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The Shield

Sherwood High School Parent-Teacher-Student Association Newsletter

A Message from the PTSA President

by Susan Berkheimer

The first marking period has ended, and fall is officially upon us. It was great seeing so many parents at Back to School Night. In October the Social Committee and I hosted a Teacher Breakfast which was very appreciated by teachers. It also gave me an opportunity to meet so many of the teachers and encourage them to become part of the PTSA as well. It was a huge success.

The PTSA is working to bring ABC 7's "Drive to Stay Alive" program to Sherwood High School for all grades in December. This program is designed to help teens make smart choices behind the wheel. Leon Harris, ABC 7 news anchor

and MCPS parent, and Captain Thomas Didone of the Montgomery County Police Department discuss important topics including speeding, texting, and the dangers of drinking and driving.

The PTSA is also planning its first "Discussion with the Principal" for January. The topic will be "College Readiness" which will help us start preparing our children and ourselves for college. The principal will also present an update on where we are headed in terms of the academic goals and expectations for this year.

In April/May we will have a program that deals with "Teen

Drinking." This program will focus on teen drinking and driving, house parties and the dangers of binge drinking and alcohol poisoning. Please stay tuned for further details of the programs coming your way in the next few months!

The PTSA, being a non-profit organization, is feeling the effects of our economy and I know many of you have as well. Our membership is still down so if you were planning on becoming a member and just have not had time to do so yet, this would be a great time to show your support and help us help our school. You can join directly on our website:

www.SherwoodPTSA.org. Thank you!

SENIORS:

Do you have a college application deadline of **January 1, 2011?**

If so, you need to submit your transcript request and supporting documentation no later than

Friday, December 3, 2010.

If you have questions, please contact **Mrs. Killion** in the Registrar's Office.

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Teacher/Staff Appreciation Committee

The PTSA Teacher/Staff Appreciation Committee holds several events during the year to thank our terrific Sherwood teachers and staff for the hard work they do teaching, encouraging and watching over our students throughout the year. We provide treats several times during the year including breakfast goodies in mid-October and Halloween candy in early November. We are able to carry out these events through donations of baked goods, fruit and candy from parents. We are extremely grateful to those who have donated thus far. The committee has more events planned for the year including: December holiday treats, February Valentine's treats and our annual year-end luncheon. If you would like to assist our committee, either as a member of the planning committee or as a donor of requested items, please send an email to either of the Co-Chairs:

Marguerite Shoop at mkshoop@yahoo.com or
Sharlene Monroe at sharlenem901@msn.com

Each year we host a year-end luncheon to honor our wonderful teachers and staff. Before and after the luncheon we raffle gift donations from local merchants, families and friends. This past June we had more than 50 contributors donate more than 100 gift items from free food and golf lessons to a Blackberry phone. We owe a great deal of gratitude to all who help make this luncheon such a success each year including, but not limited to, the Media room staff, B.J. Mills, and to our many wonderful parents who baked and/or bought all those awesome sweets for dessert!

Businesses in our local community generously support our schools, staff and children throughout the year, and are key to making our year-end luncheon raffle possible. Please let them know how much their contributions are appreciated by thanking them in person and by using their services. Please remember to use these vendors when you are doing your holiday shopping.

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Class of 2011 Graduation

Monday, June 6, 2011 at 2:30 p.m.

DAR Constitution Hall

Music Department News Fall 2010

Our own Alex Silverbook is the conductor of the Junior MCPS Honors Jazz Band! You will be able to hear this ensemble perform at Sherwood at the County Jazz Festival on December 11th. Alex is currently mentoring a student teacher from the University of Maryland, Matt Hoffman.

Please be sure to open the link below and read the article in which Bill Evans is recognized for his work with electronic music students. The University of South Florida is so impressed with Bill's work that they want him to present his electronic music classes through Skype so music education majors can observe him and his classes.

