



Sherwood School Council Newsletter

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Parent Assistant is Available

“Parent Assistant” is a specific link on the HWDSB website containing your child’s school information. It allows parents to easily log in, and view up-to-date information about their child’s attendance history, grades, their teachers and subjects, diploma requirements and school messages. Every family at Sherwood receives a designated user ID and password, along with an information brochure. Multiple siblings at the same school will all use the same User ID, but will have their own separate accounts within Parent Assistant. If you don’t already have your account set up, parents need to contact the Guidance Office and present proper photo ID once arrangements have been made to pick it up at the school. Full details and registration information can also be found on <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/parents/assistant/>



2011-2012 School Council Meetings

- October 4, 2011
- November 1, 2011
- December 6, 2011
- February 7, 2012
- March 6, 2012
- 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. **

It’s Time to Clean Out those Closets

That time of year is upon us again when we have to do the “closet clean-up”. Our kids have gone back to school and we have to pack up all those clothes our kids have now outgrown over the summer. We often think “what will we do with all these clothes?” Well here is the PERFECT answer: The “Walk-in-Closet”. It’s a wonderful program through the HWDSB that helps provide those students and their families who are in need, with clothing items and toilet-

ries to assist in their ability to attend school and be prepared for learning. By the Walk-in-Closet Program providing these items, they are giving these students a sense of dignity, hope and help, despite their economic status. What can you do to help? Well, it takes communities to raise communities. All of us can support the closets by donating articles of clothing and toiletries for kids and adults, or you can help run an event or school-based initiative

such as a clothing drive. For full details on the program, what items the committee is currently looking for, or how to help your local Walk-in-Closet, please visit www.hwdsb.on.ca/community/antipoverty/walkincloset.aspx or call 905-549-2224.



Did you know....

Your child can earn course credits online through the HWDSB eLearning Program? They sure can! All eLearning courses meet the curriculum expectations, high school standards and are taught by fully qualified teachers in the district under the eLearning Ontario and the Ontario e-Learning Consortium. Please visit www.hwdsb.on.ca/elearning/ for more information on the courses provided and how to register your child.



Did you know....

Allowing too much screen time for your youth or teenager can lead to poor social skills? Studies show that adolescents with more than 2 hours a day spent viewing television, videos, DVDs, gaming devices and computers that the odds are more than doubled for developing psychological harm, including: poor attachment to parents and peers, emotional and behavioural issues and general mental well-being. Do the best you can for your family's life, "pull the plug" and give your kids a screen-time budget.



The HWDSB pays for an online "Virtual Library" for all Board students to use, whether in elementary or secondary school. It has so many helpful links such as 30+ Database websites for researching, Ebooks, Encyclopedia and Dictionary links, Bitstrips For Schools, Career Crusing, E-STAT (Canadian Statistics), School Library Catalogues, Novelist (fictional book reviews) and much, much more. Please visit the website to learn more and to sign up your kids. The Login ID is either "elementary" or "secondary". Password is "library" (for both): http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/llr/?page_id=1759

Sherwood Secondary Continues to Build Stars!

As one of Canada's most compelling singer/song writers, one would wonder if Tom Wilson didn't start his music career in the classrooms of Sherwood Secondary? After graduating from Sherwood in the late 70's, he began a music career that would span over 3 decades. He has been at the top of the charts starting off with the much loved Canadian band

"Junkhouse", performing with "Razorback" and "Blue Rodeo" and has now released his 7th album with "Blackie & The Rodeo Kings". He's a country-rocker with a lot of blues influence. Tom's first full album was recorded in 1986 with "The Florida Razors", a popular band that was here in the Hamilton scene. Tom has been quoted as saying "his mu-

sic reflects his roots from his beloved hometown of Hamilton. It's raw, honest and unpretentious, primal and a little dirty, but possesses its own unique grace". If Steelton could sing, chances are it would sound a lot like Tom Wilson! Is his voice still reminiscent in the Sherwood hallways?



Free Math Tutoring Available

Love it or hate it, homework is part of your child's education. Studying at home reinforces what they learn in class, which helps them remember their lessons better and score higher on their tests. Homework also provides valuable skills they need to succeed in school and in the working world: Self-confidence, Commitment to tasks, Organization, Time management and Responsibility. "Homework Help" offers free math tutor-

ing online for students in grades 7-10. It features 24/7 support, and live-chat with tutors using interactive tools. It's from Sunday to Thursday, 5:30-9:30pm. For young students, it's important for them to see homework promotes study habits they'll see on into high school. To assist families, brochures on homework guidelines are in 9 languages. For information and to register your child for math tutoring, visit <https://homeworkhelp.ilc.org/>.

South ARC Public

Meeting:

October 27 at Hill Park S.S.

All meetings are public, but only at Posted public meetings can people address the ARC Members directly with questions or comments. For more info and meeting dates, visit: http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/arc/?page_id=10

Sherwood Parent Representatives: Ken Durkasz, Jackie Brown. Teacher Representative: Gary Deveau

Sherwood & Chapters/Indigo are partnering for a Fundraiser. On Tues. November 22nd from 6-9pm, make a purchase and say you are fundraising for Sherwood, they will donate 15% right back to our school library for new material. It's being held at the Heritage Green Shopping Plaza (1783 Stone Church Rd E), and FREE Starbucks coffee can be enjoyed while browsing their store. Make sure to tell your family and friends too!



A to Z about Guidance

There are 4 Sherwood Guidance Counsellors that split the alphabet by student's last name. Mr. Murkovich does A-C, Ms. McKague does D-G, Ms. Lea does H-N and Mr. Szkwara does O-Z. They assist students with attendance issues, courses, co-op and educational planning, career, volunteer and post-secondary pathways, counselling for personal/school issues, specialized programming, the Caring Adult Program and applications for bursaries and

scholarships. The Guidance office also offers the Learning Resource Centre for all students who have been identified as needing academic support for their learning disabilities. All services with your child's Guidance Counsellor are strictly confidential and can be arranged before or after school, during lunches or breaks. If you or your child require an appointment with their assigned counsellor, please call the school at 905-383-3377.