

# TigerTimes

Sherrard Jr/Sr High Newsletter

**August, 2020**

Tim Wernentin, High School Principal  
Rick Basala, Jr. High Principal

**August 17**

First day of school

**August 28**

Golf & Cross Country pictures

## Principal's Notes

Welcome to the 2020-21 school year! Even though this year will have a number of COVID related changes, I am eager to begin the school year working in partnership with you and your students. It continues to be a hectic summer here at SHS with final procedural changes being made, new signage and safety additions, band camp is underway, annual summer cleaning occurring, and new staff arriving. The official first day of school for students is Monday, August 17 and is a full day. A number of "new faces" will be joining the Sherrard family this fall! Please join me in welcoming the following new staff members:

- Mrs. Alyssa Bennett - Family and Consumer Science
- Mrs. Shayla Hinzman - Spanish
- Mr. Shawn Hanna - PE
- Mr. Justin Shiltz - Social Studies
- Mr. Marty Ellison - Business
- Mrs. Rose Williams - Special Education
- Mrs. Cindy Campbell - Special Education
- Ms. Ashley Anderson - Science

With two math vacancies still open, we are blessed and fortunate to have Mr. Ian DeVolder and Ms. Danell DeBacker filling in for the year in those roles.

As previously mentioned, there are a number of changes occurring this year, of which are highlighted below:

1. There is a one hour daily late start, with the first period of the day beginning at 8:40.

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2. We are implementing an 8 Block schedule in which students will attend four 72 minute classes per day (odd period classes one day, even period classes the opposite day) which will allow for longer instructional sessions, cause fewer passing times per day, and reduce times that teachers will have to clean desks.

3. Daily temperature checks for every student will occur as students board the school bus or arrive at school.

4. Students will not be allowed in the building until 8:10, then must report to breakfast or their first period of the day. Students may remain outside to socialize (with appropriate distancing) until the first warning bell sounds.

5. Breakfast and lunch options will be limited and students will inform their first (or second) period teacher of their lunch selection - either hot lunch or sack lunch (students may bring their lunch) in order to facilitate lunch time procedures. We will offer a variety of lunch location options in order to abide by the 50 person maximum guideline.

6. Students will not be allowed to use their lockers but we will allow them to take backpacks into their classes (which will be subject to search as necessary).

7. We will stringently enforce students to wear masks at all times (except during "break times") and adhere to social distancing. Failure to wear a mask will result in immediate placement into remote learning for the remainder of the quarter.

8. There are a variety of other minor changes which we will share with students the first week of school. I encourage you to read the district Return to School plan on the district home page or at <https://www.sherrard.us/site/Default.aspx?PageID=2753>.

You likely have heard that many fall sports have been moved to spring seasons, though our cross country and golf teams will compete in the fall. In an effort to address any "Incompletes" students received at the end of last school year and to ensure academic assistance for your student, we continue to offer interventions during the school day and after school for identified students through our Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS). Candace Gagliardo will serve as our MTSS Coordinator and you can contact her with questions at [gagliardoc@sherrard.us](mailto:gagliardoc@sherrard.us). You may also contact assistant principal Matt Newquist at [newquistm@sherrard.us](mailto:newquistm@sherrard.us) with any questions or concerns.



We are continuing our 70-30 grading policy in our classes, in which 70% of students' grades are based on "summative" assessments (tests, quizzes, projects, presentations, etc.) and 30% of the grade is based on "formative" assessments (homework, classroom assignments, etc). Each teacher will provide students with a detailed grading policy on his/her course syllabus. Our grading policy is the same for both in-person and remote learning students.

Again, welcome the 2020-21 school year!! In this unprecedented time in our world, nation, and school the importance of creating and maintaining positive relationships between all stakeholders is absolutely critical. I look forward to working in partnership with you in meeting the needs of your students. Should you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to call me at 309-593-2175 or email [wernentint@sherrard.us](mailto:wernentint@sherrard.us).

Tim Wernentin, Principal  
Sherrard High School

## JH Principal's Notes

Parents and Guardians,

This school year will have many procedural changes. However, we will still have the same academic excellence that Sherrard Jr. High always exhibits:)

There are many procedures put into place for the safety of the staff and students. The number one item will be that the students and staff wear a face covering throughout the day. Please remind your child to follow the directives of the school. If the student refuses to wear a mask, the student will be sent home. There will be extra masks at the school to hand out if a student forgets their mask.

Please check out our "Orientation" seminar on the JH Website for details in each class. It will be available by August 12, 2020.

The class schedule has changed from last year and there will be a Block 8 schedule this year. Odd classes will be on an A day and even classes will be on a B day. This creates less transitions between classes in the day and students will have longer academic instruction. Locker use is discouraged. We are asking the students to possibly use a "Trapper Keeper" instead of a backpack. Backpacks on the floor in the class will cause a different safety hazard.



