



March 2009

# The Shield

Sherwood High School Parent-Teacher-Student Association Newsletter

## Principal's Perspective

by William M. Gregory

March is a busy month for our students, staff, and families. We are in the midst of the playoffs for winter sports and beginning to prepare for spring sports. We are heading towards the end of the marking period and we are ready to Rock and Roll!

In early February, I attended a meeting with Dr. Weast, our superintendent, where he unveiled his "Seven Keys to College Readiness." The presentation was an exciting one because he provided data that supported how the keys prepared students to be competitive as they prepared for college. Four of his keys aimed at the high school level are: Algebra I by grade 8 with a C or higher, Algebra II by grade 11 with a C or higher, 3 on an AP exam, and 1650

on SAT/24 on ACT. At Sherwood, we have embraced Dr. Weast's message. Over the past several years, our SAT/ACT participation has grown to more than 80% and our performance has made a slight gain. As a cluster, our students are moving into higher levels of math and are achieving success. Last week, I received information about the Class of 2008's AP performance. Over the past several years, we have seen a great growth to where more than 60% of the Class of 2008 took at least one AP exam while they were at Sherwood. We have increased our participation and our performance. I am very proud of our students and their families for the commitment to academic excellence. Our community realizes the importance

of academic success in high school to best prepare students for college and career.

At the end of January, we began the registration process for the 2009-2010 school year. Parents and students had the opportunity to learn Sherwood's courses and programs at the course fairs. The College Information/Course Fair evening was met with great success. Throughout that night and throughout the following weeks, staff discussed the importance of registering for challenging courses. I commend our students for choosing and succeeding in very challenging courses that are preparing them for college and life after high

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#### PTSA MEETING

**MAR. 17 - 7:15 MEDIA CENTER**

### *Sherwood High School After Prom Committee*

## Nearly New Dress Sale

**March 14, 2009**

**9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**4205 Morningwood Drive, Olney**

Shop for Prom or other dresses and save a considerable amount of money on a dress that will likely only be worn once.

**All dresses will be sold for \$50, \$75 or \$100.**

This is a great opportunity to save money!

**Questions? Please contact Rhonda Molleur at [afmolleur@aol.com](mailto:afmolleur@aol.com)**

# Sherwood High School Warrior Club MULCH SALE

Shredded Hardwood Bark  
3-cubic foot Bags

**Only \$4.00/bag**

**Sunday, April 19, 2008**

***Rain or Shine!***

**9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

## **Sherwood High School West Parking Area**

Home delivery is available for \$5 for orders placed by April 15th only.

Use order form below for delivery.

(10 bag minimum – within Sherwood Community – driveway drop off only)

*All proceeds support Sherwood athletic programs.*

*Questions? Call Tom Estrin (301) 570-4078 or Ronnie Estrain (301)570-6332*

### **SHERWOOD WARRIOR CLUB ANNUAL MULCH SALE ORDER FORM**

Mail this form with check made payable to **Sherwood Warrior Club** to  
SHS Warrior Club, c/o Tom Estrin, 3619 King William Drive, Olney, MD 20832

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**(10 bag minimum – within Sherwood Community – driveway drop off only)  
– NO EXCEPTIONS –**

Number of bags: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$4.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Delivery add \$5.00 \$ 5.00

TOTAL PAYMENT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Principal's Perspective

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school. I ask that students continue to stretch themselves by taking honors and advanced placement courses. Our data show that students are able to handle the coursework and earn good grades. These courses do open doors for college. If you have questions about courses and programs, please contact the school. Your counselor, teachers, and administrative staff are here to support you and your student.

At the February PTSA meeting, I made a presentation about Internet safety. While the Internet is an amazing tool that provides us with many resources, it also can be a source of danger; especially for our children. As I prepared for this presentation, I was surprised at how much I did not know and how much "wiser" our kids are than their parents. It is important to have courageous conversations about online safety. You can get more information about Cybersafety from the website:

www.netsmartz.org. At the conclusion of my presentation, we had a rich discussion about ways parents and the school can work together to educate our students. We discussed having educational opportunities for students during the school day. We also talked about having a follow-up meeting for parents and students. As soon as we have details about these programs, we will notify you.

I have the great fortune of travelling to Italy with the Honors Chorus from March 26 through April 3. While in Italy, our chorus will perform in several cathedrals. This is an exciting opportunity for our students. While I am away, Dr. Brimfield, one of our assistant principals will serve as acting principal.

Spring break begins at the end of the school day on Friday, April 3. School will resume on Tuesday, April 14. I want to extend my best wishes to the Sherwood community for a wonderful and safe break.

