



Sherwood School Council Newsletter

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NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS

- April 3, 2013
- May 1, 2013
- September 11, 2013

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



Don't Forget... If you want to track your kids attendance or marks, use "Parent Assistant". Parent Assistant is a Board application that holds student information. The system is called "eSIS". It allows us parents to log in through the HWDSB website and review information about our kids such as attendance history, grades, their diploma requirements and option sheets. It's a very easy system to use and a great tool to be able to use at home.

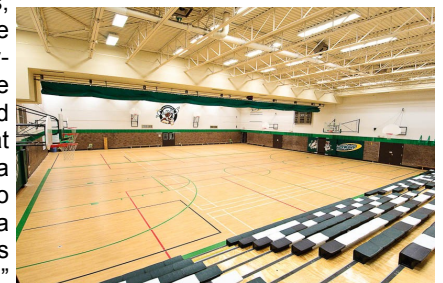
Please attend the Guidance Office to get your account information. Parents will need to present their photo ID in order to receive their family's ID and password.

DON'T JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER!

On Tuesday February 5th, the Spec ran a story that was disheartening about Sherwood and it's poor facility condition. You may or may not have read it. We issued a response to it and asked that it be published. Here is what was submitted: I'm submitting this article in response to the story published Tuesday this week in the Spectator titled "Sherwood Slowly Crumbling". Just because an outside wall is damaged doesn't mean the inside is! In fact, the inside of Sherwood runs like a charm! It's what's on the inside that counts- the people, the programming and the atmosphere! That's what attracts kids to Sherwood. That and the fact they have the most sought after Music Programs, over 18 clubs and committees, a 700 seat auditorium with one of the best sound systems, 4 specialty athletic courses, over 20 sports teams, 4 language courses, the SHSM in Health Care/Fitness, just to name a few. This is not only their school, it's their 2nd home, their safe place, their

fun place, where they keep in shape playing sports, and where they practice their future music careers. Some damaged stucco at the back of the building won't keep them away, you can count on that! Improvements have already been underway since the announcements last May. As Senior Facility Officer Del Bianco is quoted "Sherwood is structurally sound", "the bricks, the mortar for the most part, everything is perfectly fine and safe". He added "all those things that break down in a house also need to be replaced in a school. It just costs that much more." Even needing repairs, The Fraser Institute (who rank schools academically) rated Sherwood the highest at 400/691 schools far ahead of our counterparts in ARC. Sherwood's been doing it right since the 1960's with its high enrollment each year. The communities are thankful Sherwood is staying open and it's showing in their loy-

alty to remain a Sherwood Saint during renovations. So far the Board has repaired our heating/cooling systems, re-carpeted our music room and library, and retiled the spin room. That's just the beginning. The staff, students, parents and the community worked extremely hard to save our school. Sherwood is staying open for very good rea-



sons! For those in doubt, we invite you to visit Sherwood and see what really matters – the spirit on the inside, not the "crumbling wall" on the outside which is just cosmetics. Look at the photos of the "inside" of Sherwood... she stands proud after 45 years! Go Saints Go!!

HOW TO USE SOCIAL MEDIA TO LAND A JOB

Research shows that nearly 75 percent of companies check out potential employees on social networks, and they're not just digging for dirt. More often, HR execs and recruiters are turning to social networks to scout out promising job candidates, and with good reason. One recent study by

American University professors found study participants could more accurately predict a candidate's likelihood to succeed in a particular job by browsing their Facebook and Twitter profiles, than by evaluating detailed personality resumes. Another study at Cornell University found that job applicants were less likely to lie about past work experience on their LinkedIn

profile than they were on a traditional resume. So can your social networks help you land a job or hinder you from getting one? YES Older teens and young adults who are seeking employment should ensure their social network pages are clear of discriminating or illegal activities, vulgar language or other poor social behaviours.



Congratulations to our Music Teacher Ryan Baker on being awarded "The Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal" on October 12, 2012. This new medal is bestowed upon Canadians during the celebration year for significant contributions and achievements in their communities. Mr. Baker was nominated for his leadership and service in the Regimental Band of the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry and is one of 60,000 deserving Canadians that was recognized last year with this unique medal. We are all very proud to hear that you

have received this once in a lifetime Honour



Semper Paratus!

"Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today."

- Malcolm X

Start your spring cleaning early!
The Cosmetology class at Sherwood is looking for donations of magazines and nail polish. If you can donate, please contact **Ms. Nicholls** at ext. 550.



H.W.D.S.B. CHILDREN'S & YOUTH BOOK DRIVE

May is "Speech, Language and Hearing Month" at the HWDSB. Communication Services are doing a book drive so they can deliver much needed books to our high-needs schools, as well as low income area Early Year Centres, Day Cares, Alternative Education schools and programs as well as local Food Banks. A major problem for some children struggling with literacy is not having their OWN

books to read. The average middle class child has over 13 books in their home, where as in high-needs neighbourhoods, there is an average of only 1 book for 300 children. They're needing gently used books for JK to Grade 12 students. Please look around your home, ask your friends, family, neighbours, colleagues, and even your church if they can do the same. We are accepting donations until May 15.

For further information please contact the following staff members: Ms. Joan Murray-Wood at joan.murray-wood@hwdsb.on.ca or Mrs. Lynn Hicks at lynn.hicks@hwdsb.on.ca. **Help Make a Difference. Give the Gift of a Book. Please Help us Reach our Goal!**



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY PROGRAM

The "School Assembly Program" is one of MADD Canada's largest and furthest-reaching programs. Albert from MADD, reached out to Sherwood students last week on February 22. Principal Gallant said it was a powerful assembly for our students to see. Several people commented on how well-behaved our Sherwood students were during this presentation. The program is moving across Canada so that MADD can continue to seek a reduction in the number of young people being killed and injured as the re-

sult of impaired driving. The presentations will continue during the 2012-13 school year. A powerful dramatization called "Long Weekend" depicted the tragic consequences of a teenager's decision to drive while impaired after drinking and partying. The presentation concluded with victims sharing their very personal and devastating stories. Young drivers are at a higher risk of road crashes, which is one of the number one causes of teen deaths. Unfortunately, alcohol is a factor in roughly 50% of these crashes. MADD Canada President

Denise Dubyk said "Reaching out to students and youth is crucial to our mission to stop impaired driving, because those age groups are at such increased risk. We hope to educate students and give them the facts and tools they need to make safe choices that help protect them, and their peers from impaired driving." The "Long Weekend" program is expected to reach more than one million students across Canada by the end of the 2012-2013 school year.



Did You Know.... Sherwood now offers child minding services for parents attending our monthly School Council Meetings. This is a free service to all Sherwood parents. The HWDSB provides us with child minders who are Registered Early Childhood Educators. They are all screened and hired by our Board for this purpose. They are able to care for

infants and children up to 12 years of age. Sherwood will provide one childminder for up to 5 children. If the children registered are infants, then we will need to increase the ratio of adults to ensure the safe and responsible care of your children. The childminders come prepared with a set of learning materials and toys to engage the children. We do not provide

snacks, but feel free to send your child with a snack and drink if needed. If you are planning on attending one of our meetings, you must contact Principal Gallant 48 hours prior to the meeting to register your child(ren). Meetings are held in our school library on the first Wednesday of each month, beginning at 6:30 pm.