# <u>Sherrard</u> Jr/Sr High Newsletter

# August, 2021

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

# **Principal's Notes**

Welcome to the 2021-22 school year! It is great seeing all students back in school this year! Despite the recent mask mandate, we are thrilled to be back in session. There will continue to be other mitigations in place (listed later) as we address the recent uptick of COVID.

A number of "new faces" will be joining the Sherrard family this fall! Please join me in welcoming the following new staff members:

- Mr. Alex Johnson Assistant Principal
- Mrs. Erin DeKeyrel Science (transfer from junior high)
- Mr. Brandon Johnston Jr./Sr. High Health amd Head Football Coach
- Mr. Brad Perrin Science
- Mr. Andy Denton Math
- Mrs. Lexi Weihler District Social Worker
- Mr. Ian DeVolder Math (formally hired)
- Mrs. Laura Warner Long-term substitute in art class

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

- 1. Mandated masks for all staff and students while indoors and on busses. We will stringently enforce students to wear masks at all times.
- 2. A variety of lunch locations to spread students and maintain social distancing.
- Students must report to breakfast or their first period of the day upon arrival at school; they may remain outside to socialize until the first warning bell sounds

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August 18 School board meeting - 6p

August 19 Early dismissal - 1p

August 20 Early dismissal - 1p

August 21 HS Sports pictures

August 24 High School Picture Day

August 25 JH School Picture Day



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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: <u>https://twitter.com/home -</u> Handle is @SherrardSchools

- 4. Breakfast and lunch options will be limited and students will inform their first period teacher of their lunch selection.
- 5. Students will change into phys ed uniforms for PE and may use their lockers in the locker room. They may use these lockers only for PE class.
- 6. Three feet of social distancing will be implemented as is possible.

Our hope is that as the school year progresses, we will be able to retract some of the above mitigating measures as the governor allows.

Another positive this year is that all sports are a "go" and are underway as we speak. Be sure to get out and see our Tigers in action!

In an effort 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. You may also contact assistant principal Alex Johnson at johnsona@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.

Again, welcome to the 2021-22 school year!! It continues to be an unprecedented time in our world, nation, and school and 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.

Tim Wernentin, Principal



## **Athletics / Activities**

Get up to date athletiic and activities schedules on the <u>Sherrard 8to18 website</u>. The site has been updated with a new look and feel and is now mobile optimized for easy viewing!

For schedule changes and updates you can sign up to receive Email Alerts.

# JH Principal's Notes

Welcome 7th and 8th grade students! The beginning of the year has been very successful. I hope all Jr. High families had a great summer!

Here are our new staff members at SJHS:

Mr. Monson- History Miss Ulfig- Math Mrs. Whelchel- Math Mr. Johnston- Health Mr. McDermott- Band

I am proud to announce that SJHS students maintained or even improved on the IAR test scores even through the pandemic. I am comparing the scores from the same students before the pandemic and last year's testing.

- 39% of the students "Met or Exceeded" in English on the IAR in 2019. (5th and 6th grade)
- 39% of the students "Met or Exceeded" in English on the IAR in 2021. (7th and 8th grade) NO CHANGE.
- 36% of the students "Met or Exceeded" in Math on the the IAR in 2019 (6th grade)
- 46% of the students "Met or Exceeded" in Math on the IAR in 2021 (8th grade... a 10% increase during the pandemic!)

Football practice starts Monday August 16th- Physicals must be turned in to participate! \*See Mrs. Diehl in the JH office to check on physical status.

JH Football Cheer season is pending until a coach is determined. An announcement will be made if a coach is selected.

Girls Basketball practice starts soon. Please be sure the students have their physical on file.

I'm looking forward to another great year!

Rick Basala JH Principal





### Join the Sherrard Booster Club!

**Boosters need your help!** They currently have <u>8 vacant</u> <u>spots</u> for board members. In order to continue to offer the substanial support they have given our students in our school district and continue to keep the concession stands open at games, they **NEED HELP!** Please consider filling one of these positions.

Their next meeting will be September 1, at 6pm in the HS Library. Attend the meeting to to check them out!



