** for all incoming 9th grade through incoming 12th grade parents. It is a great opportunity for parents to better understand the college processes and resources available to help our kids prepare for college.

A general session in the Ertzman Theater will focus on academic goal setting; introduction of the college software program available to all students; and an overview on college expectations from a university representative. The general session will be followed by break-out sessions according to grade that will provide more in-depth overview of information based on the age of your child.

Prior to the College Readiness Program, parents will have the chance to see the variety of course opportunities available at our **Course Registration Fair** in the Auxiliary Gym. Outside the Course Registration Fair vendors from various local companies will offer services you might be interested in regarding SAT/ACT prep; college consulting and tutoring.

**6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

Course Registration Fair (Auxiliary Gym) and  
Vendor Resource Fair (I Wing Hallway)

**7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

General Overview Session (Ertzman Theater) followed by  
Break-Out Sessions by Grade

# 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.

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## Sherwood High School Letter Jacket – Fall Order 2008

**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Graduating Year \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Check payable to Sherwood High School.

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## 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

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## 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.

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# First Semester Exam Schedule

Thurs., Jan. 15, 2009 **REVIEW DAY (regular schedule)**

Fri., Jan. 16, 2009 **Period 1 7:25 - 9:35**  
LUNCH 9:35 - 10:00  
**Period 2 10:00 - 12:10**

Tues., Jan. 20, 2009 **Period 3 7:25 - 9:35**  
LUNCH 9:35 - 10:00  
**Period 4 10:00 - 12:10**

Wed., Jan. 21, 2009 **Period 5 7:25 - 9:35**  
LUNCH 9:35 - 10:00  
**Period 6 10:00 - 12:10**

Thurs., Jan. 22, 2009 **Period 7 7:25 - 9:35**  
LUNCH 9:35 - 10:00  
Make-up and High School Plus Exams

Fri., Jan. 23, 2009 **Make up exams**

Regular classes will not be held during exam week; students may leave school after they complete their exams. Students who remain at school will have a study period in the cafeteria. Buses will run at their regular times; however, an activity bus will be available Friday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. and on Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup> the activity bus will leave at 10:00 a.m. **Students who do not have makeup exams on January 23 do not attend school that day.**

**All makeup exams must be scheduled with the class teacher.**

## EXAM EMERGENCY PLAN FOR SCHOOL DELAY OR NO SCHOOL:

TWO HOUR DELAY: If an emergency delays the opening of school by two hours, we will still have both scheduled exams. The schedule will be as follows:

First Exam	9:25 - 11:35
LUNCH	11:35 - 11:55
Second Exam	12:00 - 2:10

CANCELLATION: If school is cancelled one day during exam week, the missed exams will be made up the next school day and the exam schedule will be shifted accordingly. For example, if school is closed for the period 1 and 2 exams on Friday, those exams will be given the first day back to school. If school is closed for two days or more, the school system will determine a revised schedule, which will be broadcast via radio and television and posted on the school system website.

REVIEW DAY: If school is closed on Review Day, the review will be held the first day back to school and the exam schedule will be adjusted accordingly.

Students need **NOT** be present at school **UNLESS** they have a scheduled exam or culminating activity during an examination period. For example, if a student does not have an exam during the first exam session, he or she may report to school at 10:00 for the second exam session. If a student does not have an exam during the second session, he or she may leave school at 9:35.

## Overview of Sherwood's Academy Model

Based on extensive surveys and interviews with students, staff, and parents, we are designing the academy model that will allow each student to explore a specific area of interest. The goal of the academy model is to provide a rigorous sequence of learning experiences in a specific area that will help students plan for life beyond high school.

Four academies have been proposed: **The Academy of Business and Hospitality, The Academy of Engineering and Technology, The Academy of Science, and The Academy of Communications and Humanities.** For each academy, there are several pathways from which a student can choose. Each pathway provides a sequence of courses that satisfies the MCPS graduation requirements and that focuses on a specific area. For example, within The Academy of Science, a student can focus on Medical Careers or Environmental Science. Each pathway has required courses, a choice among required electives, and a capstone experience. The capstone experience can take many

forms, but all of them require the student to apply what they have learned to some real life experience. Students will not be limited to the courses in the pathway. A student can, for example, still take advanced arts courses even if they are pursuing the Accounting pathway.

We currently have several pathways in place: **The Academy of Hospitality and Tourism, Medical Careers, Global Studies, and Early Childhood.** The academy model will provide a consistent structure and support for these and the other proposed pathways. Others will be instituted over the next two years and students and parents will hear more specifics along the way.

