

TigerTimes

Sherrard Jr/Sr High Newsletter

January, 2021

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

January 4

No School - Teacher Institute

January 5

School resumes

January 18

No School

Principal's Notes

Happy New Year!!!!

As I write this article, it is difficult to believe that the first semester is complete as we continue to address all of the COVID-related issues. We encourage families currently utilizing our remote learning option to consider returning to in person instruction. While certainly respecting a family's decision to utilize remote learning, our teachers would love to have students in their presence.

Thank you for everyone's participation in our "Operation Santa!" While we were not able to conduct our normal Operation Santa activities, we were still able to assist a number of families in our district.

Registration for the 2021-22 school year will begin soon. We encourage you to have thoughtful discussions with your student on not only next year's course selections, but to review/create their four year academic plan.

Please note that report cards will be provided later than normal this year. You can expect to receive them at the end of January. A reminder that students are due back from break on Tuesday, January 5. We will not have school on January 18 in celebration of Martin Luther King Junior Day.

I trust you had an enjoyable winter break and I look forward to working with you in the new year! Please contact me at 309-593-2175 or at wernentint@sherrard.us with questions, concerns, or comments.

Educationally yours, Tim Wernentin, Principal

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Stay informed!

Daily high school announcements will be posted on the Sherrard High School website. Please visit the website daily for information about all things happening at the high school. The link below will take you directly to the announcements: <https://www.sherrardtigerstv.com/morning-announcements.html>

You may also want to connect to our District social media accounts.

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/sherrardschooldistrict> -

Facebook ID is "Sherrard School District"

Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/sherrardschooldistrict/> -

Handle is SherrardSchoolDistrict

Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/home> -

Handle is @SherrardSchools



JH Principal's Notes

Parents and Guardians,

Welcome Back to the 2021 school year! Thank you for a successful first semester. Parents and guardians have been flexible and helpful during this "different" school year. One of the items that helped with the first semester's success was the communication between the teacher and the parents. It is important to stay connected to your child's teacher, classwork, and grades. Please log in to the Infinite Campus parent portal weekly. If you do not know the password, please contact the unit office. Individual teacher's Google Classroom will also have specifics about assignments and grades. If you have questions about an assignment in a specific class, please email the teacher.

We are looking forward to another successful semester.

Thank you.

Rick Basala

JH Principal

Tigers Through Time

Sherrard High School is going to be doing a wall wrap to encompass SHS throughout all the eras.

If you have a picture you would like to have considered please drop off original pictures (which will be returned) to the HS office between 7am and 3 p.m. Jan. 4 - Jan. 22. Email digital photos to helmc@sherrard.com by Jan. 22.

Help us recognize "Tigers Through Time"! For any questions contact Connie Helm at helmc@sherrard.us.

Student of the Month

HIGH SCHOOL

English: Anna Taylor

Math: Carson Schar

Science: Patricia Lindstrom

Social Studies: Olivia Meskan

Fine Arts: Jasmine McAfee

PE/Health: Carson Schar

Vocational:

Kyle Peckenschneider

Special Forces:

Autumn Kongkousonh

Business: Marshall Warner

Rotary Student of the Month:

Kyle Peckenschneider

JUNIOR HIGH

English: Ethan McNair

Math: Ryder Veronda

Jenna Szymborski

Science: Grace Tucker

Social Studies: Harrison Curry

Fine Arts: Tori Browning

PE/Health: Tyler Fox

Jayce Crow

Vocational: Emilee Palmer

Striving for Excellence: Ava

Egel

Pep Club - *Date has been extended to January 13th!*

Attention Tiger Parents - Do you want to wear a shirt to show how proud you are of your student? Or do you want to purchase a cup, car decal, bag, sweatshirt or a face mask?? For the first time ever, the pep club is selling items to do just that. Each shirt has the graduating year of your student along with your student's name on the back of it. 7th-12th grade parents have the names on the back. There are shirts (no names of the students though) for the grade school parents too!! You will be able to wear these for years to come!!! The profits made from the shirt will help the Pep Club purchase another tiger fence sign, like the one on the football field, but this time we will place this one on the baseball diamonds. There are unique pieces for purchase!

