

Sherwood High School

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Dear Students and Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to the new school year! I am looking forward to the work we will do this year to provide a rich and excellent school experience that prepares students for success in high school and for success in the world of college and career.

The school year begins in a few weeks. Included in this mailing is information you will need to start the new school year. This information includes materials to make the beginning of the school year a smooth one. Also included is the parent handbook which is a compilation of a school calendar and other information to help you navigate your way through Sherwood High School. We hope you find this helpful.

We are in exciting times as we prepare our students for college and career. There are many changes in curriculum and assessments that will occur throughout Maryland over the next several years. This summer, the members of the leadership team participated in training sessions for the continued implementation of the Common Core Curriculum and the PARCC assessments, as well as the new teacher evaluation system. We also received information about the new SAT and PSAT that we will share with you. Throughout the course of the year, we will be holding informational meetings to discuss school programs and resources.

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) has installed the Visitor Management System (VMS) at Sherwood High School. VMS allows us to have greater security in the school building during the day. Beginning August 24, the doors to the school building will be locked throughout the school day. When visitors come to the school, they must ring the bell at the main entrance to gain access to the building. All visitors must report to the main office with their driver's license or official MCPS identification to sign in and receive a visitor's pass.

This summer, we have welcomed some new staff and two former teachers who are returning to us. Ms. Debbie Hiltner is returning to the math department after serving as a mathematics instructional specialist for the school system. Mr. Steven Bak is returning after teaching in a middle school and he will work in the special education and math departments. The new staff joining us this year are:

Ms. Sheila Cantor, SPED Paraeducator
Ms. Amy Crumrine, World Languages
Ms. Jeannette Reveron, ESOL Counselor

Ms. Kelly Singleton, Counselor
Ms. Janet Solan-Doris, SPED Paraeducator
Mr. Stephen Wright, Science

The first day of school for all students is Monday, August 31. The bell schedule has changed for Montgomery County Public Schools this year. Our school day begins at 7:45 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. On the first day of school, students will follow a special advisory schedule. We will distribute schedules in advisory on the first day. Lists of advisory assignments will be posted around the school building and staff will be available to assist students.

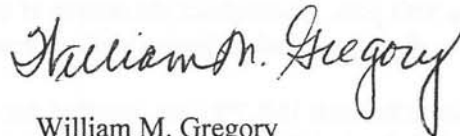
On Thursday, August 27, we will meet our new students. We will host our new student orientation from 7:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This orientation is for incoming ninth grade students and also for tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade students new to our school. Students will receive information about Sherwood and their classes. They will have an opportunity to socialize as they meet new friends and become reacquainted with old friends. Buses will pick up students at their normal bus stops at regularly scheduled times and will return students following the orientation program. Please check the enclosed list carefully. Students should be at the stop at least ten minutes before the scheduled pick-up time.

We invite the parents and guardians of our freshman class to an orientation on Thursday evening, August 27, from 7:00 until 9:00. The purpose of this evening is to provide an overview of Sherwood and to explain some of our expectations, policies and procedures. This information will help make your students and your transition to high school a smooth one.

Our annual Back-to-School night is Thursday evening, September 17 from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m. Please mark this date and time on your calendar. This is a great opportunity for parents and guardians to meet their child's teachers and to learn about course expectations.

Enjoy the remainder of the summer. The Sherwood High School staff and I look forward to working with you. Together, we will work hard as we continue to aim for excellence.

Sincerely,



William M. Gregory
Principal

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