March 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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## PTSA Scholarship Information

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

**Applications are available from the Main Office, Career Center, 12<sup>th</sup> 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 a scholarship. Only one application is needed to be considered for all available scholarships.

# 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**

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.**

# Sherwood Music Department News

The Sherwood High School Instrumental and Choral ensembles are gearing up for spring festival season as well as preparing this year's Rock 'n' Roll Revival show. Freshman Chorus, Women's Chorus, Symphonic Band and Symphonic Orchestra will attend MCPS festivals during the month of March at various local high schools.

Congratulations to **Justin Park** who has been selected as a member of the MENC All-Eastern Chorus. Justin will travel to Providence Rhode Island to sing with this highly selective choir on March 15, 2009. Good Luck Justin we are proud of you!

Congratulations to **Jeremy Milliner** who participated in the All-County Jazz Band this past fall.

The Sherwood Music Department Tri-M Music Honor Society at Sherwood High School is currently planning several concerts at area senior centers including the Friends Home in Sandy Spring. The chapter officers will be **Laura Weber**, **Shannon Lawrence**, and **Molly Grossman**, who are organizing these events. Faculty sponsors will be Marsha Barnes and Bill Evans.

The Sherwood High School Chamber Singers will present a Spring Concert on Thursday April 30 at 7:30 p.m. at Oakdale Emory Church. This concert will highlight music from the group's Italian Tour which will take the choir to Italy from March 27 through April 3, 2009. The Chamber Singers will sing three concerts in Italy. One concert in Gallicano at the Church of Sant'Andrea, one in Florence at the Church of Santo Stefano al Ponte and one in Rome at the Church of St. Paul within the Walls!

We would like to thank the following families for their donations to the Sherwood Music Boosters:

### DONORS

- The Knestout Family
- The Norton-Bilanin Family
- Susan Rapaport & Ken Alexander
- Gail & Marc Rosendorf

### SPONSORS

- Susan & Allen Currant
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- The Hambright Family
- The Mercado Family
- The Musser Family
- The Prorok Family
- The Rhoades Family
- Tim & Helen Sexton

### **SHERWOOD HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC CALENDAR**

- Mar. 6, 7, 8 Rock & Roll Revival #38
- Mar. 10 PTSA RRR #38 Matinee
- Mar. 13, 14, 15 Rock & Roll Revival #38

Our 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 music 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. We ask you to please consider making a contribution to the Patron program. 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 newsletter and in concert programs. If you have any questions or are interested in helping, please call Anne-Marie Pirrone at 301-924-5207.

## **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.
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Please print clearly and limit letters and spaces to 35 characters

Name as you wish it to appear in print \_\_\_\_\_

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**

## Shakespeare Club Achievements —and Fund Raiser!

March, preceded by an equally busy February, is always a time of high excitement for the Shakespeare Club. We have once again been invited to participate in the Folger Secondary-School Festival, this year on March 6, with our twenty-five minute version of *Macbeth*. “MacB: Shakespeare Abridged” was previewed for English classes on February 24. An evening performance was added this year at the request of parents eager to bring our talented actors before another audience.

As in the previous two years, students managed the entire production—script cutting, casting, directing, costuming. This year director **Molly Grossman** added a new element: stage combat. An experienced student of the art, she choreographed the fights, then taught the moves to the combatants, achieving very realistic—and scary—scenes. Professional fight director Casey Kaleba, who teaches stage combat and theater history at universities and theatres in the Washington-Baltimore area, paid a visit to a rehearsal and gave his stamp of approval, as

well as some suggestions to make the fights even more exciting.

Sherwood also once again entered the path leading to the National Shakespeare Monolog Competition. **Molly Grossman** was chosen to represent SHS at the regional event held at the Shakespeare Theatre Company on March 9. Coldstone Creamery, for the fifth year, generously donated prizes at the local level. Please thank them for supporting Sherwood when you stop in to enjoy their ice cream.

Mamma Lucia made its facilities available for a fund raiser on March 4, offering the Shakespeare Club a percentage of all food sales made between 5:00 and 10:00 that evening. The proceeds were slated to help cover the expenses connected with the Folger Festival.

The Shakespeare Club always welcomes new members, so encourage your child to get in on the fun. No experience necessary. *Submitted by Geraldine Knasko Green, Sponsor*

## Honors/AP Action Plan Update

Progress on the Honors/AP action plan was reviewed at the School Improvement Team meeting on 2/17/2009.

