



The Shield

Sherwood High School Parent-Teacher-Student Association Newsletter

A Message From the PTSA President

by Sharon St. Pierre

The New Year has me reflecting on some of the wonderful things the PTSA has been able to do since the school year started. We had our first “Chat and Chew with the Principal” in October to discuss college preparedness at all grade levels. The PTSA has been substantially involved with several incredible programs including January’s College Resource Fair and College Readiness Program; Teen Driving program on March 9th and a Teen Drinking program in April. We collaborated with the Athletics Department and Warrior Club to have a canned food drive. These are just some of our contributions to the school and community. The reason for my reflection is my sense of foreboding for the future. Our revenues are down significantly and it now looks like the

PTSA will need to re-evaluate our programs and services and make cuts or possibly eliminate some of them. This could most likely mean less money for us to support wonderful student activities and events; less for staff appreciation; and less for The Shield newsletter and its monthly mailing to all families.

We have such wonderful volunteers who devote endless hours to continue to support our parents, students and staff in so many different ways. Yet, without adequate funding, we do have limits to what we can do and who we can fund. This is current reality that the Sherwood High School PTSA faces. If you support the PTSA and believe that we do make a difference in our school, then I ask that you sign up today to become a

member of our organization. It’s easy to become a member, just go to www.SherwoodPTSA.org You can even pay online. Or you can contact me and I would be happy to get a membership form out to you. I’m not a person that is good at asking people for help, but I am doing so because I believe very strongly in our PTSA and its purpose and relevancy at Sherwood High School. If already a member, then I ask that you consider a donation to After Prom which truly needs your support. Your contribution will help our kids celebrate the evening in a fun, safe drug and alcohol free environment. You can mail your check to: SHS PTSA, 300 Olney-Sandy Spring Rd, Sandy Spring MD 20860.

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PTSA MEETING

FEB. 17 - 7:15 MEDIA CENTER

Sherwood 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 1:00-5:00 a.m. at Longwood Recreation Center, immediately following the prom. It is open to all juniors and seniors, free of charge, regardless of whether they attend prom. We are proud to host this alcohol/drug free event to honor our students’ accomplishments and to provide them with a safe haven for that critical time when the prom is over. Last year we hosted 582 students.

The After Prom Event 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

to 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 keeps them there and away from potentially dangerous situations. Gift certificates/merchandise will gladly be accepted as well since prizes are given out throughout the evening. It behooves all of us in this community to support this endeavor for our future citizens.

Sherwood was one of the first Montgomery County High Schools to sponsor an After Prom Event. We are

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Sherwood High School PARENT VOLUNTEER AWARD 2008-2009

Sherwood High School would like to formally recognize our parent volunteers for their time and outstanding contributions to our school. We present our first annual **Sherwood High School Parent Volunteer Award**. This award honors parents who have truly made a difference and gave freely of their time all while keeping the best interests of Sherwood in mind.

Please take a moment to nominate a Sherwood Parent Volunteer or nominate yourself by completing the form below. If you would like to complete additional nominations, forms are available in the Main Office or on the Sherwood PTSA website www.SherwoodPTSA.org. We know and appreciate the important work that volunteers do for our school community and wish to recognize their commitment and dedication to Sherwood High School.

Please turn in all nomination forms by APRIL 17, 2009.

Nominated Volunteer Name: _____

Nominated Volunteer's Accomplishments or Achievements (see ideas below)
(Please use back of nomination form or attach a separate piece of paper)

Nominated By: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

There are many ways that parents contribute to our school: helping staff at the school or working with students; working with the PTSA on events, programs or committees; chaperoning school trips or events; volunteering to help out our sports teams and athletes; raising money for programs that benefit our students; and many others. We want to hear from you how a volunteer has helped out Sherwood High School and what makes them so special and unique within our Sherwood community.