<http://thejournal.com/articles/2010/10/01/how-music-teachers-got-their-groove-back-music-instruction-goes-digital.aspx>

Congratulations to our students participating in honor musical ensembles in MCPS: Junior **Grace Kane** was selected to participate in MCPS's All-County Chorus. The following students were accepted into the Maryland Classic Youth Orchestra: **Ben Ames, Adam Berger, Jacob Bremerman, Carly Cascio, Christian Larsen, Caroline McCue, Kristine Kim, Emily Levine, Jeremy Parel, Emma Poe-Yamagata, Devayani Srinivasan, Kelley Wallace, and Nicolette Zillich.** Sherwood's participants in the Potomac Valley Youth Orchestra are: **Hannah Kim, Ameerat Olatunde, Jeremy Parel, Eric Shapiro and Wyatt Shapiro.** **Wyatt Shapiro** was also accepted into the Senior Honors MCPS All-County Jazz Band. And **Brooke O'Connell** was accepted in the Junior All-County MCPS Jazz Band. Great job everyone!

October was a busy month for the music department. The Fall Chamber Music Recital was presented on October 4, the Women's Chorus, directed by Kelly Butler, performed with the Coral Cantigas, D.C.'s Premier Latino Chorus, on October 21, and the Chamber Singers, directed by Bill Evans, performed on October 28. For upcoming performances see the music department calendar.

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Sherwood Music Department Calendar 2010-2011

Nov. 22,23	RRR #40 Band Auditions (Band/Choral Room)
Nov 29,30	RRR #40 Vocal Auditions (Band/Choral Room)
Dec. 2	Winter Choral Concert
Dec. 9	Winter Instrumental Concert
Dec. 10	MCPS Show/Jazz Choir Festival (3 PM – 6 PM)
Dec. 11	MCPS Jazz Big Band Festival (all day 7AM – 6PM)
January 21	The Jazz Bands will have the opportunity to attend the Jazz Festival at Towson University
Feb. 7	Chamber Music Recital (Room E150 soloists/ small groups)
Mar. 4,5,6	Rock & Roll Revival #40
Mar. 8	PTSA RRR #40 Matinee
Mar. 11,12.13	Rock & Roll Revival #40
March 31	“A Night of Jazz” (Cafeteria and Auditorium)
April 28	Spring Chamber Singers Concert (OEUMC Church)
May 12	Spring Instrumental Concert
May 19	Spring Choral Concert

*Unless otherwise indicated, all events Monday-Saturday begin at 7:30 pm and all Sunday events begin at 2:00 pm. Unless otherwise indicated, all performances will be in Sherwood’s Ertzman Theater.

Sherwood High School Music Boosters Program

Our performing groups are Symphonic Band and Orchestra, Concert Band, Lab Jazz Band, Jazz Ensemble, Warrior Pep Band, Chamber Singers, Jazz Choir, Show Choir, Woman’s Swing Choir, Music Men and Concert Choir, all perform regularly for the entire Olney community. Concert attire, instruments and instrument repair, transportation for students and fees for participation in choral and instrumental competitions can drain the limited budget that our county provides to each school.

We all want to provide our children with the best possible music education and continue in the proud tradition of the Sherwood music program. Due to severe budget cuts we are in great need of donations this year. To accomplish this 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.

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Music Boosters c/o Marty Kennedy 4112 Mt Olney Lane, Olney, MD 20832

Sherwood High School Science Leads the Way in Implementing President's Recommendations

Were you aware that the 2010 President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) recently published a report to the President entitled, "Prepare and Inspire: K-12 Education in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) for America's Future?" <http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/microsites/ostp/pcast-stemed-report.pdf>

In this report one of the major recommendations to the President was to bring elementary, middle and high school students into contact with experienced professionals and provide them with insights into the wonders of the outside scientific world.

You'll be glad to know that several of Sherwood's science classrooms have been implementing these recommendations for over a year. Robert Thomas, a

retired analytical chemist with almost 40 years experience as an industrial chemist and research scientist working for a laboratory equipment company, has been helping Mr. Miehler and Dr. Baker with their chemistry classes. He is now a freelance science writer who writes directly for magazines and journals, as well as being the author of two chemistry textbooks and a cookbook. Rob, who is originally from Newport in Wales, comes in once a week and talks about the real-world applications of analytical chemistry to the students and in particular how they relate to the chemistry curriculum. This is his second year at Sherwood. Last year he worked with Mr. Miehler's and Dr. Baker's AP, honors and on-level classes. This year he will also be helping Mrs. Greco with her on-level chemistry classes.

