
Welcome to Sherwood Secondary School Council



School Council News

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

Summer 2010

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

School Council Meetings

September 14, 2010	6:30 p.m.
October 5, 2010	6:30 p.m.
November 2, 2010	6:30 p.m.
December 7, 2010	6:30 p.m.
February 1, 2011	6:30 p.m.
March 1, 2011	6:30 p.m.
April 5, 2011	6:30 p.m.
May 3, 2011	6:30 p.m.

Sherwood

Home of the Saints

Since 1967

School Year 2010/11

- *Principal Mr. R. Gallant*
- *Vice-Principal Ms. E. Wilkie*
- *Vice-Principal Ms. W. Yarr*
- *Superintendent of Education Mr. M. Figueiredo*
- *Ward 6 School Trustee Ms. L. Peddle*

What's Happening at Sherwood?

There are many ways to obtain information and stay connected as a parent. Sherwood teachers are available by telephone (a voice mail directory is provided in this package) if you have questions about classroom activity. Guidance Counsellors assist with course time-tabling and program selection. Sherwood information may be found in the student agenda and on the website. School Council information is posted on the bulletin board near the Auditorium and meeting minutes, annual reports and newsletters can be found on the School Council page of the Sherwood website. Plan to attend a **School Council meeting!** As a parent or guardian of a Sherwood student, you are welcome to attend meetings at any time. Council is always looking to

expand parent membership. Please see the nomination ballot on the reverse of this page. Please note, Board policies and procedures can be found on the HWDSB website including Accommodation Review.

You're invited to attend **October Parents' Night** where you will have an opportunity to meet with teachers and briefly discuss your student's progress. Hundreds of parents attend, therefore, interviews must be short. If you require more than 10 minutes, please arrange an interview at an alternate time. TIP—bring along the preliminary reports on Parents' Night if you don't bring along the student!

If you would like to share special skills, talents or experiences or participate in career days,

please contact the school or your student's teacher. Health-care & Wellness and Business are two of many departments that welcome parents as guest speakers.

Parent Assistant is a module of the student information system that allows parents to log in and view information such as attendance history, grades, and diploma requirements. Bring your photo ID to the Guidance Office to receive your user ID and password.

Please send your comments to the School Council mailbox at sherwood.sc@hwdsb.on.ca or provide contact info if you wish to receive information. This is also an opportunity to let us know how communication between home and school can be improved.

Helping Students Succeed in High School

Every high school student is different. One student may be ready to explore a career path now, another may wait for university or college. Perhaps your child has a passion for hands-on learning beyond a traditional classroom or needs help focusing on graduating and building a future.

There are Specialist High Skills Majors (SHSM) for students heading for university, college, apprenticeship or workplace (Sherwood offers Health & Wellness). Students can earn

credits through a workplace experience in Co-Op that provides hands-on learning with an opportunity to "test-drive" a career.

Students can take advantage of online courses with e-learning written and graded by Ontario teachers in a wide range of subjects. Dual-credit programs let students "try-on" college courses while still in high school for students who may benefit from college or an apprenticeship.

There are student success teams

at Sherwood to help with these choices in addition to strategies to help students adjust to high school who may benefit from individual attention and support.

Please contact Sherwood Guidance at 905-383-3377, Ex.225. Every student is assigned a Guidance Counsellor. Please call for an appointment or visit the Guidance/Student Services display during October Parents' Night where you will also find information for graduation and post-secondary education.

Accommodation Review Committee Process

- *Sherwood is in the ARC South along with Barton/Hill Park/Mountain/Sir Allan MacNab*
- *Terms of Reference on the Board's website including membership*
- *Pupil Accommodation Policy on the Board's website*
- *Process begins January 2011*
- *Four public meetings Feb. 15, Apr. 26, Sept. 27, Nov. 29/11*
- *ARC Report to Director of Education due January 5, 2012.*
- *www.hwdsb.on.ca*

2010/11 School Year Calendar Details

Instruction begins Sept. 7/10. Christmas Break is Dec. 20-31/10. Exams are Jan 24-28/11. Semester 2 begins Feb. 3/11. March Break is Mar. 14-18/11. Exams are Jun. 21-27/11. You may find the school year calendar posted on the HWDSB website www.hwdsb.on.ca

Here is a list of PA/LC Day topics. Parents are invited to the school Library for the Learning Community Day workshops (Nov., Mar., Apr.). Please confirm your attendance with Principal Gallant at 905-383-3377. Sept. 1 Developing and implementing strategies to close the gaps in literacy/

numeracy and professional legislated compliance activities. **Nov. 19** Creating an equitable and inclusive environment that is conducive to learning. Implementing activities related to assistive technologies, differentiated instruction, Universal Design for Learning and professional learning technologies. Jan. 31 Report preparation, granting of credits, promotion meetings, pupil registration and adjustment of timetables. Feb. 1 Developing skills to teacher inquiry and reflective practice. **Mar. 4** Using data analysis to inform instruction. Jun. 28 Year-end planning re: promotions, graduation, summer

school, diploma granting and course revisions. Jun. 30 School Improvement Planning Review.

Secondary PA/LC Days

- September 1, 2010 (PA)
- November 19, 2010 (PA/ LC)
- January 31, 2011 (PA)
- February 1, 2011 (PA)
- March 4, 2011 (PA/LC)
- April 1, 2011 (LC)
- June 28, 2011 (PA)
- June 30, 2011 (PA)

News from the Sherwood School Library (twitter.com/SherwoodSSLib)

The Sherwood SS Library has embarked upon some exciting changes during the second semester of the 2009/10 school year and we are looking forward to continuing to improve both the physical space and program in the future.

Beginning in September 2010, the Library will implement several new student workshops on referencing sources and bibliographies,

various research skills, and information technology skills. As well, our new grade 9 students will be the first to experience our re-vamped library orientation activity. All Sherwood students will take part in workshops on academic honesty and avoiding plagiarism.

Additionally, the Sherwood Library staff is dedicated to improving and adding to our fiction, non-fiction and refer-

ence collections. We hope to offer not only a wide variety of popular magazines, but manga, graphic novels, current novels and series, e-books and current research materials in both print and electronic formats. We are looking forward with anticipation to a new school year and being able to support our students, staff and the wider Sherwood community. **Ms. L. Dupuis, Teacher/Librarian**

Questions? School Council Staff is on the Sherwood Website and our email mailbox is open all summer!

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 2010/11.

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: _____

The next Council meeting is in the school Library at 6:30 pm on September 14, 2010.

Please return this nomination form to the school principal or Council chairperson before October 5, 2010.