It is very exciting to create an instructional program that exposes students to the myriad possibilities beyond the school house doors.

Submitted by **Dr. Renee M. Brimfield, Assistant Principal**

# 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](http://www.buyayearbook.com)
- phone – 1.888.298.5063
- mail – order form (arrives by mail at residence)

#1 Go to [www.buyayearbook.com](http://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](mailto:sherwoodyearbook@yahoo.com)

## News from the Counseling Services Department

Our freshmen students met with the Counseling Services Department in October to discuss their entry into high school. The goal was to help students understand the differences between middle and high school and to help each student make the most of their time at Sherwood High School.

The students started in the College/Career Center where they received from Mr. Hock, the College/Career Advisor, an overview of the many resources available. He also discussed the expectations that colleges have for applicants and the use of Family Connections as a tool for self exploration and information about colleges. Next, the students met with our secretaries,

Mrs. Linthicum and Mrs. Behrendt, who explained how they make appointments to see the counselors. Finally, the students went to meet with their counselors who gave each student a red folder of information about high school and preparing for college. Our goal was for the students to have an understanding of:

- What do Counselors do?
- What information is on the report card?
- What information is on a transcript? How do you read a transcript?
- What are the basic graduation requirements?

- What are the extra-curricular activities available?
- How do I start my resume/activity sheet?
- How can I make the most my time as a Sherwood Warrior?

We encourage parents of freshman to discuss the information with their students. If you have any questions, please contact your student's counselor. This is a wonderful freshmen class and we enjoyed meeting them.

Submitted by **Constance Lee**,  
**Director of Counseling Services**  
**(301) 924-3210.**

## Science National Honor Society News

The Sherwood High School chapter of the Science National Honor Society would like to introduce our officers for the 2008-2009 school year:

President: **Yasamin Abbaszadeh**  
Vice President: **Kenny Rosenberg**  
Secretary: **Ceisl Ash Neita**  
Treasurer: **Jake Dinerman**

We would also like to congratulate our returning members for their continued hard work and achievement:

**Yasamin Abbaszadeh, Will Bataller, Nancy Chen, Daniel Choquette, Shivali Choxi, Kyu "Jin" Chung, Ryan Clarke, Elizabeth Collins, Lauren Davis, Jacob Dickson, Jacob Dinerman, Ethan Dubin, Matt Florian, Jessica Godbout, Molly Grossman, Christopher Hawkins, Ben Hill-Lam, Lauren Honig, Hyeon Kim, James Koo, Michael Lin, Brittany Mills, Judy Nam, Ceisl Neita, Cecilia O'Brien, Todd O'Brien, Laura Plitman, Brandi Porter, Kenneth Rosenburg, Joshua St. Pierre, and Daniel Weingart.**

And welcome our newest members.  
Congratulations!

**Tanya Abhraham, Johnny Anadale, Alyssa Backlund, Jill Badin, Kaitlin**

**Berry, Thomas Blackmon, Lara Carter, Ian Chan, Matt Chiogioji, Maria Correa, Nicole Damato, Janetta Deppa, Alex Eftimrades, Melanie Fajardo, Nima Farshchi, Allyson Freedman, Christopher Freedman, Sheena Frey, Kara Godbout, Alex Goniprow, Alexandra Gurton, Scott Hoffer, Jessica Karp, Manpreet Khural, Melanie Kim, Rachel Kim, Shannon Kindred, Andy Klein, Victoria Knorr, Katie Koren, Johnny Krisch, Shannon Lawrence, Allison Lederer, Kenneth Lee, Sang Justin Lee, Shannon Lee, Jessica Levy, Josh Lowry, Brittany Mills, Joyce Nam, Elaine Nghiem, Cecilia O'Brien, Azeezat Olatunde, Kiran Patel, Susan Peters, Shayna Popkin, Sarah Sadler, Carey Schwartz, Laura Schneider, Kelly Stout, Kevin Takiar, Meghan Thorndike, Laura Weber, Jessica Wire, Devon Witzck, Emily Witt, and Kathleen Wortmann.**

Members of the Science National Honor society:

- have the recommendation of a science teacher
- have earned a 3.7 cumulative GPA (or 4.0 weighted GPA),