# **School Pictures**

Austin Oaks will be at the high school on Tuesday August 24th to take 9-11 grade pictures and on Wednesday, August 25th to take 7-8 grade pictures. Retake day for all grades will be September 16.

# **Class of 2022 Senior Pictures**

For the Class of 2022 Austin Oaks Portrait Studio will be taking the official senior portraits on August 24th at the school. This is a formal portrait that will be used for the yearbook, class composite, and other official needs of the school. Please dress properly, guys should wear a shirt and tie, girls a nice formal top. No t-shirts, jerseys, tank tops, etc. will be permitted. Students not dressed properly will not be photographed. Students absent may be photographed on retake day, September 16th.

# **Marching Band**

The 2022 High School Marching band will be marching the New Windsor Rodeo parade on August 19th.

# 2021-2022 JR/SR High Yearbook

This year, we are looking for anyone to submit photos of any fall activities 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 email photos to blackwells@sherrard.us or slowotherd@sherrard.us

Reminder - Students must be wearing masks for all indoor photos and be 3 feet apart in group photos. The yearbook must follow the Return to Learn Plan found on the District's website. We WILL NOT use photos if the mask is not worn properly or students are too close together.

Please help us by submitting photos!

Thanks! Stacey Blackwell and Dora Slothower

# Homecoming

Homecoming week will be the week of September 20th through September 25th. We will do our best to keep up with the traditional homecoming festivities, however please be flexible as modifications may need to be made. The theme this year is Footloose, "The Tigers are ready to cut loose!" We will be having our annual parade on Thursday, September 23rd at 6:15pm. Following the parade will be our annual bonfire. If you are interested in participating in the parade please fill out the attached form and return it to Vanessa Schulenberg either via email, SchulenbergV@sherrard.us, or mail it to Sherrard High School c/o Vanessa Schulenberg 4701 176th Ave., Sherrard, IL 61281. Forms must be submitted to Vanessa no later than Monday, September 21st.

The All School Senate is once again accepting nominations for Grand Marshall. The individual must be a lifelong resident of the Sherrard/Winola School District. Please send nominations to Vanessa Schulenberg at SchulenbergV@sherrard.us Please include the name of the individual, contact information and a short biography of why you are nominating this individual.

# Junior Senate Fundraiser

The 2022 Junior Senate will be selling Scratch Cupcakes this fall to raise money for Prom in May. The students will be selling from August 30th to September 17th and delivery will be at the high school on October 6th. If you are interested in ordering there will be a flyer on the district social media or you can see any Junior Senate member or contact Junior Senate Sponsor Mrs Arnold at arnoldl@sherrard.us.

# **Post Prom**

SHS Post Prom Parent group is looking for volunteer members. These parent/guardian volunteers of our HS students sell cookies at home events, put on our Bingo fundraiser, have occasional planning meetings and email correspondence, and help with putting on Post Prom for our upperclassmen and their guests.



If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Cindy Steckel at steckelc@sherrard.us or Jen Diehl at diehlj@sherrard.us so you can be put on the email list to get in on the action.

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# **Tiger Closet**

We are no longer accepting clothes until further notice. We have created an amazon wishlist. Check the link monthly to see what items are in need!

#### <u> Tiger Closet Wishlis</u>t

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, this could not be done without everyone's generosity and support.



#### Dual Credit Students:

August 18th at 8am there will be a mandatory meeting (for students only) to discuss college course expectations and Canvas.

#### Work Release Students:

If you are signed up for Work Release you must have a permission slip signed and turned into Mr Wernentin before Tuesday, August 17th. Please email Mr Wernentin (wernentint@sherrard.us) or Mrs Drish (drishju@sherrard.us) with any questions.

#### Juniors:

If you are interested in taking the NMSQT exam (practice test for the SAT and National Merit Scholarship qualifying exam), watch for an announcement in your Junior Google Classroom to sign up. The test will be administered at Sherrard High School on October 26th during the school day. See Mrs Drish with any questions.