Students will be issued a lanyard. On the lanyard they have their bar-coded lunch card. This will also be a location to place a mask while eating and a place for mask break times.

There will be social distancing expectations throughout the building. Please remind your child to distance in hallways, washrooms, and lunch rooms. We have a new (hands free) water bottle dispenser at the junior high end of the building. There will also be classroom expectations.

Remote Learners - If your family has chosen to be Remote Learners, there are more rigorous expectations than the previous year. There will be grades associated with your learning. Please keep in continuous contact with your teacher(s).

If you have any questions about the school year, please do not hesitate to contact me. Phone -309-593-2135, [basalar@sherrard.us](mailto:basalar@sherrard.us)

If we are all safe and responsible, we can have another successful school year.

Rick Basala  
JH Principal

## Athletics

Certain fall sports will not be allowed to happen in the fall; as a result the IHSA calendar will be adjusted with the following tentative times-lines.

SPORT	TRADITIONAL SEASON	2020-21 SEASON	START DATE	END DATE
B/G Golf	Fall	Fall	Aug 10	Oct 24
B/G Cross Country	Fall	Fall	Aug 10	Oct 24
B/G Basketball	Winter	Winter	Nov 16	Feb 13
Wrestling	Winter	Winter	Nov 16	Feb 13
Cheerleading	Winter	Winter	Nov 16	Feb 13
Dance	Winter	Winter	Nov 16	Feb 13
Football	Fall	Spring	Feb 15	May 1
Boys Soccer	Fall	Spring	Feb 15	May 1
Baseball/Softball	Spring	Summer	May 3	June 26
B/G Track & Field	Spring	Summer	May 3	June 26
Girls Soccer	Spring	Summer	May 3	June 26



## *From the Guidance Office*

Please be patient with us as we work on schedules for the upcoming year!

### **Dual Credit Students:**

Dual credit students and parents/guardians of dual credit students will be receiving an email shortly regarding dual credit classes. Due to COVID, the classes will look a little different this year. If you choose to drop dual credit, a drop form will need to be completed and submitted through Mrs Drish in the counseling/academic office. BHC will charge a penalty if a drop form is not completed before class starts on August 17th. Please check your email as this information will be coming soon.

### **ACC Students:**

Emails have been sent to students and parents/guardians on how ACC classes will run this year. Our new block schedule does not line up with the ACC's class times, so please check your email to see how this will affect you. In some cases, dropping these classes would be the best option. A drop form will need to be completed and submitted as soon as possible - please contact Mrs Drish at [drishju@sherrard.us](mailto:drishju@sherrard.us) for questions.

### **Work Release Students:**

All work release students will attend classes through 5th/6th hour. Depending on lunch times, students will be dismissed at 12:36pm, or 1:11pm. Please contact Mrs Drish at [drishju@sherrard.us](mailto:drishju@sherrard.us), or Mr Wernentint at [wernentint@sherrard.us](mailto:wernentint@sherrard.us) with any questions.

### **SAT for Seniors:**

Emails were sent to all senior students and parents/guardians on August 5th regarding the state mandated SAT exam for seniors. Please check your emails for more information.

For any questions contact:

Mrs Drish, Academic Coordinator  
[drishju@sherrard.us](mailto:drishju@sherrard.us)\*, 309-593-2175

\*Please note we have two Mrs Drish's so be sure to use "ju" after "drish" in her email.



## Tiger Closet

Each month the Tiger Closet is going to focus on collecting different items that are in need, for the month of August we are collecting laundry supplies. If you are interested in donating items to the Tiger Closet please drop your items off in the main office between regular business hours, 7:00am-3:00pm.

Items in need:

- Laundry Soap
- Laundry Baskets
- Stain Remover
- Dry Sheets
- Laundry Scent Beads
- Bath Towels
- Wash Rags

In addition to laundry supplies we are collecting reusable water bottles for students to use during the school day. Under the current reopening plan students are not allowed to use the water fountains, making reusable water bottles essential.

If you have any questions you can contact Vanessa Schulenberg at [schulenbergv@sherrard.us](mailto:schulenbergv@sherrard.us) or Amanda Fritch at [fritch@sherrard.us](mailto:fritch@sherrard.us). We appreciate the outpouring of support our community has shown the Tiger Closet over the last two years, this could not be done without everyone's generosity and support.

## Sports Physicals

**All students participating in any sport must have a current physical on file before they are allowed to tryout and/or practice.** Summer is a great time to get students physicals so they are ready to go for the next school year. Ninth grade physicals may be used for sports physicals. Physicals are active for one calendar year plus 30 days from the date of the physical and may only be signed by a physician licensed to practice medicine, a physician's assistant or an advanced practice nurse. If the physical expires during the middle of a sport season, they will not be allowed to practice or play until a new physical is received. The IHSA sport physical form can be picked up in the office or the high school website. Please contact the athletic office or school nurse if you have any questions.



