



Sherwood School Council Newsletter



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Peer Tutoring Student Development

The purpose of the GPP class is to prepare and motivate students to provide leadership and peer assistance to others in school and the community. Students design and implement plans for contributing to their school, develop skills in communication, interpersonal relations, teamwork, and conflict management. They apply those skills in leadership and/or peer support roles. Students examine group dynamics and learn values of diversity within groups and communities. Students are placed according to their strengths and interests with a teacher in the school. The course requires students show utmost responsibility and self-discipline and requires students to be self-directed. Last semester we had 29 teachers who were willing to offer this unique opportunity to our students in over 50 different classes from multiple disciplines.

2011-2012 School Council Meetings

- April 3, 2012
- May 1, 2012
- September 11, 2012

** All parents/guardians of Sherwood students are welcome to attend our meetings. They begin at 6:30 pm in the school library. **

Did you know.... A honey bee can fly as far as 14 kms away from their nest in search of food? They can fly at speeds up to 24 kms an hour!



SECONDARY ACCOMMODATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

So much has happened with the HWDSB ARC's, and there has been no shortage of local media coverage during the process. The most recent updates were made public at the Committee of the Whole meeting held on February 13, 2012. Here the South ARC members came forward with their final review recommendations and presented them to the Board. From here, the next step is the School Trustees will take these recommendations and make their final decision based on all the information provided. Going forward these decisions will not only affect our kids now, but for generations to come. The report's so detailed it can't be compiled into this update however, the South ARC recommended options can be viewed in its entirety at hwdsb.on.ca/arc/wp-content/uploads/2012/02/SouthARC Presentation CotW Feb13 2012.pdf. The document includes detailed information on topics such as Capacity vs Enrolment Comparisons, maps of new recommended school catchments, plus charts showing estimated costs. The ARC presented a few concepts for the Trustees to consider, ALL concepts included building a new high school south of the Linc with a targeted opening date of September 2015. Some of the recommended hi-lights were: Concept B- Closing Sherwood and MacNab in June 2015, Mountain Secondary remaining open with additional programs being added. Concept C- Closing Hill Park, Mountain

and Sherwood in June 2015, Mountain Secondary program relocating to the newly built school. Concept D - Closing Barton and MacNab in June 2015, Mountain Secondary to remain open with additional appropriate programs being added. Concept E - Closing Mountain, Sherwood and MacNab in June 2015, The Mountain program would be relocated to the newly built school. An additional consideration was recommended to further enhance Concepts B, D & E: to engage the Westmount community about possibly relocating the self-paced program to Hill Park. That school would provide a central location for the self-paced program, while the Westmount site is ideally situated to service the students residing on the west mountain. Among others, additional recommendations asked were: that all schools remain open until the new school is ready for occupancy in 2015, regarding Mountain Secondary options which propose it closing, they want the Board to create a committee post-ARC comprised of various members to inform direction around transition, programs, facilities, and supports necessary for the success of those students, there be an equitable distribution of athletic programs, programs of choice & SHSMs across the cluster and if they offer programs of choice across the cluster then they need to provide transportation equitably to all students.



**Summer Work
Student Exchange**

The YMCA Youth work exchange is a six week summer employment program for students ages 16-17 who are interested in improving their French language skills. The program offers students opportunities to live, work and learn about French-speaking Canadian culture. Visit my.ymcagta.org/netcommunity/page.aspx?pid=612 for all the details.



Did you know.... 6 of our very own female Sherwood students were talented and privileged enough to earn spots on the National Girl's Floor Ball Team? Yes, these girls will sure have an amazing experience this spring when they head to Europe to compete!

In addition to that, 4 other talented Sherwood students were recognized with "Honourable Mention" in the Math@Mac Online Mathematics Competition that was held on November 30th. Congratulations go out to all these students for their achievements! Way to go Sherwood!



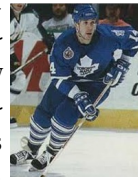
A+ excellent!

Sherwood Secondary Continues to Build Stars!

Sherwood graduate Dale Sanderson went on to attend college in Tennessee after his high school years with us and then was drafted to the Hamilton Tiger Cats in 1985. Dale (jersey #56) remained with the Ti-Cats until 1997 playing both Cornerback and Guard. He was one Sherwood graduate who turned out to be a "champion"... a Grey Cup Champion that is! "Oskee-Wee Wee"



Dave Andreychuk also started his athletic career while walking the halls of Sherwood. Another one of our graduates, who turned pro hockey player with the Buffalo Sabres back 1982. Before his hockey career finished in 2006, he was on a few winning NHL teams including Toronto Maple Leafs, the Boston Bruins and Tampa Bay Lightning, which is where he earned his "Champion" title as a Stanley Cup winner. His legacy lives on in our home-



town with the dedication of the Dave Andreychuk Mountain Arena. These 2 fine athletes were deemed champions after they left the Sherwood halls but Hamiltonians know these champions were raised right here at Sherwood Secondary! Hopefully the wonderful school we call Sherwood will live on for many more years and give other "greats" the chance to walk our hallways!

Tips for Youth Employment

As Spring and Summer quickly approach, many parents may have on their minds thoughts and hopes of our high school kids securing a summer job (or if they've already graduated) apprenticeships for future careers! The process of searching, applying and interviewing for positions can be quite intimidating and overwhelming to many teenagers. The HWDSB has been helpful in putting together some resources for both teens and parents to use. These Web sites will assist in finding work, whether it's a summer job, an apprenticeship, or a part-time position. They also provide links that will

help students with writing resumes and cover letters. Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP): This offers Ontario secondary school students, who are at least 16 years of age, and who have completed grade 10, the opportunity to register and train as an apprentice while enrolled in high school. To visit their website and obtain for information about this great program, see www.hwdsb.on.ca/programs/oyap/index.aspx. Unlock Your Future: This website is designed to help students explore and learn about themselves and potential careers.

See www.future1234.ca for more information. Youth Opportunities Ontario: Here they can find information on summer jobs, Ontario Internship Program, various apprenticeships, as well as predictions and trends for the future job market. See www.youthconnect.ca/. Employment Resources: Search 100's of jobs and volunteering opportunities on these websites: www.workopolis.ca, www.monster.ca, www.charityvillage.ca, www.torontojobs.ca, www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/home.shtml (Human Resources Development Can-



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SPRING FEVER

- Flowers Bee Rain
- Hiking Tulip Gardens
- Sunny Soil Leaf
- Painting Rake Hoe
- Vacations Hay Nuts

DON'T FORGET
Tuesday April 10, 2012
South ARC Special Hearing
Held at Education Centre,
Board Room located at 100
Main St West. Meeting starts
at 6:00 pm
MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A SAY!
Click for full details:
www.hwdsb.on.ca/aboutus/special-hearings/