***Winners will receive their plaques at Sherwood's Awards Night on May 26th
and will be invited to attend a celebratory reception beforehand.***

Please mail your nomination forms to:

Sherwood High School
Parent Volunteer Award
Attn: Mr. Daric Jackson
300 Olney-Sandy Spring Road
Sandy Spring, MD 20860

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

After Prom Event

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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 Sherwood students and families, thank you in advance for your support of this much anticipated and worthwhile event. Your tax-deductible donation will be acknowledged by letter and published in the Sherwood PTSA newsletter. Checks may be made payable to Sherwood High

School PTSA and sent to the address below. In the event you wish to donate gift certificates/merchandise, please contact me to make arrangements for pick-up. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 301-260-7842.

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

February 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.

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

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PTSA Scholarship Information

The PTSA Scholarship applications are available for seniors planning to further their education.

Applications are available from the Main Office, Career Center, 12th Grade English Classes and the SHS and PTSA Websites.

Completed Scholarship Applications are due by March 17, 2009.

Return completed application with letters of recommendation to Mrs. B.J. Mills in the Main Office.

Request a transcript from Mrs. Hernandez, Registrar.

Mrs. Hernandez will give the transcript to Mrs. Mills.

Questions? call Mrs. Mills at 301-924-3200.

Students must submit a PTSA Scholarship Application to be considered for one of the following scholarships. Only one application is needed to be considered for all listed scholarships.

Memorial Scholarships:

Kristen Repass
Carolyn Barnsley Pemberton
Olney Boys and Girls Club-Martha Bennett
Justin Liekweg
Frederick H. (Tank) Schultze

Special Interest Scholarships:

American Legion Post #68
Spring Community Scholarship
Sandy Spring Lions Club
Tanterra HOA – Jesse Horseman
Olney Lions Club
Olney Kiwanis
Sandy Spring Bank
Regional Rehab at Olney
MGH Medical Staff
Rosa Parks Middle School PTSA
Warrior Club
PTSA General Scholarships*

Detailed scholarship information including the application process, requirements, and value of each scholarship is available from the SHS home page: www.sherwoodhs.org

*Twenty-two \$500 PTSA scholarships were awarded to seniors in the Class of 2008.

SHERWOOD HS - WINTER LETTER JACKET ORDER FORM

Order your letter jacket NOW from the Sherwood Science Department

\$189 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 : March 20, 2009

Delivery in: May 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 Fair.

Sherwood High School Letter Jacket – Winter Order 2009

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)

09 10 11 12

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

Deadline – March 20, 2009

Sherwood High School Letter Jacket Numerals – Winter Order 2009

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.

Juniors & Seniors: Teen Driving Program Poster Contest

Earn SSL Hours and Win Great Prizes!

Sherwood High School is having a poster contest for juniors and seniors conveying the message about consequences and dangers of driving. By participating in this poster contest and attending the Teen Driving Program on March 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Ertzman Theater, you could earn 3 SSL hours. There will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prize winners awarded for each category listed below and the winners will be announced at the Teen Driving program. **You can win some great prizes including: Prom Tickets; Parking Permits; and Gift Certificates!** Contest deadline is February 20, 2009. All posters can be turned into Mr. Douglas' room, B212.

Categories for Teen Driving Poster Contest:

1. **Passenger Advocacy** (what to do when you feel unsafe getting into a car)

2. **Distractions** (texting; cell phones; friends; radio etc)
3. **Speed and Invincibility**

All categories will be judged on the following criteria:

- Message Effectiveness
- Promotion of Teen Driving Program on March 9th at 7:00 p.m. in Ertzman Theater
- Catchiest Slogan
- Creativity
- Neatness
- Poster Size (approximately 28" x 22" std. poster board)

Flyers listing all the above information can be found in the Main Office or go online to the PTSA website at www.SherwoodPTSA.org. Start working on your poster today!

Mark Your Calendar: Sherwood HS Teen Driving Program

March 9, 7:00 p.m.

