

After Prom Campaign \$20.11

March 2, 2011

Dear Parents,

The Sherwood High School PTSA is once again sponsoring After Prom. This year, After Prom will be held on Sunday, May 22, 2011 from 12:30 to 5:00 am, at Longwood Recreation Center, immediately following the Junior/Senior Prom. Sherwood High School was one of the first Montgomery County High School's to sponsor an After Prom Event. The PTSA is proud to host this alcohol/drug free event that provides a safe haven for our Sherwood students during that critical time when prom is over, and we are grateful that none of our students have been involved in an alcohol/drug related death on prom night. After Prom is open to all Junior and Senior Sherwood students free of charge, whether or not they attend prom. The 2010 After Prom Event hosted over 525 Sherwood students.

What is After Prom? Really, it's a big party. We provide food, prizes, entertainment, games, movies, and best of all it's a drug free, alcohol free, event. For over 20 years, the After Prom committee has worked tirelessly to provide an event that keeps our children safe and having a great time.

After-Prom is made possible each year by the generous donations from our Sherwood community. Your financial support provides space rental, entertainment, food, prizes (prizes are given out all night long) and security.

Here is the pitch: We need a \$20.11 donation to After Prom from every family in Sherwood High School, whether you are a freshman family, or a senior family. We cannot hold the event without your donation. Truly we cannot.

You may ask, "Shouldn't this donation be paid by just the junior and senior families?" NO, the safety of the children in our Sherwood community is every family's concern. Please pay it forward.

Can you give more than \$20.11? Absolutely

Can you give gift cards or merchandise? Absolutely

Is your donation tax deductible? Absolutely

Can someone not in the Sherwood Community make a donation? Absolutely, we take donations from any friend or relative you have. ☺

Our goal is to offer an event so enticing that our students will attend in great numbers and stay until 5:00 am. After Prom has to be the hottest party going that night, so that it attracts the students to the event and keeps them there, and away from potentially dangerous situations.

It is in the best interest of everyone in our community to support this endeavor for our children. Please help keep our students safe this prom season. We need you to invest in this event so that we see every one of our students cross the stage at graduation.

On behalf of the Sherwood students and families, thank you in advance for supporting this much anticipated and worthwhile event. Your tax-deductable donation will be acknowledged by letter and published in the Sherwood PTSA newsletter. There are two ways to donate you go to the PTSA web site, <http://sherwoodptsa.org/joining-the-ptsa/after-prom/> and pay using a credit card or pay pal or you can donate by check. Checks may be made payable to Sherwood High School PTSA and sent to the address below. In the event you wish to donate gift cards or merchandise, please contact us to make arrangements. If you have any questions, you can reach us at rsep01@aol.com or lauriblack@comcast.net.

We really hope to hear back from all of you.

Sincerely,

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