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The Shield

Sherwood High School Parent-Teacher-Student Association Newsletter

Principal's Perspective

by William M. Gregory

The holiday season is upon us. As we prepare for the winter holidays, the next few weeks will be filled with many fun activities for our students and their families. This time of the year can be demanding for students because they need to find a balance between holiday preparation and school work to finish the semester. Our teachers, counselors, and other school staff are here to provide resources to support you and your children.

The first semester ends in January. When students return from winter break, they will have nine days of classes before final exams begin. The review day for

the first semester is January 13. Final exams begin Friday, January 14 and run through Friday, January 21. Monday, January 17 is a holiday and Monday, January 24 is a professional day. The third marking period begins January 25. During the final exam period, students need to report to school only for their scheduled exams. School buses operate on a normal schedule. Additional information about the final exams is found in this newsletter. Please monitor your student's work closely to make sure all work is up-to-date.

Students who need to take an HSA before the May session will take the

assessments from January 10 through January 13. The students needing this assessment and their parents will be notified by our testing coordinator, Mr. Awkard.

Once we complete the first semester, we will begin the registration process for the 2011-2012 school year. Sherwood High School will be hosting a College Prep Night and Course Fair on January 27. On that night, parents will have an opportunity to learn more about the courses and programs being offered for the upcoming school year. You can find

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Don't Miss This!

Sherwood High School Financial Aid Night

January 6, 2011
7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Grants, Loans, Scholarships
- Maryland Financial Aid Programs

Come and Learn about Paying for College!

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Important Information Regarding School Closings

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, Accu-Weather, the news media and by actual inspection of roads, school driveways, and sidewalks throughout the county. Weather conditions in surrounding counties are also gathered and factored into forecasting conditions for Montgomery County students and considered for those students attending non-public schools in other areas. Information from these various sources is factored into the decision.

Weather conditions or continuing 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-making criteria. 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 Montgomery County

The weather may be bad elsewhere in the county, but fine where I live. Why aren't the nearby 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 busses 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. School must be accessible for all students to be given the ability to participate in instructional programs. In the case of non-public school closings for schools located outside of Montgomery County, the Department of Transportation works with schools on an individual basis to assure each student receives the required days of instruction. However, in the interest of the safety of all students and staff, whenever Montgomery County 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 announcements are made on:

The MCPS Web site home page

<http://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, or see Community Use of Schools (ICB) on the MCPS Web site

From the Principal

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additional information about the January 27 event, as well as changes in the academies, in the newsletter.

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 girls' Warrior Volleyball team for winning the State Championship in November. Our varsity cheerleaders have won the MCPS Division 1 Cheerleading competition for the third year in a row. I am proud of all of our fall athletes and their coaches.

Winter break is upon us and that is very exciting. Winter break begins at the close of school on Thursday, December 23. Students and staff return on Monday, January 3. As we approach these holidays, I want to wish our students, staff, and families much peace and happiness.

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

Sherwood faculty articles must be submitted to Mrs. Mills or Mr. Gregory before they will be published in The Shield.

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January 2011 Final Exam Schedule

Thurs., January 13, 2011:	Review Day
Fri., January 14, 2011:	Period 1 7:25 – 9:35 Lunch 9:35 – 9:55 Period 2 10:00 – 12:10
Mon., January 17, 2011	Holiday No School (Martin L. King, Jr. Day)
Tues., January 18, 2011:	Period 3 7:25 – 9:35 Lunch 9:35 – 9:55 Period 4 10:00 – 12:10
Wed., January 19, 2011	Period 5 7:25 – 9:35 Lunch 9:35 – 9:55 Period 6 10:00 – 12:10
Thurs., January 20, 2011	Period 7 7:25 – 9:35 Lunch 9:35 – 9:55 Make Up and High School Plus Exams
Fri., January 21, 2011	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 21 do not attend school that day. All make up exams must be scheduled with the class teacher.

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.