Sherwood is hosting an important and informational program on Teen Driving on March 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Ertzman Theater and both parents and students are encouraged to attend. We will be showing a powerful video called "Branded DUI" which shows the realistic consequences of drinking and driving through the eyes of Maryland teenagers who recount their arrest, time in jail, and the impact it had on their lives. Following the video will be a panel discussion including a police officer; owner of driver's education company and

insurance agent. They will talk about the implications of having young drivers on your insurance policy and what infractions cost; need for good driver's education training and consequences on the road; and what police officers are looking for when teenagers are driving. After the panel discussion there will be opportunity for you to ask questions. Juniors and Seniors who participate in the Teen Driving Program Poster Contest (see article in The Shield) **and** attend this program will be able to earn 3 SSL hours. It's a program that you won't want to miss!

Sherwood HS PTSA CyberSafety Program on February 17

Would you allow your child to roam the streets of Washington, D.C. without any instructions, guidelines or resources? Well, allowing our kids free rein on the Internet without any guidance or support can be just as dangerous.

Out on the "streets" of the World Wide Web are perils that we as parents need to know about so we can educate our kids and be a resource for them in times of need. Kids can be the victims of "flaming" (having rude and/or vulgar messages sent to you); "harassment" (someone repeatedly trying to contact you); "masquerading" (having someone pretend to be someone else and posting false information or placing another in danger); and other forms of bullying and abuse. Kids can also be lured by a friendly stranger to give out their personal information or be persuaded to meet that person face-to face.

Help and resources are available for parents to help keep our kids safe online. We need to make sure we are aware of the dangers, have access to the parental control tools, and learn a new language (that of email and chat acronyms). All of this will be covered in our CyberSafety program.

The PTSA encourages you not to miss out on this important presentation on Tuesday, February 17th at 7:15 pm in the Media Center. SYL (See You Later).

NOMINATING COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The PTSA is looking for four (4) volunteers for the nominating committee for the 2009-2010 PTSA Executive Board Officers. If you want to get more involved with the PTSA and need to do it from home during evening hours, this is the PTSA position for you! The nominating committee will begin work in March and end in early May. The committee will collect nomination forms, contact interested parents and current officers for recommendations. If you are interested in the PTSA nominating committee, please contact: **Robin McCue** at **301-279-3144(w)** or **301-774-6222(h)** or email robin_t_mccue@mcpssmd.org

TCCI/Family Connections

It's never too early to think about your future!

<http://connection.naviance.com/sherwood>

OR

1. connect to www.sherwoodhs.org
2. Click on Career Center
3. Click on TCCI/Family Connections

User Name: Email Address

Password: Student ID#

Family Connections from Naviance

- Offers a comprehensive Website that can be used to help make decisions about colleges and careers,
- Is linked to Workspace 12 which is linked to the career center so we can track and analyze data about college and career plans,
- Provides up-to-date information specific to Sherwood High School.

Keep Track of the process

- Build Resumes
- Complete on-line surveys
- Manage time lines and deadlines for making decisions about colleges and careers

Research Colleges

- Compare GPA, SAT scores, and other statistics to historical data from our school for students who have applied and been admitted in the past

Sign Up for College Visits

- Find out what colleges are visiting our school and sign up to attend those sessions

Do What You Are[®]

- Self Discovery Personality Type Assessment

Career Interest Profiler

- A tool that can help you discover what types of work activities and careers that match your interests.

For more information please contact: Joe Hock 301-924-3219
College Career Coordinator
Sherwood High School
Joeseph_r_hock_jr@mcpsmd.org

Music Department News

Congratulations to freshmen **Rachel Berman** and **Salome Kapepula** for being accepted into the Montgomery County Honors Chorus.

Congratulations to the following students who made the Maryland State Honors Band: **Caroline McCue**, **Louis Levine**, and **Matt Na**.

