

SUMMER 2012



2012/2013
SCHOOL COUNCIL
DATES

- Sept. 12, 2012 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 3, 2012 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 7, 2012 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 5, 2012 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 6, 2013 6:30 p.m.
- March 6, 2013 6:30 p.m.
- April 3, 2013 6:30 p.m.
- May 1, 2013 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 11, 2013 6:30 p.m.

*The beautiful
thing about
learning is,
that no one
can take it
away from
you.*

B.B. King

Sherwood Secondary School Council Newsletter

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CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION!

Sherwood Secondary has been home to well over 100,000 students during its lifetime, and there has never been more of a cause for celebration than there is right now! Sherwood is remaining open. Yes, it was finally decided with a Trustee's 9-2 vote in Sherwood's favor. The Sherwood students, staff, families and community residents know all too well what an arduous and stressful year it has been watching and waiting for the HWDSB South ARC process to complete and finalize. Thousands of us have waited with baited breath the past 18 months for the final decision that would determine the "Home of the Saints" future. Now, the future is looking great! We had an amazing public outcry of support throughout the process, the most influential coming from Sherwood students themselves. The group of kids that represented and spoke on behalf of Sherwood, at the Public Special Hearing on April 10th, have lots to be

proud of. It is with all their continued fight, love for their school and their community that kept Sherwood in the media and eventually made the Trustees listen. If you haven't already, please view the links from the HWDSB website to watch their presentations from the night of April 10th. They can all be viewed at: <http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL3AD3AB1D677B6B09>. As well as our Sherwood students, you can watch all 29 videos that were recorded that evening, including the many Sherwood Community members that came forward. Our students, Filip S., Lauren H., Geoffrey V., Alea R., Tanvi P., Chelsea M., Kristen C., Rahul S. and Erin K. all did amazing jobs with their presentations. They were clear, concise, heartfelt and genuine about their feelings for their school. They did such a great job, one of Filip and Lauren's delegations they did, even received a standing ovation by some of the Trustees. Of course, people in the seating galley followed suit. We watched and applauded with such pride! The collective

works of these Student Council members, School Council members and teaching staff who devoted many, many hours to this great cause of "Saving Sherwood", have much to be proud of. The HWDSB made believers out of all of us. They always promoted that student voices, and the value of the school to the students, took priority over all other considerations, and they listened! Our kids showed that students do matter and now Sherwood will continue being a forerunner of progressive, successful and 21st Century Learning schools. To Sherwood students, it is their school, their second home, its their safe place, their fun place, where they play sports with their friends and work on their future careers. Sherwood is where success is growing! The enrollment numbers each school year are proof enough. We can now look forward to the upgrades and enhancements Sherwood will now receive with the completion of the ARC. Upgrades that should have done long ago. That old saying comes to mind "good things come to those who wait".

Home of the Sherwood Saints Since 1967



HWDSB Nomination Form - Sherwood Secondary School Council

I wish to be a candidate for an elected position as a parent a/o guardian representative on the Sherwood School Council for the 2012-2013 school year.

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

I am a parent/guardian of a Sherwood student? Yes _____ No _____

I am an employee of the HWDSB? Yes _____ No _____

Signature of candidate: _____

Nomination received by: _____

The next council meeting is on September 12, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the school library.

Please return this nomination form to the school office by September 24, 2012.

Sherwood Secondary Continues to Build Stars!



Throughout the year, I have published stories of "Sherwood Continuing to Build Stars". I thought for the last newsletter of the year, it would be a fitting end to highlight the "stars" we are building today, not just those from the past. These stars include not only students, but some of our staff as well! Let's recognize and be proud of them all: Ryan Baker, Music Department Head, was awarded the Profiling Excellence Award for his Sherwood Enrichment Band. This is an exceptional program that has taken a lot of hard work and commitment. This year's Enrichment band had 100 kids including 30 Sherwood mentors! Also, Mr. Baker and his Sherwood Jazz Band qualified for Provincials in May. Congratulations! Three HWDSB teacher/coaches were chosen as this year's recipients of awards for the OFSAA Leadership in School Sport Awards. Two of the 3 teachers they chose were Sherwood teachers! Mrs. Vamos for her Soccer team, and Mrs. Peters for her Rugby

team. Mrs. Peters has also been elected to the Rugby Ontario Board of Directors and is convenor for the HWDSB Girls' Rugby League, among her many other successes. Mrs. Vamos, is a math and physEd teacher, and the Soccer Program instructor. Over and above her OFSAA award, she was inducted into the Soccer Hall of Fame this spring. What an accomplishment. She too has many successes. Being on the Canadian National Team and on the World University team to mention a couple. Way to go Sherwood staff, and congratulations. You bring teaching and coaching to a whole new level! A relatively new sport, "floorball", originated and gained fame in Europe, is now flourishing in Canada, and especially at Sherwood, thanks to Sherwood hockey teacher Anthony Herrington. We have 12 current a/o former Sherwood students on the National Teams including 6 boys and 6 girls. You not only make Sherwood proud, you are the pride of Hamilton and Canada! Spencer Abbott, also a former

graduate from Sherwood, was drafted by the Toronto Maple Leafs this year. It's amazing to know Sherwood was part of his training and a base for his future hockey career. The Sherwood community wishes him tremendous success, and I'm sure it will be a name we will see in the NHL for years to come. 6 Sherwood teams made it to the HWIAC city finals this year: Jr Girls Touch Football, Jr. Boys Volleyball, Gr 9 Boys Soccer, Girls Field Hockey, Div 1 Boys Hockey and Jr. Boys Football. Another successful year for the Boys Football and Boys' Hockey. They both took home the championship titles. Also Sara T. and Nick D. won the city Tennis Championships. Congratulations went out to all the players and coaching staff this year! Sherwood also made highlights at OFSAA this year. The Boys' AAA Basketball, the varsity floorball team, Division 1 boys hockey, and some of our track & field members were among some of the 2012 winners. WAY TO GO SHERWOOD!!

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