- Students in the Spanish National Honor Society and the National Honor Society have been tutoring students in the feeder schools. Plans for other groups to provide tutoring have not been implemented to date.
- In terms of outreach to parents, socials are held prior to PTSA meetings. Information is sent via the ListServe and ConnectEd.
- Data about course enrollment and course performance in Honors/AP courses were reviewed and suggested that, although students may have moved out of advanced courses for which they had previously registered, enrollment is still increased over last year's enrollment.
- Data related to performance in Honors Matter & Energy support the move to eliminate the on-level sections of that course. Further refinement of that program will include differentiation strategies to address individual learning needs.
- Support mechanisms to support students new to honors/AP classes were discussed and an ad hoc group was formed to develop a proposal for next steps. The proposal will be presented in April.
- The resource counselor will investigate how to get AP data electronically so further analysis can be done to improve our participation and performance.

## SHS Student Writes Award-Winning Play

Congratulations to Sherwood High School junior **Samantha Cameron** for winning the **Arena Stage 2009 Student Playwrights Project Ten-Minute Play Competition** – an annual event in which Washington, D.C. metropolitan area students submit ten-minute original plays into competition. Samantha wrote the play, titled *A Man Walked into a Bar*, as part of C.A.S.T.'s (Creating Awesome Sherwood Theater) Dinner Theater program.

Samantha's play was one of eight winning plays selected from more than 500 works submitted by students in 61 middle and high schools. The eight winning playwrights receive master classes in playwriting and work with an Arena Stage dramaturg to develop their plays. The plays are then directed by an Arena Stage director and performed by professional actors.

## 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.

# Action Plan: Academic Support

The second semester has begun and the action plan for academic support is in full swing. Students who have been identified as having academic challenges have been given numerous supports such as: Internship class, lunch appointments with specific teachers, matched tutoring, emails to teachers, counselors and parents/guardians, note taking, graphic organizers and conferences. In addition,

the National Honor Society is directly involved with the students with one-on-one tutoring. An initial meeting with Mr. Huck to discuss juniors and their SAT/ACT sign ups has been held with more meetings planned. Future meetings will also include a discussion on reestablishing the Achieve Program as another support for students with academic challenges.

## MCC Presents Information Sessions for Students with Disabilities

The faculty and staff of Montgomery College Disability Support Services would like to invite high school juniors and seniors with documented disabilities, parents, and faculty and staff members to attend our Information Sessions this year.

The sessions will cover the following topics:

- The application process
- Documentation requirements
- Appropriate course placement
- Expectations of college students
- Types of accommodations available at MC

### I. Disability Support Services Information Session

Tuesday, March 24, 2009  
From 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

### II. College Access Program (CAP) Information Session

Tuesday, March 31, 2009  
From 7:00-9:00 p.m.

The College Access Program is designed to develop the academic skills of students with documented learning disabilities who have the potential to succeed in college level courses.

Both information sessions will take place in the Technical Center Bldg. (TC), Room 136, Rockville Campus .

Faculty, staff and students with disabilities enrolled in the college will be available to answer questions at both sessions. **For more information, please call 240-567-5058.**

## PTSA 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@mcpsmd.org](mailto:robin_t_mccue@mcpsmd.org).

To nominate a candidate for a PTSA Executive Board Position, please use the nomination form on page 10 of this issue of *The Shield*.

## News and Notes

**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](mailto:denjayruss@verizon.net) or (301) 570-8196. Information submitted will be printed in a future issue of *The Shield*.

**ALL STUDENT SERVICE LEARNING (SSL) HOURS** from January to March are due on **March 26<sup>th</sup>**. Avoid the long lines and turn your hours in during lunch Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays in the greenhouse when you complete your hours. Also remember that any organization you work with must be on the county approved list. Any questions, see **Mrs. Smith** in the greenhouse.

**ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK** through [www.buyayearbook.com](http://www.buyayearbook.com). The online ordering center has reopened and you may pre-order until **March 31**. The total cost is now \$86.62. It is too late to order any personalization. There are fewer than 200 books available for purchase. Don't miss out, reserve your copy of our award winning publication today!

**AFTER PROM COMMITTEE** is asking for direct contributions to After Prom. Our donations are down considerably from past years and we need each family to contribute in some way. A donation of \$20.09 from each family would allow us to host a fantastic event again this year. Please mail donations to: **Rhonda Molleur, 4205 Morningwood Drive, Olney, MD 20832**  
Please make checks payable to **Sherwood PTSA/After Prom.**

# PTSA School Liaison Reports

## ART – LIBBY LAMANCUSA

Sherwood's Art Department will be participating in Montgomery General Hospital's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Show and Auction, which benefits Montgomery General Hospital's Comprehensive Cancer Center. The show will be held on March 22, 2009 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 p.m. at The Inn at Brookeville Farms, and is open to all. It will include works from local artists in various media, including unique pieces by student artists from Sherwood High School and Our House Youth Home. The Art Department participated in this event last year and it was a great experience for students.