Rock 'n' Roll Revival #40 Information

JANUARY 3: ALL CAST AND CREW REHEARSAL 2:15 P.M. CHORAL ROOM

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

ROCK 'N' ROLL REVIVAL #40 PERFORMANCES

March 4 Show 1 7:30 p.m.
March 5 Show 2 7:30 p.m.
March 6 Show 3 2:00 p.m.
March 8 PTSA Matinee 10:00 AM
March 11 Show 4 7:30 p.m.
March 12 Show 5 7:30 p.m.
March 13 Show 6 2:00 p.m.

TICKET SALES:

Tickets for Rock 'N' Roll Revival #40 will go on sale February 1st. All tickets are for reserved seating and cost \$15.00 each. To order tickets you may download the order form on page 5 of this issue of The Shield, or find the form online at: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/sherwoodhs/> or send a request that includes your name, phone numbers (day and evening and cell), number of tickets (limit of 24 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. There are no credit card orders. Payment must accompany all requests. Orders should be sent to:

**Rock 'N' Roll Tickets
Sherwood High School
300 Olney-Sandy Spring Road
Sandy Spring, Maryland 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 Monday through Thursday 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM. The crew works on some Saturdays in February/March (9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. 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 REVIVAL PROGRAM

1/8 page (2 3/4 X 2 1/8) \$55
1/2 page (5 1/2 X 4 1/4) \$160
1/4 page (2 3/4 X 4 1/4) or (5 1/2 X 2 1/8) \$85
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 \$5.00 for 22 words.

To place an ad or for information regarding advertising in the program, please contact:
Suzanne Regnault at stregnault@gmail.com

QUESTIONS?

**Contact Bill Evans 301-924-3246
Gene Orndorff 301-924-322**

ROCK 'N' ROLL #40 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 Tuesday, 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.
- **Make checks payable to Sherwood HS. All tickets cost \$15.**

RRR #40 Ticket Order Form

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

FRIDAY, MARCH 4 - 7:30 PM
SATURDAY, MARCH 5 - 7:30 PM
SUNDAY, MARCH 6 - 2:00 PM

FRIDAY, MARCH 11 - 7:30 PM
SATURDAY, MARCH 12 - 7:30 PM
SUNDAY, MARCH 13 - 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

Sherwood High School School Improvement Plan (SIP) Action Items

GOAL: To increase honors participation to 90% at each grade level; 80% of students enrolled in an honors course will earn a C or better.

GOAL: To increase AP participation and performance: 85% of students enrolled in AP classes will take the AP exam for that course; 80% of the students taking an AP exam will score 3 or higher.

Action Items:

- Encourage registration in honors/AP courses
- Provide support to students through support classes and instructional strategies
- Encourage and support student participation in AP exams

Action Items: UPDATES FROM SIT MEETING NOVEMBER 30, 2010

- Include registration information about Honors/AP courses in PTSA newsletters at middle and high schools so parents understand the options and the course sequences – e.g., AP NSL for 9th graders, AP Language & Composition for 12th graders
- Diagnose why students are struggling in AP courses to determine the most appropriate supports – e.g., content support, time to do work, tutor/mentor
- Continue to monitor classroom instruction for student engagement and curriculum implementation through observations, PLC meetings, analysis of student data
- Underscore the positive impact of AP course participation and AP exams on preparation for college and college costs

GOAL: SHS will make AYP in 2011

Action Items:

- Review data and identify students that have failed HSA exams, which place them at-risk of not graduating and develop a plan for each student
 1. *We currently have 62 seniors who have not met the HSA requirement (19 LEP students & 11 Special Ed)*
 2. *Monitoring Tool has been created to monitor student progress*
 3. *Counselors are meeting with each student that has not met requirement and created a plan*
- Identify and implement instructional supports to ensure an increase of the number of students who pass HSA exams. Our emphasis will be the HSA English exam (LEP, FARMS, Hispanic and African American students)
 1. *HSA Team & ESIT Team met (Oct. 17th, 20th & Nov. 17th) to make changes to the instructional program for each student*
 2. *PLC was created between the English & ESOL 5 teacher to share materials and alike plans*
 3. *After school class was created to support LEP students for the HSA exam*
- Provide staff development for all staff to support LEP student achievement, emphasis will be the HSA English exam
 1. *We will implement the STEP-T program during the Dec. 7th rolling staff meeting*

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School Improvement Plan (SIP) Action Items