- completed a minimum of two of the following courses: honors physics, honors chemistry, honors biology (many have completed much more)
- are currently enrolled in AP Biology, AP Physics, AP Chemistry, AP Environmental, Medical Careers, Molecular Biology, or Anatomy and Physiology and maintain a B+ average in that course

The science national honor society is dedicated to recognizing the achievement of students in the sciences, providing service to other students in the science (tutoring), and exploring the career possibilities for those students interested in pursuing careers in science. If you are interested in being a guest lunchtime speaker please contact:

**Gina Martin**  
(Gina\_L\_Martin@mcpsmd.org) or  
**Britani Sartwell**  
(Britani\_A\_Sartwell@mcpsmd.org)

# Student Service Learning (SSL) Tips

*Give a little time...make a big difference*

*Students explore careers through high-quality service learning.*

- The Friday before first semester exams begin is the deadline for turning in documentation to the SSL coordinator for service performed during the first semester.
- SSL that results in **direct action** with recipients includes activities such as serving food at a soup kitchen, tutoring a child in reading or math, and playing the piano for residents of a hospital.
- Consider qualifying for MCPS SSL award programs: Superintendent's SSL Awards or the Certificate of Meritorious Service for high school seniors who have documented 260 or more hours of SSL.
- Students may earn 1 service-learning hour for every hour of service outside of their instructional day.
- Civic engagement and political participation are key goals of SSL. Get involved in service-learning activities at school and in the community where effective citizenship can be practiced.

*High quality student service learning promotes effective citizenship.*

- Make a resolution to address real community need through involvement with pre-approved organizations and opportunities.
- Service learning activities may involve **advocacy action**. Advocacy activities may include letter writing, public presentations, and involvement in community events to promote one's views on issues of interest. Advocacy action, like all other SSL actions must be supervised by representatives from nonprofit, tax exempt organizations.
- All activities for which SSL hours are awarded must be secular (non-religious) in nature. Service-learning activities sponsored by religious organizations must address real need beyond their membership in the broader community.
- SSL requires preparation, action and reflection phases...it's all about service and learning.
- All SSL activities must be documented using MCPS Form 560-51, *Student Service Learning Activity Verification*. Follow the timelines!!!

## News and Notes

**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.

**SENIORS, SUBMIT YOUR "BEYOND SHERWOOD" INFORMATION!** If you would like to share information about college acceptances or other pursuits after graduation from Sherwood, please contact **Janette Russell** at **denjayruss@verizon.net** or (301) 570-8196. Information submitted will be printed in a future issue of *The Shield*.

**"MCPS SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY AT A GLANCE"** is a new report that provides, in a single document, information about the reporting of incidents related to school safety and security including school climate, local school safety program descriptions, and serious incidents. The information is presented for each school with summaries for the county and by level (elementary, middle, high, and special schools). This report is available in our media center or online at: <http://montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/regulatoryaccountability/SafetyGlance>.

## SSL Reminder:

The Montgomery County Volunteer Center works in partnership with Montgomery County Public Schools to maintain the database of organizations and opportunities that have been pre-approved by MCPS for SSL hours. For more information on Student Service Learning go to the MCPS website, or speak with the SSL coordinator at any middle or high school. Go to:

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgtmpl.asp?url=/content/volunteer/SSL.asp> to see a list of 'Opportunities by Interest,' 'Opportunities by Location' or 'All Organizations.' You can also view a calendar of upcoming volunteer/SSL events.

To get specific information about SSL policies, procedures, forms, etc., visit:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/ssl/>.

**Holiday SSL Opportunities:** To find SSL opportunities this holiday season, go to <http://www.1-800-volunteer.org/1800Vol/montgomery-county/vcindex.do> and type "holiday request" in the search field.

# About Weather Decisions

## How is the decision made to close schools during bad weather?

Information about the weather is gathered from many sources, including the National Weather Service, AccuWeather, the news media and by actual inspection of roads, school driveways, and sidewalks, through the county. Information about these various sources is factored into the decision. Weather, unlike a power outage or water main break, is not confined to a single area and can spread to different parts of the county. Therefore, the most severe weather conditions within the county are used as the basis for the decision-making criteria. A uniform procedure to close all schools is maintained so that the school system can respond quickly to emergency weather conditions and protect the safety and well being of students and staff.

## The weather may be bad elsewhere in the county, but fine where I live. Why aren't the nearby schools in our zone open?

