



The Shield

Sherwood High School Parent-Teacher-Student Association Newsletter

Principal's Perspective

by William M. Gregory

It does not seem possible that we are heading towards the end of the first semester. Where is this year going? We are in the midst of the holiday season and are preparing for winter break. We are also in the middle of the second marking period and are getting ready to prepare for final exams and finish the first semester. While this is a time of year that can bring much joy, it can also bring about stress due to the demands placed on students about the end of the semester as well as expectations for the season. Our teachers, counselors, and other school staff are here to provide resources to support you and your children.

I want to extend my congratulations to many Sherwood seniors who were commended by the College Board for their accomplishment on the 2008 PSAT. These seniors are: **Dylan Aldrich,**

Kimberly Choi, John Frens, Tiffany Kang, Manpreet Khural, Noah Meltzer, Daniel Portner, Arian Rodriguez-Gitler, and **Jacob Steiner.** **Randall Hoffman III** received an honorable mention award and **Ariana Rodriguez-Gitler** received a scholar award. These students will be recognized during a breakfast that will be held in their honor in early December.

The first semester ends in January. Make-ups for students who need to take an HSA before the May session will take the assessments from January 11 through January 14. 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 14. Final exams begin January 15 and run through January 22. During the final exam

period, students need to report to school only for their scheduled exams. Additional information about the final exams is found on page 11 of this newsletter. The semester will end quickly upon the return from winter break so it is important that students return prepared to complete the second marking period. Please monitor your student's work closely and help ensure they are up-to-date with all of their work.

We had an outstanding fall sports program with our students and coaches. We had many of our teams compete in playoff games and they did an outstanding job. I want to congratulate the varsity boys' soccer team and the girls' tennis teams for winning their division championships. At the time I wrote this letter, our varsity football team

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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 online.

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

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SHERWOOD HS LETTER JACKET ORDER

Order your letter jacket NOW from the Sherwood Science Department

\$194 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, 2009

Delivery in: February 2010

Sherwood High School Letter Jacket – Fall Order 2009

Student Name _____

Graduating Year _____ Size _____ Gender _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____ Check payable to Sherwood High School.

For more information email **Jim Douglas** at **James_M_Douglas@mcpsmd.org**

Any proceeds generated will benefit the Sherwood Science AP Biology Program.

LETTER JACKET NUMERALS

Order your letter jacket numerals NOW from the Sherwood Science Department

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

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Student Service Learning (SSL)

Notes and Reminders

- Verification of service performed during the first semester can be turned in throughout the semester but the deadline is **Friday, January 8, 2010**.
- Consider qualifying for MCPS SSL award programs. The Superintendent's SSL Award recognizes students who meet the SSL graduation requirement while in middle school. The Certificate of Meritorious Service recognizes graduating seniors who have documented 260 or more hours of service.
- High school students may earn SSL hours in select elective courses. Check the MCPS Course Bulletin for classes that award SSL hours following full participation in the SSL activities and

successful completion of the course.

- All SSL opportunities must be supervised by adults representing nonprofit, tax exempt organizations. For profit nursing homes and assisted living facilities are the only exceptions to the nonprofit rule.
- SSL activities 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 REMINDERS

Ms. Coutts is the new SHS teacher in charge of SSL. Her office is in the new science wing, room K280. **All SSL hours must be turned in to Ms. Coutts in person.**

There is a new SSL form available on the MCPS website that you must use for Fall hours:

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

SGA Update

We hope everyone had a great 1st quarter and enjoyed the SGA-sponsored homecoming activities. On Friday October 30th the SGA hosted a Halloween Costume Contest. Thank you to the businesses who donated prizes: Rita's, Urban BBQ, Sole D'Italia, Cheeburger Cheeburger, and Cold Stone.

We are starting off the 2nd quarter with many activities that are keeping us busy. The canned food drive benefiting Olney Help ran for a week beginning November 11th. The first period class that collected the most canned food won a free breakfast catered by the SGA. We sponsored a blood drive on Friday the 13th, all students and teachers 17 years and older were eligible to give. We had more than 80 students show up to give blood. Our freshman class officer elections will be held in early December for the class of 2013. We hope that everyone has a fun and relaxing holiday season.

Need more information? Please contact any SGA officer: **Brendan Prin, Susan Peters, Matt Chiogioji, or Tyler Rudy.**

December 2009/January 2010

The Shield

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

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From the Principal

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has won the 4A regional championship and our varsity cheerleaders have won the MCPS Division 1 Cheerleading competition for the second year in a row. I am proud of all of our fall athletes and their coaches.