The Art Department still has 2009 Art Calendars for sale which feature student artwork. The cost is \$12 per calendar.

## CAREER / TECH ED – BART POPECK

### Medical Careers

Medical Careers is open to Juniors & Seniors. Applications are available in the Guidance Office and on-line under CTE Pathways. For questions contact **Maureen Goodwin @ 301-924-3226** or **Maureen\_Goodwin@mcpmsmd.org**.

### Engineering

The Team of Sherwood High School junior **Stevie Gomes** and senior **Solomon Haile** placed 1st in Maryland Region 1 and 1st place in the State of Maryland while competing in the International Wooden Bridge Challenge February 7, 2009. Sponsored by The American Society of Civil Engineers and the Maryland Society of Professional Engineers, high school students from throughout the state were invited to test their bridge designs for the greatest efficiency. A \$1000 scholarship was awarded to the first place bridge by the sponsors.

Johns Hopkins University engineering students tested the bridges using equipment that monitored the load and

deflection of each bridge until it failed to withstand any additional force. Winners were determined by how much their bridge weighed in comparison to how much load it was able to support. Held at the Baltimore Museum of Industry near the Inner Harbor, approximately seventy-two students from high schools throughout the state participated.

The four top bridge designs were selected to represent Maryland in the International Wooden Bridge Challenge finals to be held in Bellingham, WA, on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Winner of this competition would receive a half scholarship to the Illinois Institute of Technology.

Other Sherwood students participating individually in the Maryland Competition were seniors **Michael Lin** and last year's 1st place winner **Zhaojie Jiang**, and a junior team comprised of **Phillip Smith** and **Sam Park**.

The winning bridge weighed 29.2 grams and held 144.33 pounds giving it an efficiency of 2,189.

Best of luck to these students as they prepare for the International Competition.

### Hospitality Management Program

Congratulations to our Chefs of the Month:

- September-**Erin McMakin**
- October-**Joann Mullenholz**
- November-**Ricardo Munoz**
- December-**Chris Neang**
- January-**Tyler Bernard**

Kitchen of the Semester-**Jacob Lowe, Ray Malley, Hoss Hewitt, Robbie Hungerford & Gracie Clements**

Congratulations to the Annual Gingerbread House Contest Winners! **Erin McMakin, Nicole Zion, Ally Sims, Zach Mercer** and **Taylor Stockinger**. Each team member won a \$25.00 Visa gift card.

### Horticulture

The Sherwood Horticulture Department will be selling spring plants again this

year. Sales will begin the last week in April and continue until the end of the school year, or until all plants are sold out. We will have annuals and perennials, vegetable plants, herbs and hanging baskets including tuberous begonias, zinnias, marigolds, geraniums, petunias impatiens, tomatoes, peppers, basil, etc. We can do plants for school spring sales, May festivals, parent volunteer gifts, etc. Plants are grown by horticulture students at Sherwood. The greenhouse is open from 7:30 until 3:30 or later. Call **Susie Smith @301-924-3234** for special pick up or delivery. You can also e-mail

**Susie\_S\_Smith@mcpmsmd.org**

## FOREIGN LANGUAGE–

### LINDA OSBORNE

Second semester finds our students who are taking the French and Spanish AP Language classes working feverishly to prepare for the upcoming AP Exams in May of this year. The French AP Exam will be administered May 4<sup>th</sup> at noon. The Spanish AP Exam will be given on May 5<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:00 a.m.

Both Mr. Falls and Mr. González continue to encourage our students to listen to authentic sources in their specific target languages as much as possible, and to practice recording their responses onto a tape recorder where students are asked to interact with a recorded conversation. All students taking the AP Exam need to be familiar with the operation of a tape recorder. They can practice at home or sign up to come after school for practice sessions.

The Spanish Honor Society hosted the ESOL Spanish speaking students at a lunch activity called "Speed Chatting". Both English speakers and Spanish speakers got conversational practice and had a really good time. We plan to continue having one, once a month.

In Spanish 1 the students have been learning about family members and

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relationships. They have met with partners to ask and answer questions based on descriptions of family members. The students have also enjoyed games such as Bingo and Concentration to assist with memorization of vocabulary and grammar concepts. The unit will culminate with groups writing detailed descriptions of their families.