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GOAL: Algebra 2 by 11th grade with a C or higher; 65% of our juniors will complete Algebra 2 with a C or higher

Action Items:

- Identify needed staff development to ensure that each student's needs are met and an increase in the number of students meeting the target. (Key 5)
 1. *Algebra 2 team attended a webinar to assist instruction for students.*
- Review data and identify students who are at-risk of not meeting Key 5, which place them at-risk of not being college ready.
 1. *Teachers are currently contacting at-risk students & parents about schedule changes to Bridge to Algebra 2*

GOAL: SAT/ACT/Accuplacer participation will be 90%, or higher (total) and 80% with the SAT/ACT average SAT score 1650 and ACT score of 24.

Action Items:

- Collect and analyze college entrance exam data to develop individual plans and establish goals for preparing seniors for college/career opportunities.
- Communicate college readiness plans and processes with the Instructional Leadership Team (ILT). ILT members will share plans and processes with members of their various departments.
- Review data and meet monthly to review individual student testing profiles so counselors and administrators can:
 1. Monitor college plans for seniors during the fall, juniors (fall/spring).
 2. Implement monitoring and intervention tools.
 3. Determine which college-entrance test (including the Accuplacer and TOEFL) is best suited for students.
 4. Establish and implement strategic plans for individual student preparation.

UPDATES:

Increase parent communication to inform parents of the process related to sharing information and preparing seniors for college/career opportunities via PTSA newsletters, emails, parent group meetings.

- **Spark student interests by providing opportunities for students to be exposed to various colleges via college tours. (Example: 9th Grade College Tour).**
- **Through the articulation process with feeder schools inform staff and parents of strategies used at Sherwood to increase the number of students who take the SAT/ACT and improve their performances.**
- Incorporate college entrance exam strategies into instruction by analyzing PSAT Summary of Answers and Skills (SOAS).
- Implement and monitor campaign for continued high participation on the PSAT so that:
 1. Participation of sophomores taking PSAT exceeds 95%.
 2. Participation of junior taking PSAT exceeds 90%.

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- Implement and monitor support programs that will provide students with the proper supports needed to take the most appropriate college entrance exam for their needs and provides opportunities for increased performance.

GOAL: To create a school climate conducive to learning and growth as measured by: Decrease ineligibility rate over the 2010-2011 school year to MCPS target of 19.4% for each subgroup

GOAL: Decrease the suspension rate over the 2010-2011 schoolyear to MCPS target of 6.5% for each subgroup and decrease the variability among racial groups to reflect school demographics.

GOAL: Increase the overall attendance rate by 10%

Action Items:

- Implement School-wide academic support programs: Men of Excellence, YMCA Tutoring, 9th grade mentoring; Update: Elicit the Black Student Union for volunteer mentors
- Monitor student grades to increase eligibility: Admin data meetings, Wednesday’s Child, Climate committee meetings, 9th grade mentoring
- Monitor student attendance: Admin meetings w/ students, revised attendance/tardy policy, Admin data meetings
- Implement and monitor programs that will help decrease referrals and suspensions: 9th grade mentoring, weekly admin meetings, ISI, Men of Excellence, Conflict Resolution, Peer Mediation, School Climate committee, Character Education; Update: Provide action items from Wednesday’s child meetings to resource teachers and discuss intervention strategies for “at risk” students during department meetings; Providing staff opportunities for cultural awareness through professional development
- Build student recognition and celebrate academic and behavioral success: Student of the Month, Recognition for improving students: Update: Elicit ideas for student recognition from SGA for attendance, eligibility, and straight A’s.

On-The-Spot HBCU Admission & Scholarship Events

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

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| 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

Yearbooks on Sale Now!

The score of the big game. The name of the girl in their English class.
The clothes and hairstyles. Those are just a few of the details
your child[ren] will want to remember about this school year.

Help your student keep those memories sharp by buying a 2011 *Leaves* Yearbook.
The yearbook is only \$80 and will be enjoyed by your student 20, 30 and even
50 years from now. You also can make the yearbook extra special by personalizing
the book with namestamping or protecting the book with a plastic cover.