Rob is one of a growing number of volunteers in the AAAS (American Association for the Advancement of Science) Senior Scientists and Engineers (SSE) volunteer program in the Metropolitan, Washington DC area (www.seniorscientist.org). It has been in existence since 2005 and currently has almost 40 volunteers in Montgomery County. If you are interested in having one of these volunteers in your science, technology or math class, or you know of a colleague in another elementary, middle or high school who you think might be interested, stop by Mr. Miehler's, or Dr. Baker's classroom on a Tuesday and let Rob Thomas know. Alternatively, you can contact him at:

robert.james.thomas@verizon.net

He will be very happy to talk to you.

Sherwood's Medical Careers Program

Last year, 42 students completed the Medical Careers class. It was a very successful year for the students:

- All of the students attained certification from the American Heart Association in CPR for Health Care Providers.
- Thirty eight of the students attained certification as Nursing Assistants (CNA) according to the standards set by the Maryland Board of Nursing.

Twenty-three of the students participating were seniors.

- All of the participating seniors are going on to post-secondary schooling.
- Eight of these students have declared Nursing as their major.
- Six of the students have found out that a patient related career in the health field is not what they were cut out for.
- The remainder of the seniors have expressed interest in career paths as Doctors, Physician Assistants, Pharmacists and Physical Therapists.

Additionally, eight senior students who had taken the full-year course last year participated in independent internships. All of these students interned in various departments of Montgomery General Hospital. Of these students, seven are enrolling in Collegiate Nursing programs; one student is planning on majoring in Biology and going on to a Physical Therapy program.

Having attained their CNA, 15 students applied for and were awarded paid summer internships at Montgomery General Hospital over the summer. The students were paired with professionals in varied departments of the hospital. They were able to observe and participate in patient care when appropriate. Each student's schedule was designed to fit the needs of the department to which they were assigned. The cooperating professionals went far and above the scope of their duties to ensure that each student gained the most from their experience.

It's time to join or renew the Giant & Safeway Cash Back Programs

Giant A+ School Rewards and Safeway eScript points accrue with each purchase when you use your grocery cards. Last year your support with these programs provided our school with **over \$6,300** for classroom audio-visual equipment and instructional materials!

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We'll be glad to register/renew for you!

Thank you for your continued support!

Computer Science News

We definitely kicked off the year with some excitement. I launched a new website for all to explore and learn more about computer science. I have spent some time documenting the activities and clubs that I am sponsoring this year and it lists information about my classes. I invite all to explore my website at <http://www.compsci rocks.me/>.

I held an essay contest for five of Sherwood's students to be able to meet and greet Adam and Jaime of the Mythbusters crew. The students were: **Timothy Spillman, Emily Levine, Raveena Edwards, Joe Kozlowski and Tori Sanna-Withers**. We had a great time. You can read more about it at:

<http://www.compsci rocks.me/mythbuster s.html>. As part of this opportunity, they agreed to be ambassadors for the USA Science & Technology Festival held on October 23rd and 24th. They decorated the halls with posters, passed out post cards for all students to share with their families about this event. They aired commercials for the event during the morning announcements. Bill Nye – the Science Guy, an exhibit on how the special effects were created for the Harry Potter movies, a flight simulator created by Lockheed Martin, exhibits on robotics and space exploration and many others were there. Also, included in this event were Sherwood's finest Rubik's Cube solvers (who are members of my Computer Programming Club) competing for the National Championship, if they place in the preliminary round competition. This was truly a great opportunity for our students and their families.

I also held a contest for who could solve a computational linguistics problem the quickest and most correctly. The \$25 award went to **Raymond Chan**, a student in my Computer Programming III and Website Design classes.