Congratulations to the following students who made All-County Senior Band: **Azeezat Olatunde**, clarinet; **Chris Hawkins**, baritone.

Sherwood's Jazz Ensemble and Show Choir visited and performed for Belmont and Greenwood Elementary Schools on January 29, 2009.

Sherwood's Music Department presented student performers in a Chamber Music Recital on Monday, February 2nd. Performers included singers **Lindsey Sapp**, **Simone Brown**, **David DeMoya**, **Scott Hoffer**, **Rachel Blaustein**, **Brandi Porter**, **Colin Vale**,

Alex Goniprow, **Justin Park**, **Danni Tucci**, and **Jacob Dinerman**; and instrumentalists **Tiffany Kang**, **Jeremy Parel**, **Gracie Clements**, **Louis Levine**, **Caroline McCue**, **Molly Grossman**, **Greg Szwarcman**, **Patricia Perez**, **Ben Ames**, **Jill Badin**, **Ryan Clarke**, and the Sherwood Sax Quartet.

Sherwood Music Department and Princeton High School from Princeton, New Jersey, presented a joint concert on Tuesday, February 3rd in Sherwood's Ertzman Theater. The concert featured three choirs: Sherwood Jazz Choir, Sherwood Chamber Singers and the Princeton New Jersey High School Choir of 72 students. Sherwood families hosted students and provided dinner for the Princeton Choir before the concert. We had a great time collaborating with the Princeton student musicians. Thanks to all the families who provided assistance and for your continued support!

News from the Counseling Services Department

The Counseling Services Department met with the sophomores in December to investigate student interests and how interests are related to career choices and course selections. Counselors wanted student to ask themselves these important questions:

- "What do I enjoy doing?"
- "What careers might match my interests and skills?"
- "What courses might be connected with my interests?"

Each 10th grader logged into Family Connections which is a comprehensive website that offers information that can be used to make decisions about careers and colleges. The students completed a Personality Type Assessment which is part of the Family Connections program.

The assessment identified characteristics of their personality and provided a list of careers and college majors which matched the personality. The students were asked to consider the information

and suggested careers as they planned for coursed in high school.

The students were given materials in a green folder which they were to take home and share with their parents. The information included:

- Countdown to Graduation – a check list of steps student should be taking as they make their college/career plans
- List of Websites – where there is more information about colleges and financial aid.
- Family Connections information sheet– Log-in information to help families use the site at home. (Please see page 6 in this issue of *The Shield*.)

It was a pleasure to see the enthusiasm the students had for exploring their interests. Please contact your student's counselor if you have questions.

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.

In Case of Emergency...

In December, we saw the school system close early due to a water main break. Last year, we saw Sherwood high School close twice because of power failures. While most of the closings are weather related, we have seen there are times that closures are due to other reasons. At times like these, it is important that we are able to reach you and your families to make you aware of what is going on. The school makes you aware by ConnectEd messages and through the PTSA listserv.

We ask for your help in keeping your contact information up-to-date and include additional contact information in case we cannot reach you. Families should also have a plan for emergency related dismissal that includes where the student will go if a parent cannot be home for dismissal. By working together, we will help students during these times of need.

Nomination Form

Sherwood High School PTSA

2009 – 2010 Executive Board

Nominations are being sought for the 2009–2010 PTSA Executive Board. Elections for the 2009–2010 PTSA Executive Board will be held at the May 19th PTSA Meeting. The deadline for the nomination form is April 27th but nominations from the floor are allowed at the May 19th PTSA Meeting.

Listed below is a short view of each officer’s duties. For more information, please contact Robin McCue.

President: shall preside at all meetings and coordinate the work of officers and committees.

First Vice President: shall act as an aide to the president and shall in their designated order perform the duties of the president in the absence or inability of that officer to serve.

Fourth Vice President: shall oversee nominating committee and shall assist president and first vice president and shall perform other duties as assigned.