Order Now:

- Buy online at **yearbookforever.com** and enter our school name **OR**
- Bring payment to the yearbook office (C117). Label the envelope with student name, grade, and ID number. Make check out to Sherwood High School.

As an adult you know how important high school memories become.
Help your child remember... buy a yearbook today!

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.

TO SUBSCRIBE BY EMAIL, SEND A BLANK EMAIL TO:

SherwoodPTSA-subscribe@yahoogroups.com or
SherwoodWarriorNews-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Follow the instructions on the confirmation email that is sent back to you. The email will direct you to a web page, on that page click the option for "join the mailing list." You can choose to set up a Yahoo account if you wish, but it is not required.

TO SUBSCRIBE ONLINE (IF YOU ALREADY HAVE A YAHOO! ACCOUNT), SIGN IN TO YOUR YAHOO! ACCOUNT AND THEN VISIT:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SherwoodPTSA/join> or
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SherwoodWarriorNews/join>

Academies at Sherwood High School

Sherwood High School will be providing students with the opportunity to follow their interest in certain fields by becoming part of one of six academies. Each academy will enable students to pursue coursework related to a specific area, participate in activities related to that area, and to have a capstone experience, which will be a reflective culminating activity, showcasing the work the student has done throughout his/her high school career. A decision was made to make participation in the academies voluntary, rather than mandatory. Interested students will choose an academy in tenth grade.

The academies are:

- The Academy of Business, Computer Science, and Engineering
- The Academy of Environmental and Horticultural Sciences
- The Academy of Health Professions
- The Academy of Hospitality and Tourism/Hospitality Management
- The Academy of Teacher Education
- The Academy of The Arts

Students who participate in an academy will receive special recognition at graduation and documentation of his/her academy participation will be sent with transcripts to colleges.

Shakespeare Club News

The Shakespeare Players have begun their work with **Mallory Shear**, a professional actress and theater educator assigned to Sherwood by the Folger under the auspices of the *Shakespeare for a New Generation* grant recently awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Our actors were really energized, motivated, and inspired by this energetic teaching artist.

Although this year's play, *Twelfth Night, or How Orsino Found True Love*, is already cast and in rehearsal, any students interested in just having fun "playing with Shakespeare" are always welcome to drop in to the Thursday lunchtime meetings.

Geraldine Knasko Green, Advisor

Sherwood High School Invites You to College Prep Night and Course Fair

January 27, 2011, 6:30 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!

Business Education Department

New Course!!

Financial Management using Software Applications A & B is a new course being offered next year. It is open to students in grades 9 thru 12 as an elective credit. Students need 2.5 elective credits to graduate. Students will use Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint to develop products related to business and financial concepts such as, banking, investing, credit, and risk management, just to name a few. Everyone needs to be financially literate. This is an opportunity for your child to gain this invaluable information as well as

computer skills. Look for this course on your registration cards!

Call or email Mrs. Johnson for details
Pamela_A_Johnson@mcpsmd.org

Do you need a Tech Credit??

Design Technology Solutions A & B is a new, year-long course being offered here at Sherwood which will enable students to receive their technology credit to graduate. The course is open to all students in grades 9 thru 12. In the course, you will learn:

- how a product goes from being an

idea to being in the store for purchase,

- Java programming (using BlueJ software),
- robotics using LEGO kits and software,
- how technology has had an impact on society, economy, environment, finances, and politics.

Don't miss out on this opportunity!
 Call or email Mrs. Johnson for details
Pamela_A_Johnson@mcpsmd.org

After Prom News

It can't be prom season already. Right? Wrong. And we cannot have Afterprom with out your help. This year's Afterprom committee started working the first week of school. Our committee this year includes the junior and senior class offices as well as the Student Government officers.

This year's committee has redesigned Sherwood's Afterprom. Afterprom is May 22nd at Longwood Recreation Center from 12:30 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. This year's event includes a whole new look and feel.