Finally, I ask for your support in helping Sherwood maintain appropriate use of cell phones. Students may use cell phones before school, after school, and during lunch. At every other time during the day, cell phones must be turned off. We have had some issues with students using phones in class to text other students, to make calls, and to answer calls. Sometimes these calls are made by parents who expect that their student will return their call later in the day and at an appropriate time. Parents are surprised that their call is answered! Consequences for student misuse of cell phones include confiscation and return to

student at the end of the day for the first offense, confiscation and return to the parent for the second offense, and confiscation and loss of privilege for the remainder of the semester for the third offense. We understand the importance of students having cell phones in school. However, we need them not to be disruptive to the educational process. Please discuss the appropriate use of cell phones in school with your student so that we can avoid unnecessary disruptions.

Winter break is upon us and that is very exciting. Winter break begins at the close of school on Wednesday, December 23. Students and staff return on Monday, January 4. As we approach these holidays, I want to wish our students, staff, and families much peace and happiness.

PTSA Membership and Donations

Don't Delay.... join the SHS PTSA!

Thanks to all who have signed up for a SHS PTSA Membership this year! As of now, we have 827 Student, Staff, and parent/adult members. Your PTSA membership, along with donations to the PTSA General Fund, supports and hosts valuable programs for Sherwood parents, students and community such as:

- Planning for College - the PSATs, SATs, and the checklist,
- Teen Drinking Prevention - things to know for you and your student, and
- Our highly-rated Teen Driving Program.

The PTSA also supports teacher- and school-sponsored student activities including:

- The annual Art Show,
- Trip to Paraguay, and
- The Science Fair.

Another major effort of the PTSA is supporting After Prom and Scholarship. With your donations last year, the PTSA awarded eighteen \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors.

As you know, After Prom is our premier program offering a safe and entertaining environment for our juniors and seniors. After Prom costs have risen in the last 3 years, with this year's event costing nearly \$15,000. Your donation to After Prom along with other fundraising activities during the year sponsors this wonderful event. Again, thank you for joining the PTSA and donating to the After Prom, Scholarship and General Funds.

There is still time to join the Sherwood High School PTSA! Your membership includes a copy of the coveted SHS Student Directory. To pay by check, download the PTSA Membership form at www.sherwoodptsa.org. Click on "Important Forms" and then "SHS PTSA Membership and Donation Form for 2009 2010." Please send your membership fee and completed form to: Sherwood HS PTSA, 300 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Sandy Spring MD 20860. To pay using Paypal, go to www.sherwoodptsa.org and click on "Join your PTSA Now."

After Prom Needs Your Support!

We have the place. We have a theme. We have the entertainment. Now we need your help. The cost of After Prom is the mountain we are now climbing. So please be generous when we ask for help. Here is the first of many events to help raise funds.

Hungry? After Prom hopes so. We have scheduled "dinning out" events throughout Olney to raise money for After Prom. Please mark these on your calendar and go out to dinner for a good cause.

December 8 - Olney Grille 5pm-9: 30pm

December 17th - Olney Ale House 11:30am-10pm

January 4th - Cheeburger Cheeburger 5pm-9pm

January 26th - California Tortilla and Cold Stone

February 17th - Mamma Lucia

March 18th - Rita's

Important Information for Seniors

Graduation has been scheduled for June 9, 2010, at 2:30 p.m. at D.A.R. Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C.

The graduation committee will be meeting soon to start planning this wonderful event.

If you have not registered a valid email address through Edline, please do so as soon as possible – both parents and students.

Mrs. Johnson, Senior Class Sponsor, has posted a graduation speaker form on Edline if you would like to submit someone as a candidate to give the commencement speech during the graduation exercises. This form is also on page 4 of this newsletter.

This is a chance for you to provide your input on the choice for graduation speaker. This person could be a teacher, former Sherwood student, someone from the Sherwood community, or anyone else who might have a positive impact on your graduating class.

Please list the person's name, contact information (address, phone number, email address, etc.) and a brief explanation of why this person would be an ideal graduation speaker for the Class of 2010. Return this form to Mrs. Johnson in A109 or send an email to: **Pamela_A_Johnson@mcpsmd.org**.

The graduation committee will meet to review all the suggestions and come up with a viable list of candidates. Please include your name as the person submitting a possible candidate for graduation speaker at the bottom of this page. Anonymous referrals will not be considered.