## NINTH GRADE HEALTH REQUIREMENTS for SCHOOL YEAR 20-21

- All ninth grade students are required to have an updated school physical.
- State law requires Illinois Department of Public Health form to be used.
- Physical forms are available at the school and on the school district web site [www.sherrard.us](http://www.sherrard.us), go to Departments and select **Health Services, Health Forms and Student Physical Form.**
- Physicals must be completed and signed by a physician licensed to practice medicine, a physician's assistant, or an advanced practice nurse. **Chiropractors MAY NOT perform school or sports physicals.**
- Parents or guardians are required by state law to complete and sign the health history portion on the back of the physical form.
- **Sports physicals will not fulfill this requirement.** The ninth grade physical may be used for a sport physical for 395 days from the date of the exam. Students who receive freshman physicals March 1, 2020 will need another sports physical by April 1 of 2021, if they desire to participate in spring sports. Please keep this in mind when scheduling your child's physical.
- Call for vaccine and physical appointments prior to end of this school year.
- A copy of your child's immunization record may be required by the health care provider.
- **STUDENTS NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH PHYSICAL AND IMMUNIZATIONS WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM SCHOOL PER STATE REQUIREMENTS.**
- **NEW REQUIREMENT:** All 9th grade students must have a current dental exam dated after 11/15/19 or waiver completed by May 15, 2021. Forms are available on the district web site under Health Forms.

**\*\*\*NOTE: Covid-19 has impacted everyone. The State of Illinois has not provided any guidance regarding change in due dates for health requirements for next school year at this time.**



## Immunization Requirement for 12th Grade

All students entering the 12th grade shall show proof of having received two doses of the meningitis vaccine prior to entering the 12th grade. The first dose shall have been received on or after the 11th birthday, and the second dose shall have been administered on or after the 16th birthday, and at least eight weeks after the first dose. If the first dose is administered when the child is 16 years of age or older, only one dose is required. All students entering twelfth grade for the 2020-2021 school year must be compliant with this vaccine by the first day of school. Students, who are not in compliance, will be excluded from school.

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## Join the Booster Club!

### *Boosters need your help!*

- Our board is down to 15 members out of 25.
- In order to provide the support that we do to our students **we need new people** to join and help fill the vacant spots.
- We meet the first Wednesday of every month at 6pm in the high school library.
- Check out the Booster page on the HS website under the *Parents/Students* tab for more information on the Booster Club





Event Schedule  
08/17/2020 to 08/31/2020

**Sherrard Junior/senior High School** Mike Applegate  
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**Monday August 17, 2020**

Time	Activity	Facility	Comments
4:00 PM-TBA	*[+] Golf B V vs Riverdale and Ridgewood - @valley view-	(A) - Riverdale and Ridgewood	-

**Wednesday August 19, 2020**

Time	Activity	Facility	Comments
4:00 PM-TBA	*[+] Golf B V vs Knoxville	(H) - Fyre Lake International	-
4:30 PM-TBA	*[+] Golf G V vs St. Bede Academy - @Spring Creek	(A) - St. Bede Academy	-

**Monday August 24, 2020**

Time	Activity	Facility	Comments
4:00 PM-TBA	*[+] Golf B V vs Rock Island HS - @Highland Springs	(A) - Rock Island HS	-

**Tuesday August 25, 2020**

Time	Activity	Facility	Comments
4:00 PM-TBA	*[+] Golf B V vs Princeton - @Wyaton Hills	(A) - Princeton	-
4:00 PM-TBA	*[+] Golf G V vs Erie-Prophetstown & Rockridge - @Highland Springs	(A) - Erie-Prophetstown & Rockridge	-

**Wednesday August 26, 2020**

Time	Activity	Facility	Comments
4:00 PM-TBA	*[+] Golf G V vs Mercer Co HS - @Hawthorn Ridge	(A) - Mercer Co HS	-

**Thursday August 27, 2020**

Time	Activity	Facility	Comments
TBA-TBA	*[+] Golf B V vs Newman and BV - @Emerland Hills	(A) - Newman and BV	-
4:00 PM-TBA	*[+] Golf G V vs Kewanee HS - Alleman, Kewanee, West Central	(H) - Fyre Lake International	-

**Friday August 28, 2020**

Time	Activity	Facility	Comments
2:45 PM-TBA	* School Event N N - Golf and Cross Country Sports pictures	(TBA) -	-

**Saturday August 29, 2020**

Time	Activity	Facility	Comments
8:00 AM-TBA	*[+] Golf B V vs Monmouth/Roseville HS - Invite at Gibson	(A) - Monmouth/Roseville HS - Invite at Gibson	-

**Monday August 31, 2020**

Time	Activity	Facility	Comments
4:00 PM-TBA	*[+] Golf B V vs Rockridge & St. Bede	(H) - Fyre Lake International	-