In levels 1 and 2 French, students had the opportunity of face-to-face conversations with French students from abroad. In French 1, students are studying the topic of family life and had guest speakers from France come in to talk and answer questions about family life in France. Students were able to use formal dialogue ("vous") and practice speaking, using their new vocabulary. In level 2, guest speakers visited from the countries of the Ivory Coast, France, and French Guyana. French students used knowledge of comparatives and superlatives to ask questions and make comments comparing and contrasting school in the United States versus the guest speakers' schools. This also gave the students an opportunity to practice dialogue and speaking formally. In addition to this activity, French 2 students used superlatives to write facts about the Olney area to help out the visiting French exchange students during their stay. From these activities, the students were able to not only strengthen their conversational speaking and vocabularies, but also got a chance to learn more in depth about French culture. It was a very beneficial and successful experience.

In all the levels of Italian, students will be exchanging letters to correspond regularly with students from a high school near Rome, Italy. This will help them practice using vocabulary and forming sentences while learning more about Italian students and their lives in Italy. In addition, in March students will go on a field trip to the National Gallery to see and exhibit on Pompeii. They will have the opportunity to learn more about the Italian history and culture.

## **Exchange Programs Updates:**

The French students from Nimes were here from February 6<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup>. Sherwood will travel again to France in November for the exchange. French Honor Society is sponsoring a crepe party for its members catered by Crepe a Go Go before spring break. Honor Society inductions will be in May.

The Spain Exchange Program is preparing to host the students from Las Canteras High School, a school located outside of Madrid, Spain. They will be arriving March 9<sup>th</sup> and visiting through March 21<sup>st</sup>. Soon after, Sherwood students accompanied by Mrs. Twila Cavey, Ms. Karen Bellamy, and Sr. Guillermo Gonzalez will be traveling to Madrid and Portugal from March 28<sup>th</sup> to April 11<sup>th</sup>. Students will be staying with the Spanish students they hosted here during their stay. They will be attending classes at the Canteras High School as well as going on day trips to nearby historic cities such as Toledo and Segovia. The exchange will end with a three day excursion to Portugal where students will visit Lisbon, and famous towns along the coast including Cascais and Sintra.

Twenty German exchange students arrive in Olney on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. However, two more host students are needed. We continue with our 8 years and will return to Germany in June to see our sister school and take a culture tour of Berlin. This trip is open to all Sherwood students and will be a wonderful experience.

## **SOCIAL STUDIES – VICTORIA THANOS**

### **NSL Government**

NSL students are presently learning about economics, unit 5. Topics include market vs. command economies, fiscal vs. monetary policy, opportunity cost, socioeconomic goals, and the business cycle. Students will complete their unit test in early to mid March. The

next unit, Foreign Policy, will require all students to complete a research project.

### **Modern World History**

Students are presently studying unit 3: Global Competition. All students now have online access to the Modern World textbooks. Students should see their teachers for more information. The unit 3 test will be between March 24<sup>th</sup> and March 26<sup>th</sup>. Prior to the unit test, students will complete summative quizzes every two weeks. The Modern World teachers would like to publically congratulate **James "Chase" Hartzoge**. Chase won honorable mention for outstanding delegate at the Catholic University Model United Nations Conference held February 5<sup>th</sup> through February 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **U.S. History**

U.S. History students are presently studying unit 5: The Common Good. This unit focuses on The Great Depression, World War II, and the Truman Doctrine. Students should check with their individual teachers about projects and assessments.

### **AP U.S. History**

AP US students will be visiting the Newseum on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN THE PTSA!**

Thank you to everyone who has already submitted and paid for a membership and made a donation to our three primary funds: After Prom, Scholarship and the General Fund.

If you haven't joined, don't delay! There is still time to become a member of the PTSA! You can join on the PTSA website at [www.sherwoodpts.org](http://www.sherwoodpts.org) and signing up either through the Paypal link or by printing out the Membership form.

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

# 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 19<sup>th</sup> PTSA Meeting. The deadline for the nomination form is April 27<sup>th</sup> but nominations from the floor are allowed at the May 19<sup>th</sup> 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 #:	

# 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](http://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 26<sup>th</sup>  
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

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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.

### March/April Calendar

- 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. 14 After Prom Dress Sale, 9am – 12pm
- 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.26 Due date for all SSL hours, Jan.-Mar.
- Mar. 27 Third Marking Period Ends**
- Mar. 31 Last Day to Order Yearbook

#### Apr. 6-10 & 13 No School

- Apr.19 Warrior Mulch Sale 9am – 2pm
- Apr. 21 PTSA Meeting 7:15 Media Center**
- Apr. 21 Warrior Improv Show 7pm G236

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