#### Juniors and Seniors:

If you are interested in taking the ASVAB exam (military entrance and career aptitude exam), watch for an announcement in your Google Classrooms to sign up. Taking this test does not sign you up for the military, or commit you to them in any way. Student scores will not be released to the military unless requested. It does, however, help match interests with abilities and skills. It can also help match possible career choices for the future. The test will be administered at Sherrard High School on November 16th during the school day. See Mrs Drish with any questions.

This year we are partnering with McLaughlin Body to offer a co-op program for manufacturing. Juniors and seniors are eligible to sign up. There will be an informational meeting on August 18th at 8am. Email Mrs Drish with any questions.

#### Social/Emotional Information:

We will continue to counsel students both socially/emotionally and academically. Students and parents should reach out via email or students may stop by the counseling office.

We are looking forward to working with you and your student during their high school career! We are here to help your student gain success in high school and beyond!

Stacey Blackwell blackwells@sherrard.us <u>Julie Drish</u> drishju@sherrard.us



# NINTH GRADE HEALTH REQUIREMENTS for SCHOOL YEAR 21-22

- 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 ninthgrade 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 of 2022, if they desire to participate in spring sports.
- A copy of your child's immunization record may be required by the health care provider.
- STUDENTS NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH PHYSICAL AND IM MUNIZATIONS WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM SCHOOL PER STATE REQUIREMENTS.



• **NEW REQUIREMENT**: 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, select **Departments**, **Health Services**, and **Health Forms**.

#### **MENINGITIS VACCINE REQUIREMENT FOR 21-22**

The State of Illinois requires all students entering the **12th grade** for the 2021-2022 school year to provide proof of having received the **menin-gitis vaccine** (also known as Menveo, Menactra) **on or after their 16th birthday.** 

\*\*\***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.

STUDENTS NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH IMMUNIZATION REQUIRE-MENTS 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.

Your child's immunization record has been included with the needed vaccine listed.

Students may receive their immunization from their health care provider. Vaccines are also available at Mercer County Health Department in Aledo 582-3762, Rock Island County Health Department in Rock Island 793-1955, School Health Link in Rock Island 732-0958 and Walgreens. You will need to make an appointment and inquire about insurance and cost.



#### **HOMECOMING 2021**

The	(organization) will have an entry in the Sherrard High
School Homecoming parade on Thursday, September 23, 202	1.
TYPE ENTRY (float, decorated vehicle, walking group, etc.):	
SPONSOR:	
PHONE:	
WHERE FLOAT IS TO BE BUILT:	
FLOAT THEME OR TITLE:	

#### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARADE PARTICIPANTS**

1. Each float should not exceed \$150.00 in construction costs. The name of the organization or class must be clearly marked on both sides of the float.

2. The theme for this year's parade is Footloose "The Tigers are ready to cut loose". Sherrard's opponent is Morrison. Their mascot is the Mustangs and their colors are blue and red.

3. Floats are preferable for the parade, but you may enter a decorated car or truck or a walking ensemble.

4. Float riders must be approved on an individual basis determined by float design and number of riders.

5. Vehicles pulling floats should be driven by licensed drivers who have proof of insurance in their vehicle.

6. Float decorating cannot be done during school hours and should be stopped by 10:00 p.m. Float construction may begin Sunday, September 20, 2021. A class sponsor or other responsible adult must be present at each decorating session.

7. The parade will start from THE OLD HIGH SCHOOL at 6:15 p.m. Thursday, September 23, 2021. The parade will assemble in the **GRASS FIELD AT THE OLD HIGH SCHOOL at 5:30 p.m. sharp**. The parade will end at the south end of the old school.

8. <u>No items, including candy and gum, may be **thrown** during the parade.</u> If you plan to pass out items, you may walk along the parade route and hand them to spectators. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT CANDY BE HANDED OUT BY WALKERS ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE AND NOT BE THROWN!

9. After the parade, floats should be returned to where they were constructed for the purpose of dismantling.

10. Immediately following the parade, a bonfire/pep rally will be held at the northwest corner of the old football field in Sherrard. Float winners and the 2021 King and Queen will be announced. If it rains, a pep assembly will be held at the high school at 7pm that evening.