Six of my Women-in-Technology (WIT) club members were accepted in the professional WIT organization's Girls in Technology Mentors and Protégé program. These students are: **Talia Gudelsky, Rebecca Levine, Kayla Beehler, Devayani "Devi" Srinivasan, Margaret Silliman and Tyra Jennings!**

We just went on our first field trip of the year. We were invited by CyberWatch <http://www.edtechpolicy.org/cyberk12/index.html> to attend their annual C3 (CyberSecurity, CyberEthics and Cyber-Safety) matrix conference. Thank you to the parents and Ms. Avery for helping me with the chaperoning for this trip! At this conference, **John Stelben III** and **Zeshan Tariq** were asked to be student panelists concerning these issues from their perspective. Industry technology professionals and educators asked the panel what they thought would be important information to share with all students. Zeshan spoke about the Every 15 Minutes program our school did last year, and he said he thought we should do a similar program on Cyberbullying. John Stelben was a strong advocator as well. {hmm, I think that they have planted a seed.} All of the Sherwood students were very proud of their contributions and gave them a standing ovation at the end of the conference for their contributions. A Sherwood alum (now a MCPS teacher) who was in attendance came up to me and said he was very proud of Sherwood's participation at the conference. Much to my surprise, NBC Channel 4 was there and Zeshan and John were interviewed.

Introduction to Game Design and Website Development

We have reviewed the history of gaming, explored genres and the ESRB rating system, and about media copyright, plagiarism, ethics, rights managed, royalty free and creative commons work. Students have created some artwork and have just finished learning HTML basics. They will begin to work on their portfolio theme and they will be documenting their work in the form of a webpage.

Game Design & Development

We have reviewed the history of gaming, explored genres and the ESRB rating system and media copyright, plagiarism, ethics, rights managed, royalty free and creative commons work. They have been working on the ten essential elements of game design and are working on learning

the technical and fundamental basics of the platform tool (GameMaker 7) that they will be using this year to develop games.

Computer Programming I

We have worked on some computational problems and learned about the history of computing. They have started learning basic syntax in C++ and have completed 3 programs. In these programs, we worked on printing out shapes, a gift certificate and computing a sales transaction. By completing these assignments, they have learned about basic input and output processing and how computations are written and handled by the computer versus how they have been doing it in their math classes.

Computer Programming II & III

We have worked on some computational problems. We are working on methods and creating classes in JAVA. Their first lab involved understanding how to make the computer draw graphics which they had to work with a basic coordinate system and predefined methods to replicate graphics. In their second lab, they worked on displaying string data and string concatenation. In their third lab, they have been working on maneuvering a robot to move around a room and clean it or leave it dirty. As they worked through the program, they then had to create a digital clock by moving the robot around to draw it and then they had to capture the system's time (real-time) and draw a binary clock which is constantly updated. These students are preparing for the AP exam so they are also working on timed "solving" of problems, free responses, and questions like the ones on the AP exam. They are preparing for high school programming competitions at University of Maryland-College Park, Loyola College and Montgomery College which will take place in the Spring.

For more information about any of these topics, email me at:

donna.thomas@mcpsmd.org.

Remember Computer Science Rocks at Sherwood! Submitted by Mrs. Thomas (aka Mrs. T)

Corollary Athletics

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) offers all high school students the opportunity to participate in the MCPS interscholastic athletics program. In addition, MCPS is pleased to announce that it has formed a partnership with Special Olympics and will offer three sports as part of a corollary athletics program: Unified track and field (fall), Unified bocce (winter) and Allied softball (spring). Allied softball was offered as a pilot program at five MCPS high schools in spring, 2010, and will be available at all 25 MCPS high schools in spring, 2011.

Pilot Programs in Track and Field and Bocce in 2010-2011

The Unified track and field program will be offered as a pilot program at seven high schools in fall, 2010 (Walter Johnson, Richard Montgomery, Quince Orchard, Seneca Valley, Watkins Mill, Wheaton, and Walt Whitman high schools). Unified bocce will be offered as a pilot program at seven high schools in winter, 2010-2011 (Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Blair, Einstein, Magruder,

Northwood, Sherwood, and Wootton high schools). Unified track and field and Unified bocce will be available at all 25 high schools in 2011-2012.

Target Group, Benefits

The corollary athletics program is designed for students with and without disabilities who are interested in playing on a school athletics team but do not necessarily have the skills and/or desire to play at the varsity or junior varsity level. Approximately fifty-percent of the participants in the corollary athletics program will include students with disabilities. The corollary athletics program will offer students who have never been on a varsity or junior varsity team an opportunity to participate on a competitive athletics team.