Please be aware that the deadline for class dues is December 18th (as mentioned at the beginning of the year). If you need to know your balance, please email or come by room A109.

Questions? Contact Pamela Johnson at **Pamela_A_Johnson@mcpsmd.org**.

Sherwood High School Financial Aid Night

January 7, 2010 7:00 p.m. Cafeteria

Come Learn About Paying for College
Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
Grants, Loans, Scholarships
Maryland Financial Aid Programs

*Sherwood High School
Invites You!*

College Prep Night and Course Fair

**January 28, 2010
6:00 p.m.**

- Learn about the college process and resources available
- Learn about admissions process from a college representative
- Get an introduction to Family Connection – college information software program
- Learn about the course offerings for students
- Learn about the registration process and important dates
- Hear about Sherwood offerings from administrators and counselors

Mark your Calendar!

**Watch for more details in
January!**

Walk for the Homeless

On Saturday, November 21st Ms. Hepburn, Mr. Tompros, Ms. Coogan and over 40 ESOL students participated in the Walk for the Homeless in Washington, D.C. The students walked, danced and sang their way around the route carrying a Sherwood banner and raising more than \$2000 with the help of Fannie Mae, one of the event sponsors.

Submitted by Aileen Coogan, ESOL

Science National Honor Society

*Welcome to the newest members of the
Science National Honor Society!*

Nadia Babaa, Dylan Bassich, Brooke Bianchetti, Johnathan Blanton, Colin Bonhag, Patrick Bur, Raymond Chan, Lois Chang, Helen Cheung, Ilana Drucker, Alexander Eftimiades, KC Emerson, Raymond Fanara, Drew Fetty, John Frens, Maggie Glaudemans, Jessica Golding, Samantha Gordon, Allison Hockman, Agnes Hong, Abigail Iacangelo, Christie Intoccia, Eseiaboria Ikheloa, Darpan Kayastha, Zoha Khan, Eric Kim, Jung Kim, Matthew Kinnard, Adam Kopp, Lauren Krupsaw, Jeremy Kurnot, Nicole Lee, Emily Levine, Tim McGee, Michael Mucci, Emeka Opara, Luis Ortiz, Ben Ozenberger, Anthony Papio, Anthony Pignone, Lauren Portalea, Tori Rhoades, Joey Saah, Bridgette Schulze, Eric Shapiro, Wyatt Shapiro, Stefanie Singer, Alan Skolnik, Matthew Smith, Zeynab Sultani, Patrick Sumner, Zeshan Tariq, Caitlin Whiteis, Justin Wisor, Tin Lok Wong, Kevin Wood, Benjamin Wu, Lok-Man Yeung, Daniel Zemel.

Welcome returning members!

Including officers: Josh Lowy, President; Kathleen Wortmann, Vice President; Alex Gurton, Secretary; and Scott Hoffer, Treasurer

Tanya Abraham, Johnny Anadale, Kaitlin Berry, Ian Chan, Matt Chiogioji, Maria Correa, Janetta Deppa, Nima Farshchi, Sheena Frey, Alex Goniprow, Alexandra Gurton, Scott Hoffer, Manpreet Khural, Melanie Kim, Rachel Kim, John Krisch, Allison Lederer, Josh Lowy, Joyce Nam, Elaine Nghiem, Azeezat Olatunde, Susan Peters, Shayna Popkin, Sarah Sadler, Carley Schwartz, Laura Schneider, Kelly Stout, Meghan Thorndike, Jessica Wire, Emily Witt, Kathleen Wortmann.

*Submitted by Gina Martin, Science
National Honor Society Sponsor*

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, 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.

Rock and Roll Revival #39 Information

ROCK 'N' ROLL REVIVAL #39 CALENDAR

Dec. 4	Cast list posted	
Dec. 7	Dance Workshop 2:15 Ertzman Theatre	
Dec. 8	Dance Auditions 2:15 Ertzman Theatre	
Dec. 14	Leads Call-Back Auditions 2:15 Choral Room	
Dec. 16	Lead Vocals and Dancers lists posted	
Dec. 18	Lead Singers/Band meeting 2:15 Choral Room	
Jan. 4	All Cast and Crew rehearsal in Choral Room.	

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

ROCK 'N' ROLL #39 SHOW DATES

March 5	Show 1	Showtime 7:30
March 6	Show 2	Showtime 7:30
March 7	Show 3	Showtime 2:00
March 9	PTSA RRR#39	Matinee 10:00 a.m.
March 12	Show 4	Showtime 7:30
March 13	Show 5	Showtime 7:30
March 14	Show 6	Showtime 2:00

TICKET SALES

Tickets for Rock 'n' Roll Revival #39 will go on sale February 1, 2010. 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, 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.**

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

Order Your 2010 Yearbook!