Recording Secretary: shall record the minutes of all meetings of the PTSA meetings.

Treasurer: shall prepare budget, maintain checkbook and prepare financial reports.

Corresponding Secretary: shall pick up mail and PTSA correspondence and shall act as recording secretary’s backup and shall perform other duties as assigned.

Delegates: shall attend monthly meetings at MCCPS, report back to PTSA about issues which need to be voted and reported back to MCCPS.

PLEASE SUBMIT NOMINATION VIA MAIL, TELEPHONE OR E-MAIL to:

Robin McCue
18300 Darnell Drive
Olney, Maryland 20832
301-774-6222 or e-mail: robin_t_mccue@mcpsmd.org

Please note that nominee phone numbers are needed so that candidates may be interviewed and given more information about the positions.

President		Phone #:	
First Vice President		Phone #:	
Fourth Vice President		Phone #:	
Treasurer		Phone #:	
Recording Secretary		Phone #:	
Corresponding Secretary		Phone #:	
Delegate		Phone #:	
Delegate		Phone #:	

PTSA School Liaison Reports

ART – Libby Lamancusa

The **National Art Honor Society** raised more than \$800 through the Empty Bowls Charity Event; the money will be donated to America's Second Harvest.

CAREER / TECH ED – Bart Popeck

Introduction to Engineering Design

Students are currently learning 3D parametric Computer Aided Design using Autodesk Inventor. Students are designing unique solutions to engineering challenges and creating their designs in the CAD software. Future projects include advanced modeling in CAD, reverse engineering, and more. We are currently seeking engineers interested in being guest speakers in our engineering class. If you would like to share your knowledge about careers in engineering, please contact **Jason Daigle** at jason_p_daigle@mcpsmd.org.

Website development students are designing digital portfolio websites that showcase their interests and talents. Students will learn how to publish and maintain websites using Adobe Dreamweaver and a web hosting service. We are currently seeking guest speakers to talk to the class about how websites are used in businesses and organizations, graphic design for the web, or how computer science has changed the way we build and use websites, please contact **Jason Daigle** at jason_p_daigle@mcpsmd.org.

Television Production students are producing the daily announcements for television and developing short video programs that are incorporated in the announcements. Students interested in learning more about TV production or producing video for school should see Mr. Daigle. We are also seeking guest speakers in the field of television production and journalism to share experiences and information about the field of television production. If you would like to come and talk to our class, please contact **Jason Daigle** at jason_p_daigle@mcpsmd.org.

The **Medical Careers** students are studying the Anatomy & Physiology of the Musculoskeletal System. Along with this unit, the students are participating in a Handicap Awareness Project. Each student in the class will spend an entire school day using an assistive device such as a wheel chair, walker or quadriceps cane. During the day the student is required to gain access to the bathroom, wash their hands, get a drink of water from a water faucet, purchase a lunch item and use the elevator. Following the day's experience, the students must submit a written reflection on their day to include responses from peers, hardships of the day and their personal responses to those as well.

Several Healthcare professionals have come in to speak to the class on their particular professions informing the students of their educational preparation and the ups & downs of their career. Speakers have included **Mrs. T Murray** from the Washington Transplant Consortium; **Mrs. Sheila DeRiso, RN, ACLS, CCRN**, Charge Nurse of MGH Emergency Department; **Dr. April Tweedt, D.O.** of Montgomery Family Practice.

ENGLISH – Linda Osborne

Alexandra Green has recently become a National Board Certified teacher.

SCIENCE – Barbara Kahn

The Sherwood Science Department has four new Nationally Board Certified Teachers – **Janet Frensilli, Christina Baldwin, Michael Miehl** and **Gina Martin**. They join **Barbara Shoemaker, Cathy Cross, Alison Erdman** and **Jim Douglas** making 50% of the department NBCT's.