Among other benefits associated with athletic participation, the program will provide students an opportunity to participate in social activities, improve self-esteem, meet new friends, and enjoy friendly competition. Athletes will wear uniforms, be eligible to earn varsity awards, be included in pep-rallies,

appear in the school yearbook, and participate in awards ceremonies. Some students who volunteer to assist in the program may qualify for community service hours.

Questions, Practices

Practices for Unified track and field began in September. Practices for Unified bocce will begin in late-November; practices for Allied softball will begin in mid-March. Students will need a current physical examination and parent permission in order to participate. The Health Inventory, Medical Card, Student Parent Permission Form and Contract and Extra Curricular Activity Fee forms are available on the tryouts page of the Sherwood High School Athletics website.

If a student is interested in being on a corollary sports team, then the student or the student's parent should indicate this to the interim athletic director, Kathy Green. Similarly, if there are any questions regarding any of the corollary sports, please call the interim athletic director, **Kathy Green at 301-924-3230.**

On-The-Spot HBCU Admission & Scholarship Events

For complete details see Mr. Hock in the Career Center or your Counselor.

- Dec. 2, 2010 Morgan State U @ Walter Johnson HS, 6:00-8:00PM
- Dec. 8, 2010 UMES @ Springbrook HS, 6:00-8:00PM
- Feb. 10, 2011 Coppin State U @ Rockville, 6:00-8:00PM (2/24 snow date)
- Feb. 16, 2011 HBCU College Fair @ Blair, 6:00-8:00PM (2/17 snow date) **FOR GRADES 9-12!!!!**
- March 17, 2011 Bowie State U @ Kennedy HS, 6:30-8:30PM (3/24 snow date)

Joe Hock, College Career Advisor
 Sherwood HS
 301-924-3219/3210

Fall Athletic Awards Night

Sherwood High School will hold its Fall Athletic Awards Night on **Monday November 29th at 6:30pm in the Ertzman Auditorium** of Sherwood High School. The program will begin with a short dessert reception in the Ertzman lobby. Family and friends are invited to share in this wonderful occasion to acknowledge the academic and athletic achievements of our Warriors.

All fall sports are recognized and awards presented for participation, leadership, scholar-athlete and sportsmanship. Student athletes are expected to attend and be in proper attire for an evening school-sponsored assembly.

MCPS Wins \$250,000 in Scholarships

Montgomery County Public Schools was just named one of the top five urban school districts in the nation by the Eli and Edythe Broad Foundation, a leading education philanthropy. The foundation selected MCPS as one of five finalists for the 2010 Broad Prize in Urban Education, the largest education prize in the nation. That honor will bring access to \$250,000 in college scholarships to graduates of the Class of 2011.

According to the Broad Foundation, the scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors who have a demonstrated record of improving their grades over the course of their high school career and have a financial need. MCPS graduating seniors can start applying now for a scholarship through the Broad Prize website. The deadline to apply is March 1, 2011. <https://www.scholarshipamerica.org/broadprize/information.php>

In 2009, Broad Prize scholars received two- or four-year scholarships depending on the type of institution they chose to attend. Those who enrolled in four-year institutions received \$20,000 (\$5,000 annually), while those who enrolled in two-year institutions received \$5,000 (\$2,500 annually).

Scholarship selection and disbursement is handled by Scholarship America. Recipients will be announced in the late spring.

Every year, the Eli and Edythe Broad Foundation, based in Los Angeles, selects five urban school districts that have consistently raised student performance and narrowed achievement gaps among income and ethnic groups. One district is chosen as the winner and receives \$1 million in college scholarships. This year's award went to Gwinnett County Public Schools in suburban Atlanta.

PrepTalk Helps Parents and Students Plan for College

PrepTalk, a biannual newsletter, is a Montgomery County Public Schools and Montgomery College partnership project that provides helpful information for parents and students regarding college preparation and readiness.

Topics covered in *PrepTalk* include, but are not limited to, taking tests, planning academic schedules, earning college credit while in high school, attending college fairs, applying for on-the-spot college admissions, and planning for key deadlines.