The decision to close schools because of weather is always for the entire system. MCPS buses transport 96,000 students every day, and of these, 16,000 students are transported to schools beyond their home school attendance area. To close by cluster or zone would mean students living in a less affected area might be unable to attend their school and vice-versa. This creates unequal access to the instructional programs and making sure each student receives 180 state required days of school becomes difficult. School must be accessible for all students to be given the ability to participate in instructional programs. It is illegal to deny transportation to special education students living in a closed zone to their school in an open zone.

## How do I find out that the schools are closed/closing?

School closing announcements are made on:

- The MCPS web site home page: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org>

- Cable channel 34
- The weather line, 301-279-3673
- [QuickNotes](#) email news service

Students and parents can also access information on local television and radio stations.

For early morning decisions, road inspection begins at 3:00 a.m. so that a decision can be forwarded to media in time for the 5:00 a.m. broadcasts. The decision will also be available online by 5:00 a.m. In case of an early dismissal, all announcements will be made by 11:00 a.m.

## What about after-school and/or weekend activities?

After school activity cancellations will be announced in the same manner as regular school closings. The county's Interagency Coordinating Board for the use of public facilities makes weekend closing decisions. They can be contacted at 240-777-2706.

# Promethean Board Promise

By Twila Cavey, Media Specialist

Has your child come home from school exhilarated about learning? Has he or she mentioned how much fun is happening in the classroom (and, yes, learning as well – boredom gone)? Well, this is why! Our school is part of a huge grant that is providing 70% of our classrooms with Promethean Boards. Promethean Boards are interactive whiteboards that hook up to the classroom computer. They have speakers, and teachers and students can write on the board with a special pen through interactive software.

The Promethean software has a massive amount of special features that our teachers will be learning to use during several training sessions over this school year. The real power of this technology is seeing and hearing students and teachers talking about their Promethean lessons. One teacher said it makes him rethink how he teaches every

day! Other teachers are being motivated by their students to experiment with the Board before they've had formal training because their students are asking them to use this terrific tool. Students love getting an opportunity to really participate in their learning and then use the same teaching tool when presenting their ideas to the class.

The Promethean Boards also come with a slate and egg-shaped devices that allow even more participation. The slate can be passed around the room and what is written on the slate is seen by all on the main Promethean Board. The egg-shaped devices, called Activotes allow students to respond to questions. After the responses are received the software generates an immediate graph to show how many students responded correctly, etc. Powerful! Not only that, but think about learning styles. Students who may

not be comfortable raising their hand to respond get to respond anonymously through the Activotes. Others need that affirmation of their teacher and classmates and can now go up to the Board to share their expertise. The Promethean Board is helping auditory, visual and hands-on learners grasp concepts and build on them.

Okay, your child didn't mention this revolution to you? Ask some questions, you may actually get more of a response than, "Nothin'," or "Boooooorrring!" Your child will be able to tell you which classes have Promethean Boards and how they have been used. Chances are your child has either had an Activote in his/her hand or been to the Board and used the special pen to write, underline, do a math problem or brainstorm! Blackboards be gone – chalk dust – you are history! Promethean is here to stay.

# Sherwood High School After Prom Event

The Sherwood High School PTSA is once again sponsoring the After Prom Event. It will be held on **Sunday morning, May 3rd, 2009 from 1:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m.**, at Longwood Recreation Center, immediately following the prom. It is open to all SHS juniors and seniors, free of charge, regardless of whether they attend prom. Dates who attend the prom are also invited. This year's plans include the ever-popular casino set up (blackjack and roulette), inflatable obstacle course, caricaturists, tattoo parlor, dance dance revolution, great food, photo key chains, bingo and room for improvement! We're looking for some new ideas. We are proud to host this alcohol/drug free event to honor our students' accomplishments and to provide them with a safe and fun environment for that critical time when prom is over. Last year we hosted 582 students.

The PTSA conducted a direct appeal fundraising effort during its membership drive on behalf of After Prom and other PTSA sponsored activities. Unfortunately, we still have a long way to go in order

to provide a quality event. This event costs between \$13,000 and \$14,000. Our budget is in line with other public and private schools in the county. In many instances those schools charge admission in addition to their fundraising activities. We maintain a policy of not doing that so that all may attend. The After Prom is made possible by the generosity of our parents/guardians, community activists, religious organizations, grants and local merchants. We are asking you to reach deep down into your hearts and pockets and make a contribution to this worthy event and to support our fundraising efforts. It is our goal to offer a quality event that is so enticing our students will attend in great numbers. Your financial support provides entertainment, food and prizes that not only attract the students to the event, but also helps keep them away from potentially dangerous situations. It behooves all of us in the community to support this endeavor for our children, our friends' children and our future.