To Order Your 2010 Sherwood High School Yearbook:

1. Go to www.walsworthyearbooks.com.
2. Click on the purple box on the right of the web page that says "Buy your 2010 yearbook or ad here."
3. Enter "Sherwood" as school name, then click "Sherwood High School, Sandy Spring."
4. Click "Make it Yours" and then you will be given multiple options with prices. *You can purchase a single copy of the yearbook, multiple yearbooks, packages with options (combos of name stamping, iTag, plastic cover, Year in Review, autograph supplement), or select your own options.*
5. Follow website prompts to complete order and pay.

The price will rise as the year goes on. If you did not order your yearbook at back to school night in September, you must order online. The cost is \$80 in December, \$85 in January. (There is an extra \$1 charge for the online service and, of course, taxes are added.) We do not order many extras for sale at the end of the year so you should pre-order. If there are any left at distribution in mid-May, the cost will be \$90 or more, payable by cash only.

Questions? Call the yearbook office at (301) 924-3255 and leave a message or send an email to the adviser at Lori_Leonard@mcpsmd.org or sherwoodyearbook@yahoo.com

ROCK 'N' ROLL #39 TICKETS MAIL ORDER FORM

Please mail in your ticket request and payment for the scheduled performances to:

**Rock 'n' Roll Tickets
Sherwood HS
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 Monday, February 1, 2010**.
- 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 5- 7:30 PM

FRIDAY, MARCH 12 - 7:30 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 6 - 7:30 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 13 - 7:30 PM

SUNDAY, MARCH 7- 2:00 PM

SUNDAY, MARCH 14 - 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

Notes from the November PTSA Meeting

Topic: Teen Drinking

Guest speaker: Sheila DeRiso, RN, ER Nurse with 30 years experience

The following points are from Sheila DeRiso's presentation at the November PTSA Meeting:

- Alcohol promotes alcohol poisoning, unsolicited sex, STDs, pregnancies and abortions.
- Parents DO NOT need to be called when ER Doctors verify any of the above conditions.
- Alcohol Use = Leads into Drug Use.

Including Olney? Assume YES: 53% of American teens consumed alcohol in the last month; there is a huge amount of teen drinking in Olney.

- Drinking reduces inhibitions, reflexes, coordination, perception, and driving skills.
- High Problem Drinking Days: half days and the day after Thanksgiving – typically the first weekend back from college.

Parents are the Best Teachers!

- Call on Landlines – NO CELLS – to verify location

- Some parents do allow drinking in their homes – they take keys and supposedly check with the kids before they drive – WHAT allows these parents to authorize your child to drink? How much are they allowing? Confirm sleepovers with the parents. Get out and meet the parents. Ask if they will be drinking at this party?
- Parents OFTEN drink themselves and then pickup their teens and your teens OR they have their older teens pickup instead.
- Are their older teens qualified by you to drive and pick up your child?

Effective techniques:

- Mutual accountability with: your teen, their group, and their parents.
- Teen & Parent code words for coming NOW to pick up your teen from a rowdy party/ group. For example, "I lost my inhaler."
- Parents: Ask questions BEFORE dropping off your teen.

- What are you sensing from the group and the parents that are hosting them?
- It is excellent to be suspicious as a parent!
- NO open water bottles or drinks – there are drinks and water available everywhere – why do they need to bring their own?
- NO last-minute sleepovers. Be alert for suspicious behavior. Are they okay? Observe your teen in person for yourself – check in!
- NEVER be embarrassed to check in with your own teen – Remember the alternative can be worse.
- The older the kids the bigger the problems.

You –YES YOU-- get involved with "Every 15 Minutes," a two-day program coming next spring to Sherwood – very effective at deterring drinking.

Thank you so much to Mrs. DeRiso for taking the time to share her knowledge and experience with the Sherwood Community!

Beautification Committee Update

The Beautification Committee is tucked away for the winter. What's been done so far?

This year the Committee has been in cahoots with the Warrior Club. We first became involved when asked to assist with the first Clean Up Day. This Committee is impressed with the might that the Warrior Club brings and is heartfelt in our gratitude for their Herculean efforts on behalf of all Sherwood students. The Beautification Committee and the Warrior Club have similar goals for the "beautification" of the campus and the Warrior Club is a powerhouse at tapping into their membership to get things done. The first Warrior Clean Up Day had

jillions of volunteers, student and parent, that arrived on campus with a mission: transform Sherwood into a beautiful place. It was a stunning success.

