

Welcome to Sherwood Secondary School Council



School Council News

School Council E-mail: Sherwood.SC@hwdsb.on.ca
Chairperson: R. Gagnon Principal: R. Gallant

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Sherwood Website: www.hwdsb.on.ca/sherwood

School Council Meetings

September 16, 2008	6:30 pm
October 7, 2008	6:30 pm
November 4, 2008	6:30 pm
December 2, 2008	6:30 pm
February 3, 2009	6:30 pm
March 3, 2009	6:30 pm
April 7, 2009	6:30 pm
May 5, 2009	6:30 pm

School Year 2008/09

- *Principal Mr. R. Gallant*
- *Vice-Principal Mr. J. Braun*
- *Vice-Principal Ms. E. Wilkie*
- *Cluster 4 Superintendent Ms. S. Stephanian*
- *Ward 6 School Trustee Ms. L. Peddle*

Involvement Makes a Difference

What's happening at school?

The School Council Annual Report outlines the goals, activities and accomplishments of the past year. As a Council we have a responsibility to advise the principal and school board with respect to many items concerning the school—code of conduct, school profile, general qualities in selection of principals/vice-principals, budget priorities, school year calendar, curriculum, programme goals/priorities, school improvement based on EQAO tests, school dress code, facilities, methods of reporting to parents/community, development/implementation/review of Board policies, school-based services and community partnerships related to social/health/recreational/nutritional programmes, extra-curricular activities and community use of

school facilities.

As a parent you may wish to become a member of School Council. If so, please return the nomination form found on the reverse of this newsletter. If you have any questions for Council, our e-mail address is Sherwood.SC@hwdsb.on.ca or you may contact Principal Gallant through the school office 905-383-3377.

There are many ways to stay connected. You may contact a teacher by voice mail; you can find Sherwood information and e-newsletters on the school website or visit the HWDSB website for Board information. The school and School Council may be reached by e-mail and there are many fall events to attend. School Council has a bulletin board in the main hallway and there is a bundle of information in the student agenda.

High School Courses & Choices—Tips

How can parents help their children choose appropriate courses each year?

Talk to your child about what he or she would like to do after high school. Pick up or download the course lists from schools or read the school profile on the school website. Not all schools offer the same courses. Go to Information Nights and Open Houses. Make an appointment with the school guidance counselor for help making choices that best suit

your child's interests and strengths.

The courses students choose in grades 9 and 10 prepare them for specific courses in grade 11 and 12 and will affect their choices after they graduate. There are four types—Applied, Academic, Locally Developed, Open.

Students from grades 11 and 12 choose from four types of courses that prepare them for goals after high school—

An enhanced **Parent's Night** is planned for Oct. 8/08 from 6 -8 pm. In addition to our teaching staff, storefront display booths from outside agencies will be set up to provide a variety of resource information for parents.

Tip—bring along the preliminary report on Parents' Night if you don't bring along the student!

Parents' Night is an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher and have a *brief* discussion about their progress. Hundreds of parents attend, therefore, interviews must be short. If you require more than 10 minutes, please arrange an interview with the teacher at an alternate, mutually convenient time.

Workplace, College, University/College, and University.

In order to graduate from high school, a student must pass 30 credit courses (18 compulsory/12 optional), complete 40 community-service hours, and pass the Ontario Literacy Test/Course.

For more information visit www.hwdsb.on.ca or telephone Sherwood Guidance Office 905-383-3377, Ex. 225.

School Council Staff is on the Sherwood Website



Did you know... Sherwood Staff and Administrators form a total of 18 Learning Teams for our students!

Coming Soon... a Sherwood Magnet!

Considering Post-Secondary Education?

Senior students, family and friends are invited to attend the Ontario Universities' Fair at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Sept. 26-28/08. Faculty, staff and students from all 20 Ontario universities will be available to answer your questions (www.ouf.ca). If you can't make it to Toronto, the University Information Program will be at St. Thomas More Secondary School from 7-9 pm on Oct. 16/08. Mohawk College is host to Red Carpet Day for Ontario Colleges on Oct. 30/08. Parents and students are encouraged to attend and speak to representatives on site.

Community, Culture & Caring at Sherwood

Sherwood offers a full complement of teacher supervised committees and clubs. Some are listed below:

- Student Council
- Environmental
- Stage Crew
- S.T.A.T.
- Yearbook
- Graduation
- Repertoire (Band)
- H.E.A.T.
- Communications
- Athletics (Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Curling, Hockey, Cross Country, Water Polo, SAC, Baseball, Soccer, Indoor Soccer, Tennis, Slo-pitch, Badminton, Field Hockey, Floorball, Cheerleading, Rugby, Track & Field)
- Math Society/Contest
- Spirit
- Fundraising
- Social
- Philosophy
- Arts & Drama
- P.C.R.
- Special Events

Sherwood continues to compete at district, regional, provincial and national levels in some of these activities. Thank you parents for encouraging your son or daughter's participation and your continual support of our Saints in action!

Please visit our school website for further information www.hwdsb.on.ca/sherwood

To Assist with Learning

eLearning with the HWDSB is a method through which selected secondary school credit courses are delivered over the Internet. Individuals seeking to earn high school credits (Gr.9-12) can speak to their Guidance Counsellor about whether they are suited to take eLearning courses.

Student Services Department at Sherwood offers: The Learning Resource Centre, Co-operative Education Programme, and Guidance Counsellors. Guidance assists with career plan-

ning, scholarship information and employment/community volunteer opportunities. Assistance with applications for financial help (bursaries/scholarships); assistance with resource materials such as community support services; and short-term counseling concerning personal issues also available. Students can make an appointment in the Guidance office before or after school or during lunch or break times. Calls are welcome between 8:00-3:30 pm, 905-383-3377, Ex. 225

Please check out your son/daughter's Sherwood student agenda for key semester dates, code of conduct, absence/late policies, bell schedules and a multitude of other reference information.

Nomination Form—Sherwood Secondary School Council, HWDSB

I wish to be a candidate for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the School Council for 2008/09.

Name: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell Home

Email address: _____

I am the parent/guardian of a student at Sherwood: Yes No

I am an employee of the School Board: Yes No

Signature: _____

Nomination received by: _____

Date: _____

The next Council meeting is in the school Library at 6:30 pm on September 16, 2008.

Please return this nomination form to the school principal or Council chairperson before October 7, 2008.