Please check the link out. The store is an online store with great items to choose from. If you have any questions, please email Tammy Crippen at crippent@sherrard.us

<https://sherrardhspepclub2020.itemorder.com/sale>

2020-2021 JR/SR High Yearbook Update

This year, we are looking for anyone to submit photos of any fall activities or remote learning experiences from families and staff members for junior or senior high students. This can include photos of students with projects, doing school activities, athletic events, school organization meetings, school events, etc. Please use the Replay It link below for uploading pictures. If you have difficulties with Replay It, you can email photos to blackwells@sherrard.us or slowotherd@sherrard.us

Please help us by submitting photos!

HIGH SCHOOL - <https://images.jostens.com/415823950>

JUNIOR HIGH - <https://images.jostens.com/415823951>



Homecoming

Due to the uncertainty of the sports seasons, Homecoming activities are going to take place but will be modified and moved to March 15-20. Watch the school website and Facebook for more details as plans are being developed.

Operation Santa

To our wonderful Sherrard CUSD Community!

We truly appreciate your thoughtful donation to Operation Santa. With your donation, we are able to provide a Merry Christmas to many families in our community. Your generosity is truly admiring and we are thrilled to have your support. We plan to help over 75 families this year who are struggling financially during the Christmas season.

The Operation Santa committee is an amazing group of district staff who are deeply invested in the well-being of our students and their families.

Our community support makes the difference for us, and we are extremely grateful.

Thank you,
The Operation Santa Committee

The Bean Field
Insurance Exchange Agency
Viola American Legion Aux 229
Watson's Building & Remodeling
Donna Lamb
Mrs. Susan Breiby
New Windsor Telephone Co
James & Sandy Dingman
Spinner's Pizza
The Shoppe Next Door
Village of Viola
Yerkey Veterinary Services
Eugene & Konnie Fry
Janet Wilson
Presbyterian Women /Community Pres Church
Beau-Belle Hair Designs
Farmers State Bank of Western Illinois
Quality Group LLC (Pep Club fundraiser)
Viola United Presbyterian Church Woman's Organization
New Windsor Presbyterian Church- Presbyterian Women

New Windsor Calvary Church
Glenn & Cindy Pope and family
Souhrada/ Child Family
English IV Class
Schulenberg / Redpath family
Rick & Maureen Basala
Viola Telephone Company
Sherrard Booster Club
Bonnie S Crippen
Williamson Electric
Village of Oak Grove
Preemption Township
Mark & Lori Churchill
Village of New Windsor
First Community Bank
Mr & Mrs Fred Ericson
Steve & Lori Christiansen
Matherville Fire Department



Tiger Closet

We are no longer accepting clothes until further notice. We are going to create an amazon wishlist. Check the website and social media for the link monthly to see what items are in need!

If you have any questions you can contact Vanessa Schulenberg at schulenbergv@sherrard.us or Amanda Fritch at fritcha@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.



From the HS Counseling/Academic Center

ACADEMIC INFORMATION:

Registration is right around the corner! Here is the registration timeline:

To Be Seniors:

Class meeting: January 12th

Registration: January 13th-15th

To Be Juniors:

Class meeting: January 19th

Registration: January 20th-22th

To Be Sophomores:

Class meeting: January 25th

Registration: January 27th-29th

To Be Freshmen:

Class meeting: February 1st

Registration: February 3rd-5th

Be on the lookout for the following dates in **January...**

- Orientation Night for incoming freshmen will be done via video presentation. We will be sending a link to the video sometime in early January.
- Dual Credit Meeting for Juniors and Seniors will be held January 6th at 6pm as a Zoom meeting with Black Hawk College representatives. The meeting link was sent via email to all junior students and their parents/guardian on December 8th. Meeting link: <https://bhc.zoom.us/j/91971879173?pwd=UVU4amRSK1dDYjAxdVNIWVd0aG9Td09>
- Area Career Center tour for Juniors and Seniors will likely be a Zoom meeting or video presentation. If your student is interested in ACC classes at UT, they can email Mrs Drish for more information.

