

# Sherwood High School

# **PTSA**

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Hello Sherwood High School community. Your Parent, Teacher, Student Association (PTSA) hopes everyone is having a great summer, despite the fact summer always seems to progress way too quickly. Before we all know it, the 2016/17 school year will begin.

This coming school year is a historic year for our high school. We will be celebrating several anniversaries this year. First, 2016/17 is the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary for our high school. In 1906, Sherwood high school became the 3<sup>rd</sup> public high school in Montgomery County. It is named after Robin Hood's Sherwood Forest. The name itself implies the American ideals of a democratic community and equal opportunity for all. This year we also celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary as an educator, and the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary as the SHS Principal of William Gregory. Our community is fortunate to have him, with his wealth of knowledge, experience, and compassion toward the students at the head of our school. Mr. Gregory started at the height of bell bottoms, and has remained long enough to see them come around again.

Unlike Mr. Gregory, I am new to Sherwood this year. Our oldest child is starting as a freshman. Some of you may know me already as a youth football coach, or as the Rosa Parks Middle School PTA treasurer last year. I believe if you want to be part of a nice community, you need put effort into that community. The Sherwood PTSA invites you to be part of this effort.

The PT(S)A is an organization that has been around for more than 100 years. The larger goal of the PT(S)A is to create an environment to promote the success of each student, and greater involvement of parents and community in their schools.

For our PTSA in the coming year, our goal is to continue and build upon the efforts and successes of our predecessors. The general meetings cover topics of importance to you and your teens, such as college prep, racial diversity, depression, and responsible behavior, just to name a few. Our meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month in the media center at Sherwood. We welcome all parents, PTSA members or not, to attend and participate in the discussion.

In addition to our monthly meetings, the Sherwood PTSA also sponsors other programs. One of the most important is your PTSA has administered nearly \$100,00 in scholarships over the past 5 years. We have, and will continue to sponsor prom and graduation buses, the After-Prom party, staff appreciation events, student test prep events, and others. The success of these programs is dependent on our volunteers and membership. So please, first take a moment to join your PTSA. For those who have been members through elementary and middle school, THANK YOU. Hopefully you note we are now a **PTSA**. Our students now have a more prominent voice, and we want to hear from them too. So please also include them when you sign up for membership. Also the PTSA is an all-volunteer organization. Help is always welcomed and needed. Please contact me, or any PTSA board member to discuss volunteer opportunities. We would love to have you.

On behalf of your Sherwood PTSA, welcome to the new school year, and we look forward to your participation in your PTSA.

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