Current and past issues of *PrepTalk* can be found online at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/careercenter/resources/preptalk.aspx>

Join the PTSA Yahoo! Groups

The Sherwood High School PTSA sponsors two Yahoo! groups to help you stay informed about events and issues in the Sherwood community. You can decide if you want the information that is posted to be delivered to your email account or you can come to the Yahoo! group site to read it at your convenience.

SherwoodPTSA is a moderated discussion group that allows all members to post and read messages. It is a great way to contribute ideas and opinions. All submissions are reviewed by a moderator and must be signed.

SherwoodWarriorNews is an announcement-only group. This list is for those of you who want to stay informed, but do not want the volume of email that the discussion group may generate. This group is used for communication from the Principal and PTSA officers.

To join a Yahoo! Group, all you need is a valid email address. If you register for a free Yahoo ID, you will be able to access the group web site to browse messages or have the messages sent directly to your email address. You can even choose the frequency at which you wish to receive the messages.

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Shakespeare Club News

The Shakespeare Club is off to an especially exciting year. Rehearsals are underway for *Twelfth Night*, which we will perform at Sherwood in early March, and then take to the stage of the Folger. This year, unlike in years past, we are *guaranteed* a spot in the Folger's Secondary School Festival. Formerly, we had to apply to participate in the festival, and then wait until January to hear whether or not we were invited. Our nail biting was always rewarded with an invitation, but this year the suspense is gone, as we have been chosen to be one of the participating schools under a grant, *Shakespeare for a New Generation*, recently awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities to the Folger. One of the conditions of the grant is that we "agree to" participate in the festival—a goal ardently wished for in the first place!

Performing at the festival isn't the only benefit connected with this grant.

Mallory Shear, a teaching artist active in several area theaters, will work with our actors—to the tune of ten visits--here at Sherwood. Folger editions of *Twelfth Night* will be given to the cast. In addition, the \$100-entrance fee for the Secondary School Festival will be waived, and roundtrip transportation will be provided.

And that's not all! We are invited to attend in February, free of cost, a matinee performance of *The Comedy of Errors*. We will receive a study guide to enhance the students' enjoyment and understanding of the play. Once again, transportation from Sherwood to the Folger and back will be provided.

Being in the Shakespeare Club just keeps getting better and better. All students are welcome.

Submitted by Geraldine Knasko Green, Sponsor

Spanish Honor Society

The Spanish Honor Society has met twice this school year. We have over 70 members who have already signed up to tutor other Spanish students and are planning their next community service project.

Any student who takes Spanish and feels that they need extra help with the language should contact Mrs. Peterson or any Spanish Honor Society member for help. Members are required to provide tutoring as a way to earn service hours.

Sra. Maria Peterson
Spanish Teacher
Spanish Honor Society Sponsor
301-924-3231

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.

French Students Travel to Nimes

On November 12th, 17 students from Sherwood traveled with Mr. Falls and Ms. Coogan to Nîmes, France, where they are spending 10 days living with a family and attending school. This is the seventh year of the French exchange. The students are:

Gai Kauffman
Lia Kurihara
Haili HersheyD
Dahlia Ghafir
Caitlin Hanratty

Tyler Calhoun
Alex Porter
Colin Hambright
Stephen Palmer
Emily Kupersanin
Feona Kay
Madeline VanCott
Amanda Tomlinson
Sydney Salwedel
Jennifer Hoffman
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For general information about the SSL guidelines and requirements, go to

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

Includes FAQs, verification forms, forms to request pre-approval of an activity, due dates, etc.

To find SSL opportunities, go to:

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

Then, click on: Find Opportunities Now (bottom right under 'Pre-Approved Service Opportunities')

You can search by 'Interest' or by 'Location'

Please contact **Ruth S. Marin** if you have any questions.
ruthsmarin24@gmail.com

SSL Reminders

Ms. Coutts is the 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.**

Documentation of service performed during the first semester is due Friday, January 7, 2011.

Sherwood HS Presents Oklahoma!

November 18, 19, & 20 at 7:30pm
in the Ertzman Theatre

\$12 for assigned seats; \$10 for general admission

Oklahoma is Rodgers & Hammerstein's first collaboration and one of the first musicals in which song, dialog, and dance were all used to advance the plot of the show. Set in Oklahoma Territory outside the town of Claremore in 1906, the high-spirited rivalry between the local farmers and cowboys provides the colorful background against which Curly, a handsome cowboy, and Laurey, an appealing farm girl, play out their love story. There is another romance between cowboy Will Parker and his flirtatious fiancée, Ado Annie.