Tom Blackmon, Daniel Choquette, and **Yasamin Abbaszadeh** represented Sherwood at the prestigious Howard Hughes Medical Institute Holiday Lecture Series.

The **2009 Sherwood Science Fair** is May 20 in the Media Center – contact **Jim Douglas** if you would like to volunteer in any capacity.

SOCIAL STUDIES – Victoria Thanos

Modern World History: Students have completed two projects: PowerPoint presentations in the Industrial Revolution, and case studies on “forces of change” country.

NSL Government: National State and Local Government classes will spend December and January working through the Justice system. In this popular unit, students learned about their individual rights, as well as the purpose and functions of the criminal justice system. Students explored how their individual rights change once they walk through the school house doors, and whether this simple act should have such a drastic impact on their rights.

9th grade U.S. History: In U.S. History we will be continuing our exploration of American life in the 1920s and 1930s, making specific connections to the current economic crisis through the use of newspaper articles and features.

AP United States History: AP U.S. History students are studying the causes of the U.S. Civil War. The January exam covered pre-Columbus Native societies through Reconstruction.

AP Comparative Government:

Students participated in a field trip to the U.S. State Department on December 17th to receive a press briefing on the relationship between the U.S. and various countries.

ASVAB Careers Test Offered at Sherwood

The ASVAB Careers Test will be given at SHS on **March 10, 2009** at 7:45 a.m. in the cafeteria.

All 10th, 11th & 12th graders are encouraged to sign up with their counselor or in the Career Center. The deadline to sign up is **March 5, 2009**.

This program is designed to help students learn more about themselves and the world of work, identify and explore potentially satisfying occupations, and develop an effective strategy to realize

their goals. The ASVAB is the most widely used multiple-aptitude test battery in the world. Several composite scores are formed from different combinations of ASVAB test scores. Three composites, or Career Exploration Scores, are provided specifically to help students engage in career exploration.

These scores help students to get a good sense of their verbal, math, and science and technical skills compared to other students in the same grade.

ASVAB results are reported to students and counselors on the ASVAB Summary Results sheet. The ASVAB Summary Results sheet provides students with appropriate explanations of the scores, as well as suggestions for their use.

The results will be given to the students during a special interpretation session on **March 23, 2009** at 9:15 a.m. Questions? Contact **Joe Hock**, College Career Advisor, Sherwood High School Counseling, at **301-924-3219 or 3210**.

Rock 'n' Roll Revival #38 Ticket Information

For the 38th consecutive year Sherwood High School is pleased to present its Rock 'n' Roll Revival. The dates of this year's show in the school's Ertzman Theatre are **Friday, March 6 & 13, Saturday, March 7 & 14, and Sunday, March 8 & 15**. Friday and Saturday performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Sunday matinees start at 2 p.m. All seats are reserved and cost \$15.

To order tickets you may download the order form from the Sherwood HS website at <http://www.sherwoodhs.org> (found under the "News") or include your

name, phone numbers (day, evening, and cell), number of tickets (limit of 20 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 made payable to Sherwood High School. Send orders to Rock 'N' Roll Tickets, Sherwood High School, 300 Olney/Sandy Spring Road, Sandy Spring, MD 20860. Failure to adhere to ticket order guidelines could result in the order not being filled.

We will make every effort to fill your ticket requests, but we cannot guarantee that large groups will be seated together. Be sure to order what you want. There are no refunds or exchanges. All sales are final. Once the initial orders are filled we will post weekly updates concerning ticket availability on the school's web site. Questions concerning tickets should be emailed to:

Judy_Adler_Reiff@mcpsmd.org

Subscribe to the PTSA listservs

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 can access the group website to browse messages or have the messages sent to your email address. You can choose the frequency (individual emails or once-daily digests) at which you will 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. 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>

SUPPORT SHS AFTER PROM

Cheeburger Cheeburger
Monday, Feb. 23rd
5:00-9:00 p.m.

20% of sales go to After Prom!

