

## Sherwood Secondary School Council



# School Council News

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Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Library  
April 7/09 May 5/09

March 2009

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

### SHERWOOD Home of the Saints Since 1967

- ♦ March Break, Mar. 16 to Mar. 20/09
- ♦ Grade 10 Literacy Test, Apr. 2/09
- ♦ Easter Weekend April 10-13/09
- ♦ LC Days Apr. 21 & May 29/09, 11:35 am dismissal
- ♦ Mid-term Reports distributed week of April 20/09
- ♦ Pasta Dinner-Auction Night, May 14/09
- ♦ Spring Music Night May 28/09
- ♦ Second Semester Final Exams, June 17 to June 23/09
- ♦ Graduation Day, June 25/09 (Gr.12)
- ♦ Labour Day, September 7/09

## Welcome to March Parents' Night 2009

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 (classrooms, Library, Gymnasium, Cafeteria). As you make your way through the building this evening, please take a moment to pause in front of the wonderful display cases throughout the school and observe the items which clearly illustrate the success of our talented Sherwood students.

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 upcoming, awesome, Sherwood Parent-Student spring events like Pasta Dinner & Silent Auction, Music Night and "The Grad" on June 25th.

Have you had a chance to read the electronic newsletters on the school website? Everything you need to know about Sherwood is online now *and* our new website will be launched shortly!

The Sherwood *Student* Council is very active organizing spirit, social and fundraising events for fellow students this semester as outlined on the calendar found within the student agenda.

All parents are welcome to attend the two remaining School Council meetings in April and May.

When parents are involved in their children's education, children do better in school. 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.

## Job & Volunteer Fair Premiere!

Calling all Sherwood Students—this is a first! On Tuesday, April 28th, Sherwood students will have an opportunity to visit display booths in the school library and main foyer during their lunch or after school at the April Job & Volunteer Fair.

Students can link with Volunteer Hamilton (representing 150 volunteer agencies) along with local employers.

Additionally, the Career Cruiser will be parked on the school

property during that week so that students can access it for help with resume and cover letter writing, interview skills and employer contacts.

A good turnout from employer groups is anticipated including the Military. This is a sweet opportunity, not to be missed!

Mr. Rob Ellis (an advocate for workplace safety [www.livesafeworksmart.net](http://www.livesafeworksmart.net)) will be presenting "My Safe Work Place" at an assembly for Grades 10-11-12 on April 8 at 10 a.m. If interested, please feel free to attend.

Thank you to the Student Services Dept.!



**You're invited to the April Job & Volunteer Fair!**



Please make school a top priority.

Nothing is more important to your child's future than education!



**HWDSB Secondary Schools of the Future Project. Please check out the Online Forum!**

Your suggestions and comments are **critical!**

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**Decisions today will impact tomorrow!**

What do you think about school starting before Labour Day in September 2009?

## Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parent-teacher interviews are opportunities for parents and teachers to talk together about how to help each child succeed in school. They are very short so it's important to prepare to make best use of that short time. If you need more time, please schedule another appointment.

Prepare by reading the preliminary report. Talk to your son or daughter about the report and make a list of your questions and concerns. Parent-teacher interviews are strictly confidential.

You may share personal information that might be affecting your child's progress or behaviour. This information will help the teacher understand your child better. Find out what your son/daughter does well or what skills still need to be developed. Ask about homework expectations and how you can help at home. Find out from the teacher what method is preferred to establish and maintain ongoing communication.

Please share the positive things the teacher said about

your son/daughter and talk about how you and the teacher are going to help with the things that need to be improved.

Other useful information may be found on the *People for Education* website [www.peopleforeducation.com](http://www.peopleforeducation.com)

If you are concerned about your child's academic performance, talk to your child's guidance counselor. A school counselor is not only an excellent resource for students, a school counselor is also an excellent resource for *parents*.

## What is Floorball and Have You Heard Who is Going to Finland?

Floorball is an exciting new indoor game that began in early 1980s in Scandinavia. Since then it has spread to over 48 countries with more than 3 million players.

This fast-paced game is simple—the object is to score in the opponent's goal using the Floorball stick and ball. Floorball goalies don't have a stick and defend the net on their knees. No physical contact is allowed and play-

ers may not raise their stick above their waist. Skill and technique are more important than strength and intimidation.

**T W E L V E**  
Sherwood Saints out of a team of 20 are on the **C a n a d i a n** team set to play in the Under-19 Floorball Championships in Turku & Raisio,



Finland from May 2-12, 2009 coached by Sherwood's teacher/coach Mr. Anthony Herrington.

Let's give a HUGE cheer that will carry across the Atlantic Ocean for starting goalie Mike Hayward, Zac Anker, Dan Hewko, Joel Inouye, Dennon Koziol, Dan McKeen, Andrew Radjenovic, Pat Root, Roger Sherwood, Cal Smith, Connor Smith, and David Stubbs.

## Proposed 2009/10 School Year Calendar

Every year, school boards across Ontario must submit school year calendars to the Ministry of Education. According to Regulation 304, school boards must design a school year calendar to include 194 instructional days (including PA Days) between September 1-June 30 each year.

Traditionally, the school year has commenced on the

Tuesday following Labour Day. For 2009/10 there are only 192 possible instructional days between the Tuesday following Labour Day and June 30, 2010. Currently HWDSB is involved in the process of designing its calendar for the 2009/10 school year. **THE DRAFT CALENDAR PROPOSES TO BEGIN THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR ON**

**SEPTEMBER 1, 2009.**

This draft calendar will be available for input beginning Feb.24/09 through the Board website at [www.hwdsb.on.ca](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca) or [info@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:info@hwdsb.on.ca) until March 31/09. Based on input, the calendar will then be finalized by Trustees and submitted for approval to the Ministry of Education.