The Warrior Club's second Clean Up Day on Halloween allowed the Beautification Committee to plant 20 donated Rhododendrons and other shrubs around campus. The Beautification Committee purchased and planted the two large fiberglass planters that currently sit in front of the Ertzman entrance. They are filled with one donated topiary and one purchased Nandina. The Horticulture Department, Faculty Beautification and the Committee kept things growing with plenty of water.

We haven't abandoned the famous

Ertzman Courtyard! It is in the final phase of planting, including plants and shrubs from the generous nursery owner who donated to Clean Up Day. We hope to be ready for a grand opening in time for Rock and Roll Revival. There may be standing room only, as the committee is, once again, in search of benches! Plenty of work still to be done. Plans are in the making, SSL hours available. See you again in the spring.

For pictures of Clean Up Day, the Courtyards, and info go to:

www.the-courtyards.blogspot.com.

Submitted by Pat Mucci

Updates from the Foreign Language Department

GERMAN EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The German Exchange Program is hosting students from Lohmar, Germany on March 14-25, 2010. The students will be visiting Washington, D.C., and area landmarks and learning about our culture, educational system, and history. The most enriching part of this experience is their stay with a host family, where they enjoy firsthand the daily routines of American life. Many students who have hosted a German exchange student have stated that it was a great experience for them and that they are still in touch with their German guests. **The program is still in need of host families** to share their home and lives with these students.

There are still places available for students to visit their counterparts in Cologne, Germany, next June, 2010. While staying with host families, they will visit Realschule Lohmar and many historic places in and around Cologne, such as Altenberger Dom, Schloss Burg, and cruise the Rhine River. If the

schedule allows, the students may also visit another major European city, such as Paris, Brugges, or Vienna. The total cost, including airfare, lodging, and most meals, will be approximately \$2300.

*Please contact program coordinator **Laura E_Weiss@mcpsmd.org** for more information on either hosting a student or traveling to Germany in June.*

FRENCH DEPARTMENT NOTES

- Students taking French at Sherwood High School participated in an authentically French experience at the La Ferme restaurant in Chevy Chase on Friday December 4, 2009. La Ferme is an elegant French restaurant that has been in business for many years and has an excellent reputation. The students who participated had the opportunity to extend their French skills beyond the classroom setting.
- Students and parents also participated in the Francophone Festival at Richard Montgomery H.S. on November 21.

The festival included Jeopardy games, African story-telling, French games, a movie festival, French waiter races like those held to celebrate Bastille Day, a concert, a poetry contest, and last but not least: French food.

- We would like to remind parents and students that the National French society is offering free tutoring during lunch.

Submitted by Anne Bastings

FRENCH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The French Exchange students left on November 13th with Mr. Falls for Nimes, France. The students attended class at the Lycée Daudet and traveled to Marseille, Les Baux de Provence, Avignon and Paris. The following students went on the trip: Manpreet Khural, Luke Lunsford, Connor Campbell, Matt Kinnard, Liam Hurlbut, Luis Ortiz, Nicholas Winikoff, Robert O'Neill, and Ryland Bursaw.

Submitted by John Falls

Updates from Technology and Business

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Eight CAD students will be attending the Future Educators of America National Conference in San Antonio in February representing MCPS.

ACADEMY OF HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM

Bon Voyage! On December 12, 2009, the Academy of Hospitality & Tourism class will be visiting the cruise port of Baltimore and receiving a special behind-the-scenes tour of the Celebrity Cruises' Mercury as part of their study of the hospitality industry. Students will have a chance to meet crew members, sample cruise ship fare, and learn about the workings of a full-service hotel on the seas. The field trip is one opportunity for students interested in a career in hospitality and tourism to learn from the experts about the job opportunities available for them after high school and/or college. For more information, contact Judy Reiff, Site Coordinator for the Academy of Hospitality & Tourism at **Judy_Adler_Reiff@mcpsmd.org**.