Curly – Connor Martin	Laurey – Simone Brown
Will Parker – Jake Fullmer	Ado Annie – Leanne Frenkel
Aunt Eller – Zoe Bulitt	Jud Fry – Nick Cameron
Ali Hakim – Sloan Friedman	Andrew Carnes – Leif Gatesman
Cord Elam – Joey Quinn	Ike Skidmore – Seth Kahanov
Dream Curly – Joey Quinn	Dream Laurey – Molly Horak

Ensemble: Rachael Baker, Daniel Barnette, Alex Boscolo, Anne Carroll, Adi Chazoom, Lauren Corlett, Missy Creekmore, Abigail Duncan, Rachael Fox, Chase Frederick, Maria Claudia Garcia-Rada, Christopher Krauss, Jennifer Light, Alyssa Miller, Julie Moustafa, Jordan Newmark, Sammy Pirrone, Zac Plotkin, Kelsey Rood, Michael Sanchez, Olivia Skofteland, Annie Sragner

Library Media Program

The Library Media Program exists to teach students information literacy skills and to help them find information, complete assignments, and find enjoyable fiction reading materials.

The Media Center is open to students from 6:45 AM to 4:00 PM every school day. We have a large selection of non-fiction and fiction books, magazines, and audio books for student borrowing. We also have an extensive collection of electronic *Research Databases* and *Ebooks*, which are the online extensions of the library collection. These databases and Ebooks are also accessible online outside of school by using the proper passwords.

A list of these information sources is posted on the Library Media Program Web Site. Web addresses and passwords for them can be found on your Edline home page. A printed list of passwords is available to students in the Media Center. For more information about the Library Media Program visit our web site at

<http://www.sherwoodhs.org/mediacenter/>

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Nov./Dec. Calendar

Nov. 18, 19&20	Fall Musical Ertzman
Nov. 22&23	RRR#40 Band Auditions (Band/Choral Room)
Nov. 24	Early Release K-12
Nov. 25&26	No School-Thanksgiving
Nov. 29&30	RRR#40 Vocal Auditions (Band/Choral Room)
Nov. 29	Fall Athletics Awards Night 6:30p.m. Ertzman
Dec. 2	Winter Choral Concert 7:30
Dec. 3	Deadline for ordering transcripts for January 1
Dec. 9	Winter Instrumental Concert 7:30
Dec. 17	Winter Deadline for Letter Jacket Orders
Dec. 24	No School – Christmas Holiday
Dec. 27–31	No School – Winter Break

Attendance Policies and Procedures

1. Submit absent notes directly to the Attendance Office within **THREE** days of returning to school. After the three days, absence becomes unexcused regardless of the reason.
2. Students requesting early dismissal must obtain an Early Departure Pass **from the Attendance Office before 1st period**. Every student issued an Early Departure Pass **Must** sign out at the Attendance Office at the time of departure. **Failure to sign out will result in an unexcused absence even with a note. If students return before the end of the school day, they must sign in at the attendance office.**
3. **Students who are late to school must sign in at the attendance office and receive a pass before reporting to class.**
4. A physician's note is required for any absence of five or more days due to illness.
5. Students who anticipate being absent should submit an Absence Request Form to their assistant principal **ONE WEEK prior** to the day of their absence, i.e. college visits, school related activities, etc. Absence Request Forms are available in the Attendance Office. *(All college visits must be verified in writing with a letter FROM the college.)*
6. The only excused absences are for:
 - Death in the immediate family, Illness of pupil, Medical Appointments, Court Summons, Religious Holiday, Violent Storms, State Emergencies, Authorized work or activity
 - Lack of school bus transportation, **College Visits (Must be verified by the college in writing)**
7. Notes excusing absences must include:
 - Student's full legal name (printed), ID number
 - Date(s) of absence, Reason for Absence
 - Phone number of parent (work and cell phone), Parent/Guardian signature
8. Call the attendance office between 7:00 AM to 8:00 AM to report an absence at 301-924-3206.