Afterprom creates a safe environment for our students to continue their post prom celebration. And it's free. Even if you don't go to prom you can still attend Afterprom. Of course this event costs over \$10,000.00 to produce

and we have been hard at work fundraising. In the next few months we will be hosting dining out nights, Sherwood Mixer, Prom Central shopping and a chance to win free prom tickets. All to raise money to ensure that Afterprom takes place. But of course the main source of money raised for Afterprom is parent donations. We will once again be sending out our letters asking you to contribute \$20.11 to support the 2011 Afterprom. ***Our goal is to have every parent at Sherwood donate \$20.11 to our Afterprom event.***

If you would like to volunteer, fundraise, help make decorations, chaperon or donate baked goods please contact **Roni Septoff** or **Lauri Black** at Sherwoodafterprom@gmail.com

CCRD Department

If you are sophomore or junior who wishes to leave school early for employment in your senior year, you should enroll in College/Career Research and Development 1A and 1B prior to your senior year.

This course provides students the opportunity to experience career, interest, and aptitude inventories to assist them in making career and/or higher education choices. CCRD 1A is now being offered both the fall and spring semesters for your convenience.

You can sign-up for the spring 2011 semester today. For more information, see your counselor or contact Mr. Beattie at Scott_M_Beattie@mcpsmd.org
 There are only 20 spots remaining so sign up NOW!!

Sherwood High School homepage is

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/sherwoodhs>

Sherwood PTSA is online at

www.sherwoodptsa.org

SSL Reminders

All SSL hours must be turned in to Ms. Coutts in room K280 in person.

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

SENIORS 2012

Considering an Internship for the Coming School Year?

What is an Internship?

A student internship is a paid or unpaid, career-focused experience during which a young person becomes directly involved for a defined period of time in business, government, industry, research, or social service. This experience

- complements the student's career goals and is managed under supervision
- is an opportunity for a student to attain first-hand knowledge about a career or field of study
- provides an opportunity for a student to apply the skills obtained in school to real work experiences while learning additional skills associated with the workplace
- allows students to experience options they may not have considered and make thoughtful decisions about continued education or full-time work

Thousands of interns have received experience in numerous career fields, and their evaluations of the experience have been overwhelmingly positive.

Program Goals

Career development in Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) strives to link school activities with workplace experiences. Internships enable students to:

- identify a career cluster of interest to them
- observe and participate in activities connected with a career cluster
- describe the requirements and characteristics of selected careers
- experience a range of choices and opportunities within a career area
- determine whether a career is compatible with their interests, values, skills, and aptitudes
- apply academic learning to practical situations
- apply out-of-school experience to classroom activities
- set priorities, plan use of time, and adhere to a schedule
- develop effective interpersonal skills
- develop important work habits such as promptness, reliability, and accuracy
- develop lifelong learning habits

- make the transition from school to post-secondary education and career
- develop working relationships with adults

In addition, each on-site supervisor and the intern coordinator should jointly develop student goals and assessment measures related to the specific internship.

Credit Policy

To satisfy MCPS requirements and receive credit for an internship, the student must complete a **minimum** of 150 hours per credit (7.5 hours per week) at the internship site and seminars. To receive credit, **only time spent on the site is considered--time spent going to and from the site is not counted.** While a structured weekly schedule usually provides the best learning experience, flexibility may be required to optimize learning during the internship. Each intern coordinator must verify, in cooperation with the sponsor, that the intern has met minimal time requirements. **Need more information? Contact Mrs. Reiff by email at Judy_Adler_Reiff@mcpsmd.org**

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.

Dec./Jan. Calendar

Dec. 24 No School – Christmas Holiday
Dec. 27–31 No School – Winter Break

Jan. 6	SHS Financial Aid Night 7:00pm Cafeteria
Jan. 7	Student Service Learning (SSL) Documentation Due
Jan. 13	Final Exams Review Day
Jan. 14	Period 1 & Period 2 Final Exams
Jan. 17	No School – Holiday/Martin L. King, Jr.
Jan. 18	Period 3 & Period 4 Final Exams
Jan. 18	PTSA Meeting 7:15 Media Center
Jan. 19	Period 5 & Period 6 Final Exams
Jan. 20	Period 7 Final Exam
Jan. 21	Make Up Exams (arranged with teacher)
Jan. 21	2 nd Semester Ends
Jan. 24	Professional Day for Teachers – No School for Students
Jan. 27	College Prep Night and Course Fair 6:30pm