Sherwood was one of the first

Montgomery County High Schools to sponsor an After Prom event. We are grateful that none of our students have been involved in an alcohol/drug related death on prom night. Please help keep our students safe and not a prom night statistic. On behalf of SHS students and their families, thank you in advance for your support. Your tax-deductible donation will be acknowledged in *The Shield*. We will be happy to furnish a personal letter upon request. Send your check made payable to Sherwood High School PTSA and to the address below. If you have any questions, please call or email **RhondaMolleur** at **301-260-7842** or **afmolleur@aol.com**.

Please attend an informational meeting on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at my home to discuss the planning of this event.

**Rhonda Molleur**  
**SHS After Prom Chairperson**  
**4205 Morningwood Drive,**  
**Olney, Maryland 20832**

## 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:

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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**

# Sherwood Music Department News

The Sherwood Music Department Tri-M Music Honor Society at Sherwood High School will recognize 58 new members at the Winter Choral and Instrument Concerts. The chapter officers will be **Laura Weber, Shannon Lawrence,** and **Molly Grossman.** Faculty sponsors will be Marsha Barnes and Bill Evans.

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The Sherwood High School Jazz Choir and Chamber Singers will present a joint concert on Tuesday February 3, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Ertzman Theater with the visiting 82 voice Princeton High School Concert Choir, Princeton New Jersey. This concert will be part of Princeton's Tour of Washington D.C., Maryland, and Delaware. Sherwood Music Department parents will be asked to host a choral student for one night during the choir's visit. If you are interested in hosting a student please contact **Bill Evans** or **Kari Heinbuch 301-924-3246.**

## The Princeton High School Choir

One of the most selective activities at Princeton High School is the Princeton High School Choir. Founded in 1944, the Choir is nationally and internationally known as one of the top high school choirs in the world. The Choir is composed of between sixty to eighty students every year, with auditions conducted every spring. The Choir tours internationally (and occasionally nationally) once every two years. A tour to Washington D.C. with concerts including a performance at the National Cathedral, are planned for the spring of 2009.

The Choir performs its annual winter concert in the Chapel of Princeton University. Since its humble beginnings, the Winter Concert has become one of the prides of the high school and an important community event; the Chapel is generally packed to capacity with over 1,200 attendees.

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The Sherwood Music Department has recently performed several concerts for the community including the Sherwood Jazz combo performed at the Ross Boddy community center to help raise money for

their Empty Bowls event to help the community during Thanksgiving. They also performed in Rockville for a honors gala at the VisArts Center in Rockville Town Center. Sherwood Chamber Singers performed at the Maryland Emancipation Day Celebration, November 1, at the Oakley Cabin in Brookeville as well as a full concert at the Friends Retirement Community.

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**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following students who were chosen:

Jr. All-County Jazz Band:  
**Caroline McCue,** trumpet  
**Matt Na,** trombone

Jr. All-County Band:  
**Caroline McCue,** trumpet  
**Louis Levine,** trumpet  
**Matt Na,** trombone  
**Benjamin Ames,** tuba

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**THANK YOU** to the following families for their donations to the Sherwood Music Boosters:

### Donors

The Aiken Family  
Carstens/Summer Family  
Betsy and Alan Marcus

### Sponsors

Barry & Vanesa Fuss

### Patrons

The Dinerman Family  
The Harris Family  
Rona Loiederman  
The Musser Family  
Christine Pendleton

### Corporate Sponsors

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Sherwood Music Department's 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 we ask you to please consider making a contribution to the Patron program. You can find the Music Booster Patron Form on page 10 of this issue of *The Shield*. 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 news- letter and in concert programs. If you have any questions or are interested in helping, please call **Anne-Marie Pirrone at 301-924-5207.**

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## SHERWOOD HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC CALENDAR

- 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 (7 a.m. – 6 p.m.)
- Feb. 2 Chamber Music Recital (Room E 150 soloists and small groups)
- Feb. 3 Princeton High/SHS Choral Concert
- Mar. 6, 7, 8 Rock & Roll Revival #38
- Mar. 10 PTSA RRR #38 Matinee
- Mar. 13, 14, 15 Rock & Roll Revival

\*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.



