

## Sherwood Secondary School Council



# School Council News

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Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Library  
April 6/10                      May 4/10

March 2010

Sherwood Website: [www.hwdsb.on.ca/sherwood](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/sherwood)

### SHERWOOD

#### Home of the Saints

##### Since 1967

- Talent Show, March 12/10
- March Break, Mar. 15 to March 19/10
- Easter Weekend April 2-5/10
- Grade 10 Literacy Test, Apr. 8/10
- Sherwood Idol, April 16/10
- Mid-term Reports distributed week of April 19/10
- Pasta Dinner, May 13/10
- Athletic Banquet June 2/10
- Spring Music Night May 27/10
- Second Semester Final Exams, June 21 to 25, 2010
- Graduation Day, June 29/10 (Gr.12)
- Labour Day, September 6/10

## Welcome to March Parents' Night 2010

Hello Sherwood Parents!

If you need any help navigating the school tonight, please ask any one of the S.A.I.N.T.S. Ambassadors who are on duty to help you with teacher locations. As you make your way through the building, please take a moment to examine the wonderful display cases highlighting student work. In addition, Sherwood has a new teacher-librarian. Please introduce yourself to Ms. Lisa Dupuis.

It may remain under a blanket of snow in March, but the front courtyard comes into bloom thanks to the diligent work by the **Sherwood Environmental Club**.

Students and staff can pop outside for a quiet retreat in the garden. Thank you to those volunteers for their hard work so that others can benefit.

Please don't miss the opportunity tonight to sign up for *Parent Assistant* (details in the article below). Please visit the Guidance Office display to obtain your password. You will be asked to provide photo identification.

We also welcome Sherwood Alumni who are here tonight presenting information on Covenant Home orphanage located in Kisumu, Kenya. 100% of the money raised is targeted for clean water, clothing and items for their

school. Please visit the SOCKS display.

The Sherwood *Student* Council is very active organizing spirit, social and fundraising events for fellow students this semester. Two such events are the upcoming Talent Show (Mar.12) and Sherwood Idol (Apr. 16).

All parents are welcome to attend the two remaining School Council meetings in April and May. School Council wishes you a pleasant evening and would like to thank all student volunteers tonight, Student Council, staff and administrators, and parents for your continual support.

## Have You Heard About Parent Assistant?

Parent Assistant is a module of the HWDSB's student information system called eSIS. It allows parents to log in through a website and view school information. Check it out!

Parent Assistant is a very handy tool to check your son or daughter's attendance; see how many credits your child has earned thus far; see how many credits are needed for graduation; and other general information. You can access your student's current schedule that may prove handy for making

appointments.

Please obtain your password from the Guidance Office, photo ID is required. Then open your internet browser and go to the **H W D S B** website at [www.hwdsb.on.ca](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca). Under the "Parents" tab, click on the "Parent Assistant" link. Using the information provided by Sherwood's Guidance office, enter your username and password. Click the "Log in" button. It's that simple! If you have multiple children at Sherwood, you must select the child

you wish to view.

**NEXT YEAR** during course selection time, you and your child can access "Courses" and choose the course for the coming school year. View diploma requirements in "Academic Progress" and tailor selections. You can add or delete courses as need be. (This information is timely and not always available.)

Don't delay—get your password tonight!



**Do you know that Sherwood has a Safe School Committee?**

**Further on-line information to help parents and students can be found through:**

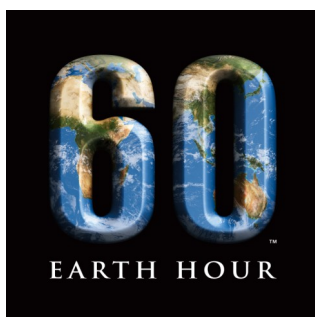
[www.PrevNet.ca](http://www.PrevNet.ca)

[www.mac-cura.ca](http://www.mac-cura.ca)

[www.bullyfreehamilton.ca](http://www.bullyfreehamilton.ca)

[www.hpl.ca](http://www.hpl.ca)

[3w.mcmasterchildrenshospital.ca](http://3w.mcmasterchildrenshospital.ca)



## Get Ready for Earth Hour 2010

Let's do it again Canada on Saturday, March 27, 2010. Switch off your lights for one hour at 8:30 p.m. and let people know you are voting for the Earth. Shut down your computer and say no to TV. It's your chance to join millions around the world to take action on climate change. It is the biggest environmental movement in history. Save the date!

[www.earthhourcanada.org](http://www.earthhourcanada.org)

## Keeping Our Kids Safe at School Act

New legislation that came into effect Feb. 1/10 is the latest step to help make Ontario's schools safer. This new law requires that all school staff report serious incidents that could lead to suspension or expulsion to their principal and that principals notify parents of victims when a student has been harmed. All staff who work directly with students must respond not only to serious incidents but also to inappropriate or disrespectful behaviour among students. This includes racist

or sexist comments, graffiti, vandalism, unacceptable behaviour and activities.

Everyone has a part to play in making and keeping schools safe. Ontario's Code of Conduct sets out clear standards for behaviour for students, parents/guardians, teachers, other staff, volunteers and community partners. The code applies on school property, school buses, and at school-authorized events.

If you observe changes in your son or daughter's be-

haviour that may indicate that your child has been bullied, please talk to them to gain more information. Speak with a teacher or Principal and teach your child to trust adults who can help stop the bullying which may be physical, verbal, social or electronic (cyber).

For more information on the HWDSB Bullying Policy please visit [www.hwdsb.on.ca](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca). Select "Parents" at the top of the home page and then click on "Safe and Caring Schools" underneath.

## HWDSB Examines the Future of Secondary Schools

As of Feb. 22/10, Trustees decided to hold off the start of their accommodation review. Timelines and guidelines for the process are expected to be formally approved at a committee-of-the-whole meeting Mar. 8/10. Student enrolment is expected to decline sharply during the next 10 years. Three committees will examine enrolment, the quality of facilities and access to spe-

cialty programs. The committees will make recommendations to trustees on how best to use available resources to meet the educational needs of students.

Sherwood is part of the Secondary Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) South along with Barton, Hill Park, Mountain and Sir Allan MacNab. A minimum of four public meetings are to be held by each of the

ARCs. Near the end of the process, each committee will make its recommendations to trustees. The Board will then look at the options and invite public presentations before a decision is made.

The Pupil Accommodation Review Policy (No. 12) can be found at the bottom of the home page of the HWDSB website under "About Us" Policies and Procedures.

## Sherwood's



## Request for Extension Form

In order to establish a consistent process to address repeated late student work, a "request for extension" form has been developed at Sherwood. The student must complete and return the signed extension form to the teacher providing a reason for the extension and outline how the student will complete the assignment. Students agree to submit the

assignment by the agreed upon extended due date or receive a mark of zero.

For Grade 11-12 courses, students are to complete the form a minimum of 24 hours prior to the assignment due date. For Grade 9-10 courses, students are to complete the form up to and including the day the assignment is due. Students are allowed TWO requests per

course for each semester.

The student must meet with the teacher and the teacher in consultation with the student, establishes a new due date. Forms are valid when signed by the student, parent/guardian (for students under 18 years) and teacher. Failure to complete and return the form results in a zero for the late assignment.