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Reactivated the SHS chapter of Future Business Leaders of America. FBLA Project Focus: Going Green and Social Responsibility.
- Anticipate participating in Spring Regional and State events/activities for FBLA. Currently, working on increasing the FBLA membership.
- Will implement the support of Junior Achievement Volunteers to support Personal Finance and the Entrepreneurship Classes
- Have established 8 Entrepreneurship Companies (4 companies per class). Notebook/Portfolio Artifacts and Relevant Documents are being collected/created by each company for public review near the end of the semester.
- Have received 3 people from the community (up-to-date) to support the Entrepreneurship curriculum
- Plan to sponsor a Business Etiquette Reception off campus for December 11, 2009

- Plan for an "Open Class/House" to display students' work the week of December 14, 2009
- Promoting student leadership within each class, i.e., key planners, organizers, and implementers, agenda preparers (Rotating Approach)
- Each student receives a certificate for his/her participation as a leader in the class. Two students work together as leaders for a given day.

INTERNSHIPS

Need an Intern? Judy Adler Reiff, Intern Coordinator at Sherwood High School, is looking for local businesses who would like to sponsor a high school student next semester or next year. The internships allows students to learn about various jobs through hands-on experiences. Students would be available to the internship for at least three periods a day. If you are interested or have any questions about participating in the internship program, give Mrs. Reiff a call at 301.924.3248 or email her at **Judy_F_Reiff@mcpsmd.org**.

January 2010 Final Exam Schedule

Thurs., January 14: Review Day

Fri., January 15:

Period 1	7:25 – 9:35
Lunch	9:35-10:00
Period 2	10:00 – 12:10

Mon., January 18: Holiday/No School

Tues., January 19:

Period 3	7:25 – 9:35
Lunch	9:35 – 10:00
Period 4	10:00 – 12:10

Wed., January 20

Period 5	7:25 – 9:35
Lunch	9:35 – 10:00
Period 6	10:00 – 12:10

Thurs., January 21

Period 7	7:25 – 9:35
Lunch	9:35 – 10:00
Make Up and High School Plus Exams	

Fri., January 22

Make Up exams (arranged with teacher)

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.** Students who do not have makeup exams on January 22 do not attend school that day. All make up exams must be scheduled with the class teacher in advance.

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 period 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. Activity buses do not run on exam days. Students who leave early or come late need their own transportation.

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 inspection of roads, school driveways, and sidewalks throughout the county. Weather conditions in surrounding counties are also gathered and factored into forecasting conditions for MCPS students and considered for those students attending non-public schools in other areas. Information from these sources is factored into the decision. Weather conditions or impact from severe weather or other events such as a widespread power outage, may cause a delayed opening, early closing or closing for the day. The most severe conditions within the county are used as the basis for the decision. A uniform procedure to close all schools is maintained so that the school system can respond quickly to emergency conditions and protect the safety and well being of students and staff who attend both public and non-

public schools and receive transportation services from MCPS.

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

The decision to close schools because of weather (or other widespread situation impacting safety) 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 the required days of instruction becomes difficult. In the interest of the safety of all students and staff, whenever schools are closed all transportation services to public and non-public schools is cancelled.

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

School closing are announced on:

- www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org
- Comcast cable channel 34, Verizon FiOS channel 36, and RCN cable channel 89
- The weather line, **301-279-3673**
- **QuickNotes** e-mail news service
- Students and parents can also access information on local TV and radio stations.

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

Join the Sherwood PTSA

We are counting on your support

PTSA membership has many benefits. Becoming a member gives you the right to vote at a meeting, and provides you with the all-important school directory. We rely on membership and donations from our direct appeal to fund the great things we do for the school.

SIGN UP ON-LINE:

You can pay using your paypal account or major credit card.
It's fast and easy.

Go to: www.sherwoodptsa.org; click on "Join your PTSA Now."

PAY BY CHECK:

Membership forms were sent home in the August mailing or can be found online at www.sherwoodptsa.org; click on "Important Forms."

Fill out the membership form and send it to:

SHS PTSA
300 Olney-Sandy Spring Road
Sandy Spring, MD 20860-1098

Dec./Jan. Calendar

Dec. 10 Winter Instrumental Concert 7:30

Dec. 18 Deadline - Graduation Speaker Nominations

Dec. 24&25 No School – Christmas Holiday

Dec. 28 – Jan. 1 No School – Winter Break

Jan. 4 RRR #39 All Cast Rehearsal in Choral Room

Jan. 7 Financial Aid Night

Jan. 8 SSL Deadline

Jan. 14-22 Semester Final Exams

Jan. 22 2nd Marking Period Ends

Jan. 19 PTSA Meeting 7:15 Cafeteria

Jan. 28 College Prep Night

Rock and Roll #39 Tickets go on sale on February 1, 2010. See page 8 for details.

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