# Rock and Roll Revival #38 Information

## ROCK 'N' ROLL REVIVAL #38 CALENDAR

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](http://www.sherwoodhs.org) (click on "News") OR send your name, phone numbers (day and evening and cell), number of tickets (limit of 24 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.**

## SET CONSTRUCTION

Any adults interested in working on the Rock 'n' Roll set may contact Gene Orndorff at [geneo36@verizon.net](mailto: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. **SEE PATRON MESSAGE ORDER FORM ON PAGE 13.**

To place an ad or for information regarding advertising in the program contact:  
**Suzanne Regnault** at [stregnault@gmail.com](mailto:stregnault@gmail.com)  
**Bill Evans** at 301-924-3246  
**Gene Orndorff** at 301-924-3222

## 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.

## College Financial Aid Night January 15, 2009 7:00 p.m. In the Sherwood H.S. Cafeteria

A financial aid workshop is being offered at Sherwood on January 15, 2009. The workshop is open to any parents and students who wish to attend, but is targeted toward graduating seniors and their parents. During the workshop, information will be available about grants, loans, scholarships and work-study programs that are available to help pay for college.

# ROCK 'N' ROLL #38 TICKETS ORDER FORM

Please mail in your ticket request and payment for the scheduled performances to:  
Rock 'n' Roll Tickets, Sherwood H.S., 300 Olney-Sandy Spring Rd., Sandy Spring, MD 20860

Enclose a **self-addressed stamped envelope** with your order.

There is a limit of **24 tickets per order**.

Ticket orders should be **postmarked no earlier than Friday, February 1, 2008**.

Failure to adhere to ticket order guidelines could result in the order not being filled.

**Fill out the form below with your order.** We will make every effort to fill your request; but, we cannot guarantee that large groups will be seated together.

**Please indicate your first, second, and third choices for performances.**

Be sure to order what you want. There are no refunds or exchanges.

All sales are final.

**Checks should be made payable to Sherwood HS. All tickets cost \$15.**



NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

**FRIDAY, MARCH 6- 7:30 PM**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 13 - 7:30 PM**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7 - 7:30 PM**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14 - 7:30 PM**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8- 2:00 PM**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 15 - 2:00 PM**

**FIRST CHOICE**

I'd like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ seats @ \$15 ea. for March \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

I'd like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ seats @ \$15 ea. for March \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

**SECOND CHOICE**

I'd like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ seats @ \$15 ea. for March \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

I'd like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ seats @ \$15 ea. for March \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

**THIRD CHOICE**

I'd like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ seats @ \$15 ea. for March \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

I'd like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ seats @ \$15 ea. for March \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL # \_\_\_\_\_ TICKETS                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT DUE**

# Rave Review Nomination Form

Dear Sherwood Parents,

The Renaissance committee is continuing the program called the *Rave Review*. This is an opportunity for you to give praise to a teacher or a staff member for going above and beyond the call of duty. If you would like to take time and give your student's teacher or staff member an extra thank you for a job well done, please complete the *Rave Review* form below. Extra forms are located in the office (feel free to make extra copies). Once the form has been completed and returned to the Renaissance Box in the main office, the teacher/staff member will receive a certificate and gift thanking them for giving extra of themselves to your student. This is one of the greatest honors a teacher/staff member can receive at the monthly staff meeting. Thank you for all that you do to make Sherwood a great place for staff and students!

Sincerely,  
The Renaissance Committee

**Please complete the following form in order to award the teacher of your choice the Rave Review Award.**

Name of Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Subject \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for nominating this person (Please write a short paragraph describing why you are nominating this teacher for the Rave Review award.)

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**Dec./Jan. Calendar**

Please see the complete **Rock 'n' Roll calendar** on page 13 and the **First Semester Exam Schedule** on page 5.

- 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. 8 RRR#38 Dance Workshop 2:15 Ertzman
- Dec. 9 RRR#38 Dance Aud. 2:15 Ertzman
- Dec. 11 After Prom Informational Mtg. 7pm
- 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**

- Jan. 5 RRR#38 All Cast and Crew rehearsal
- Jan. 15 – 23 First Semester Exams**
- Jan. 15 College Financial Aid Night 7pm Cafeteria
- Jan. 19 Holiday /Martin Luther King, Jr.–No School**
- Jan. 20 PTSA Meeting 7:15pm Media Center**
- Jan. 23 End of Marking Period
- Jan. 26 No School-Professional Day for Teachers**
- Jan. 29 Course Registration Fair 6-7pm Aux Gym
- College Readiness Program 7pm Ertzman

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