

## **Sherwood Secondary School**

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To all of our students and families:

As winter is already here and the holidays will start shortly, (by Monday, December 25<sup>th)</sup>, we use this opportunity to thank our families for your support and partnership as we collaborate to ensure students succeed and thrive to their full potential, in a safe environment.

In our previous "Shout Out' letter, we highlighted the wonderful things happening here at Sherwood. We have experienced many successes in academic and non-academic areas and do not take these for granted. We appreciate the coaches, teacher sponsors and all the caring adults who have been pivotal to ensuring that Sherwood provides a memorable school experience for all students and staff.

At this time, we bring to your attention, something that needs to be addressed for which we need the same message to go home as we have sent out via our school announcements. We have been experiencing an increase in the spraying of strong fragrances and perfumes that are causing adverse reactions for people with asthma or other medical conditions. We kindly ask that students no longer wear these strong scents, fragrances, or perfumes to school. It is our responsibility to foster a safe and healthy environment for all. For some of these students, a Plan of Care is in place, and we appreciate your cooperation.

Other concerns we have include the fact that despite our continuous reinforcements, some students continue to loiter in unsupervised spaces. Just a reminder that supervised spaces are available in the library and cafeteria. Kindly reiterate this concern with your student. Thank youfor your partnership as we work to make the school a safe space for all.

We leave you with good news. A member of our admin team, Ms. Alexandre has been promoted and will be the acting principal of Dundas Valley S.S. We welcome Ms. McGilchrist who will be coming to Sherwood as our new Vice-Principal. These changes are effective, January 8, 2024.

Thank you and have a joyous and safe holiday starting in two weeks!

The Sherwood Administration Team

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