Senior Scholarships

Available scholarships are posted on the High School website - click [HERE](#) to access that page. Students also have access in the Senior Google Classroom.

Senior Parents:

Reminder that the FAFSA is required by the State of Illinois this year. If you do not want to complete the FAFSA, we will be sending out and collecting a non-participation form in the spring. If your student plans on attending college or a trade school, FAFSA is the form you need to complete in order to access federal grants, loans and work-study funds.

FAFSA Website: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

Don't forget you will need an FSA ID to complete the FAFSA. Here is the website to create your FSA ID: <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>

If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Drish (drishju@sherrard.us)

Attention ACC students:

The current plan for the UT Area Career Center to return to in-person learning after the Christmas break, is for students to attend Thursday, January 7, 2021.

ACC faculty and staff will return Monday, January 4th for an Institute day, and then January 5th is a remote planning day. Wednesday, January 6th is their regular remote learning Wednesday, so Thursday the 7th should start as an A-day for students.

SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL INFORMATION:

We will continue to counsel students both socially/emotionally and academically. Students and parents can reach out via email if they have any questions or concerns. Meetings can be held in person, or via Zoom, Google Meet, etc. blackwells@sherrard.us or drishju@sherrard.us

As we head towards winter, still dealing with the pandemic, it's more important than ever to keep an eye out for signs of depression, especially in teenagers. With so many things important to teenagers disrupted — school, seeing friends, sports, and other activities that shape identity — many kids are struggling, even those without a history of depression or anxiety. Please read the article [Signs of Depression](#) if you have any concerns.



With a mix of students in school and at home, we feel it is important to expand our reach to students that may be struggling. Every other week students complete an online emotional check-in form. The emotional check-in is a safe place for students to share their emotions and a quick way for the counseling staff to assess mental health needs. After completing the emotional check-in, the counseling staff will complete individual check-ins with students that were in the struggling categories. For remote learners, the counseling staff will offer a zoom meeting or phone call to discuss their feelings.

Jesse Hamerlinck from the Mercer County Mental Health Action Program is also providing support services to students and families through case management. She is located in the HS counseling office on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The Mental Health Action Program works to address students' social emotional wellness, provide resources and referrals for mental health and wellness services, and eliminate barriers to care. The action program may also assist with other social determinants of health such as food insecurity, housing, and financial issues. Jesse can be reached by email at hamerlinckje@sherrard.us or by phone at 593-2175.



DENTAL REQUIREMENT FOR CURRENT 9TH GRADE STUDENTS



The State of Illinois is now requiring dental exams for all 9th grade students. Students currently in 9th grade are required to have a completed dental exam or waiver on file by May 15, 2021.

- School dental exams must have been completed after November 15, 2019.
- The IDPH dental exam form must be used.
- Exams must be performed by licensed dentists.
- Dental waivers are allowed if:
 - Student is enrolled in free and reduced lunch program and does not have dental insurance.
 - Student is enrolled in free and reduced lunch program and is ineligible for public insurance (Medicaid/All Kids).
 - Student is enrolled in Medicaid/All Kids, but the family is unable to find a dentist or dental clinic in the community who will accept Medicaid/All Kids.
 - Student does not have any type of dental insurance and there is no low-cost dental clinics in the community that will see the child.
- Religious exemption is allowed if religious exemption form is completed.
- Dental appointment cards are accepted as long as the appointment is scheduled within 60 days of May 15. Completed dental exams must be turned in by the beginning of the following school year.

Dental exams and waivers are available on the District Website: www.sherrard.us go to Departments and select Health Services, Health Forms and Dental Exam/Waiver



NINTH GRADE HEALTH REQUIRMENTS 21-22

Information regarding 9th grade health requirements and forms will be sent home with student registration packets in January.

- 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, 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, 2021 will need another sports physical by April 1, 2022, 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.** Please provide completed physicals by the first day of school. Student not in compliance by October 15, 2021, will be excluded from school until requirements are met.

All 9th grade students must have a current dental exam dated after 11/15/20 or waiver completed by May 15, 2022. Forms are available on the district web site under Health Forms.