You must bring a flyer in or tell your waiter that you're with the Sherwood After Prom Group. Flyers are in the SHS main office or online at www.sherwoodpts.org

UPCOMING COLLEGE VISITS AT SHS

TESST College of Technology (Beltsville)

Mon., Feb. 9, 2009 10:00 a.m.

Christopher Newport University

Wed., Feb. 11, 2009 8:00 a.m.

Montgomery College, Rockville

Tues., Feb. 17, 2009 10:00 a.m.

GREEN TEAM RECYCLING CENTER

What? Recycle old cell phones, printer cartridges and batteries (any size...AAA, D, etc.)

Where? Bring all items to B210

When? Before school, after school, or at lunch

Information from the MCPS Website

Funding Education Beyond High School: The Guide to Federal Student Aid

The Guide to Federal Student Aid is a comprehensive resource on student financial aid from the U.S. Department of Education. Grants, loans, and work-study are the three major forms of aid available through the Department's Federal Student Aid office. This guide will be available in hard-copy format in high school career centers or from the Student Aid web site. Deadline February 27, 2009.

College Fair to Showcase Historically Black Colleges and Universities

Students in grades 9 - 12 and their parents are invited to a college fair featuring representatives from 50 historically black colleges and universities. The fair will be held Wednesday, February 18, 2009, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Albert Einstein High School, located at 11135 Newport Mill Road, Kensington, MD. At least 10 of the schools will be making on-the-spot admissions and scholarship offers to seniors. This event is sponsored by MCPS and the Washington Inter-Alumni Council, in conjunction with the United Negro College Fund.

Additional on the spot Admission/Scholarship events with Historically Black Colleges and Universities:
Feb. 5, Montgomery Blair HS: Coppin State University, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.; February 19, Rockville HS: Bowie State University (snow date: Feb. 26) 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.; March 19, Wheaton HS: Dillard University, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

MCPS Educational Foundation Scholarships

The MCPS Educational Foundation offers scholarships to graduating seniors ranging from \$500 - \$3000. Deadline April 1, 2009

NAACP Scholarships

The Montgomery County Branch of the NAACP will award six \$1,000 scholarships to students residing in Montgomery County. Deadline February 20, 2009.

Seniors: File your FAFSA Forms

Beginning January 1st, seniors should file their FAFSA forms to maximize chances of receiving financial aid.

MCPS Website Offers Resources for Parents of High School Students

Go to www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/parents/ and scroll down to the section on High School and Graduation for course schedules, graduation requirements, High School Assessments (HSAs), and much more!

HELP THE SHERWOOD PTSA "GO GREEN"

Did you know that *The Shield* is available online up to a week earlier than it arrives at your home?

You can help the PTSA save money (and trees) if you 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!

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.

Feb./Mar. Calendar

- Feb. 16 No School – President's Day
- Feb. 17 PTSA Meeting 7:15 Media Center**
- Feb. 17 PTSA CyberSafety Program
- Feb. 20 Teen Driving Poster Contest Deadline
- Feb. 23 Cheeburger Cheeburger After Prom Fundraiser 5:00 – 9:00pm
- Feb. 27 Early Release Day for Students

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- Mar. 6&13 Rock 'n' Roll #38 7:30pm Ertzman
 - Mar. 7& 14 Rock 'n' Roll #38 7:30pm Ertzman
 - Mar. 8& 15 Rock 'n' Roll #38 2:00pm Ertzman
 - Mar. 9 PTSA Teen Driving Program, 7pm
 - Mar. 10 ASVAB Careers Test, 7:45am
 - Mar. 17 PTSA Meeting 7:15 Media Center**
 - Mar. 17 PTSA Scholarship Applications Due
 - Mar. 20 Letter Jacket Orders Due
 - Mar. 20 MCPS Science Fair at UMD College Park
 - Mar. 27 Third Marking Period Ends**

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