
Sherwood Secondary School Council



School Council News

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Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Library
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Home of the Saints
since 1967

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Points of Interest Sherwood-style

- *School Display Cases outside of Auditorium, Library, & West Entrance*
- *School Council bulletin board in main hallway*
- *There are 3 levels in the school building—ground floor (level 1), main floor (level 2), top floor (level 3)*
- *School parking lot is accessed from Princeton Drive on the east side of the school*
- *The public health nurse visits the school weekly on Thursday (appointments made through Guidance Office)*

Welcome parents and future Saints to Sherwood! I know that students have had a quick visit to the building previously, however, tonight is a chance for parents to view the classrooms perhaps for the first time. Student ambassadors are here to help you navigate the school so please browse and feel right at home.

There are many events that showcase the talents of our students at Sherwood and parents are welcome to attend these and more (see page 2). I guarantee you will continue to be amazed. Sherwood gives every student an opportunity to experience high school through an abundance of clubs, teams, spirit days and trips.

Please take a moment to exam-

ine the items on display in the cases and corridors throughout the school. These offer a glimpse of Sherwood student achievement, participation and community involvement.

If you have any questions about curriculum and option sheets, please approach the staff tonight. The Department Heads and Guidance Counselors have the expertise to provide you with answers.

I hope you will find the articles in this handout to be informative and helpful as you begin the transition from elementary to secondary school *parents*.

Huge appreciation is extended to our school staff, particularly Guidance, and Principal Gallant for all the planning involved

with Grade 8 transition and student success.

Sherwood School Council is devoted to improving education for our students and we do it in partnership with Student Council and Sherwood Staff. Our Principal and School Council strive to keep parents informed.

Please enjoy your visit.

Kindest regards,

R. Gagnon, School Council
Chair



Communication Between Your Home & Sherwood School

How do you find out about upcoming events? How do you monitor your child's progress? There are various ways that information here at Sherwood is shared.

- Electronic school newsletter is posted on the school website 3x/year
- School & School Council email contacts
- Sherwood website
- Voicemail system links you with teachers
- Student agendas (bell schedules, school policies and other reference information)
- School Council Newsletter Handouts (3-4/year)
- Preliminary, Mid-term and Sem. 1 final reports handed out during the semester.
- Parents' Interview Nights (Oct. & Mar.) following the distribution of the preliminary reports
- June year-end final reports mailed to your home
- Synervoice announcements at home with reminders for important dates
- You will receive a package at home that is mailed during the summer with start-up information (timetable pick-up, etc.)



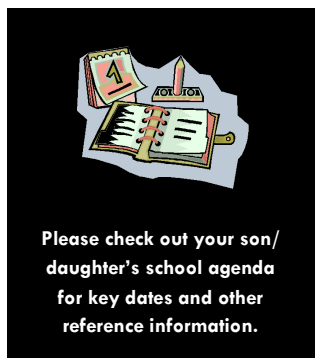
Tips for Helping your Sherwood “Saint” at Home

Research suggests that **this is the most impactful method for parents to be actively involved in helping students succeed.** How can you help? (You’re probably already doing it!)

- Support homework completion—ask your “Saint” when assignments are due, etc.
- Guidance on course selections—discuss and review option sheet choices (by-the-way, each “Saint” is assigned to a Guidance Counselor).
- Be aware of career planning and post-secondary **prerequisite information** to enable informed course selections (lots and lots of this information is available through the Guidance Office, ex. 225)
- Support your “Saint” to prepare for and participate on school teams, clubs and special events. This information is available

on the website, through school newsletters, in the student agenda and daily announcements in the school.

There is a plethora of activities that your “Saint” can join from Student Council to Repertoire (over 18 clubs *plus* Athletics). The school website lists activities under Community, Culture & Caring at Sherwood or try to view a copy of the Sherwood Yearbook in textbook or cd!



Please check out your son/daughter's school agenda for key dates and other reference information.

Parent-Student Events at Sherwood

While many secondary students won't admit it, they still appreciate it when their parents come to the school for events.

- You are welcome and encouraged to attend parent-teacher interview nights (1 each semester).
- Annual Awards Ceremony & Reception (November)
- Academic Nights such as Music Nights, Arts & Drama events
- Sporting Events (arena, pool, playing field, gymnasium, etc.)
- School Council where you can contribute to the effectiveness of the school community
- Graduation (June)
- Student Fundraising events such as Pasta Dinner and Coffee House
- Post-secondary information sessions each fall

Thank you parents and guardians for reinforcing how important the school is and how important your “Saint” is.



School Council membership meeting will be held in the fall. Please watch for the nomination ballots in the summer newsletter mailed to your home.

School Council Stuff

How can parents find out about Sherwood?

A great way to stay informed about the latest and greatest would be to attend School Council meetings. Parents are invited to attend any or all meetings throughout the year whether or not you are a member.

Last year our Council meet-

ings featured staff presentations highlighting various departments and this year these presentations continue.

For your reference, there is a School Council page on the Sherwood website that contains meeting minutes and annual reports.

Please consider volunteering for School Council. Your

voice is important. Additionally, you get an opportunity to examine new ideas and policies and influence decisions that affect your children's education.

Meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month starting at 6:30 p.m. in the school Library unless otherwise noted.