2021-2022 IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENT FOR TWELFTH GRADE

*This information and a copy of students' immunization records will be included in the registration information which will be sent home with 11th grade students in January.

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 **11h 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.

STUDENTS NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM SCHOOL ACCORDING TO SCHOOL CODE AND DISTRICT POLICY. Please provide verification of vaccines by the first day of school. Students not in compliance by October 15, 2021 will be excluded until requirements are met.

*****NOTE:** This must be the Meningococcal vaccine (Menactra or Menveo). The Meningitis B Vaccine otherwise known as Trumenba or Bexsero does not meet this requirement. Some pharmacies such as Walgreens have administered the Meningitis B vaccine instead of the Meningococcal Vaccine.



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Type Your School Name Here

BREAKFAST



School Information: Menu Subject to Change
This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced that they are allowing free meals to all students through the end of the current school year.

Monday



No School **4**

Tuesday



Poptart **5**
½ Cup Fruit
Milk Choice

Wednesday



Cereal Bowl **6**
½ Cup 100% Juice
Milk Choice

Thursday



Fruit Frudel **7**
½ Cup Fruit
Milk Choice

Friday

No School **1**

Mini Bagel **8**
½ Cup 100% Juice
Milk Choice

Muffin **11**
½ Cup Fruit
Milk Choice

Cereal Bowl **12**
½ Cup 100% Juice
Milk Choice

Mini Cinnis **13**
½ Cup Fruit
Milk Choice

Cinnabuns **14**
½ Cup 100% Juice
Milk Choice

Cereal Bar **15**
½ Cup Fruit
Milk Choice

No School **18**

Poptart **19**
½ Cup 100% Juice
Milk Choice

Mini Banana Loaf **20**
½ Cup Fruit
Milk Choice

Fruit Frudel **21**
½ Cup 100% Juice
Milk Choice

Mini Bagel **22**
½ Cup Fruit
Milk Choice

Muffin **25**
½ Cup 100% Juice
Milk Choice

Cereal Bowl **26**
½ Cup Fruit
Milk Choice

Mini Cinnis **27**
½ Cup 100% Juice
Milk Choice

Cinnabuns **28**
½ Cup Fruit
Milk Choice

Cereal Bar **29**
½ Cup 100% Juice
Milk Choice

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Sherrard Jr-Sr High Menu

LUNCH



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Monday



No School **4**

Tuesday



5
Tenderloin/Bun
Potato
Scooby Snacks
Fruit
Milk Choice

Wednesday



6
Grilled Chicken/Bun
Cool Ranch Doritos
Celery/Peanut Butter
Fruit
Milk Choice

Thursday



7
Cheese Dippers
Marinara Sauce
Salad
Belly Bears
Fruit
Milk Choice

Friday



No School **1**

11
Hamburger/Bun
Potato
Scooby Snacks
Fruit
Milk Choice

12
Walking Tacos
Tomatoes
Fruit
Milk Choice

13
Chicken Nuggets
Celery/Peanut Butter
Chips
Fruit
Milk Choice

14
Breaded Chicken/Bun
Salad
Belly Bears
Fruit
Milk Choice

15
Pizza Crunchers
Chips
Carrots
Fruit
Milk Choice

18
No School

19
Tenderloin/Bun
Salad
Pretzels
Fruit
Milk Choice

20
Cheeseburger/Bun
Sunchips
Carrots
Fruit
Milk Choice

21
Uncrustable
Salad
Cheese Stick
Cookie
Fruit
Milk Choice

22
Ribette
Potato
Bug Bites
Fruit
Milk Choice

25
Corn Dog
Slushy
Chips
Fruit
Milk Choice

26
Super Nachos/Scoops
Salad
Fruit
Milk Choice

27
Breaded Chicken/Bun
Potatoes
Scooby Snacks
Fruit
Milk Choice

28
Pizza Crunchers
Salad
Belly Bears
Fruit
Milk Choice

Chicken Nuggets
Cheeto Puffs
Celery/Peanut Butter
Fruit
Milk Choice