

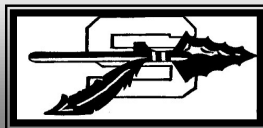
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A Letter from the Superintendent

Sherwood Community -



Thank you for all of the support everyone has continued to show the Sherwood School District this year. In some ways, parts of this year were even more challenging than last year due to COVID-19. However, I'm glad to see more and more of a return to normalcy for our students and staff. We have made strides this year in our facilities, the district's financial planning of the future, and most importantly the learning of our students. Our teachers and staff have done a great job of working with our kids to bridge learning gaps and keep all of our students moving forward.

Over the next year you will be hearing how we will continue to advance the experiences of our students. Our teachers will be "All In" with every instructional staff member helping us own learning standards from state testing - even if it isn't from a class they teach. This will help our students implement those standards across multiple disciplines and classrooms. We are going to continue to offer more and more internship opportunities and hands-on learning for our students

so they are better prepared for life after school. We will begin taking steps to work with our advanced learners and challenging them more and more in the classroom while providing the whole class rigorous learning opportunities. Finally, we will be continuing to look after the mental health of our students. We have signed an agreement with COMPASS to assist us with the mental health of some of our students who qualify for financial and healthcare assistance. This will allow more students to receive the services they need, especially if re-occurring and professional services are needed. We will strive to always keep moving forward as a district to provide a high quality education for our kids. We also will increase our focus on College and Career readiness and planning by hiring a part time Postsecondary Advisor through the rootEd program and a grant from DESE.

There are exciting times ahead for the district, and we appreciate the support from our families, community members, and faculty and staff. I hope everyone enjoys and celebrates the successes of our students through the rest of the school year.

Sincerely,
Steve Ritter

Upcoming

Events

May 16, 2022

No School

May 17, 2022

Senior Decision Day

May 18

School Board Meeting

May 19, 2022

NHS Inductions

May 19, 2022

Senior Awards Night

May 22, 2022

Graduation

May 23, 2022

8th Grade Celebration

May 26, 2022

Last Day of School

Early Release

June 6-24, 2022

Summer School

August 22, 2022

First Day of School

High School Principal Highlights

Dear Sherwood Family,



We have had a very successful year with our activities, including All-State Choir Members, All-State Band Members, a State Finalist Softball Team, State Cross Country runners, 13 teams advancing to State Competition in FFA, FBLA being named a Gold Star Chapter, Blue Ribbon Art Projects, State Qualifiers in Archery, outstanding productions from our theater, and more. With all of our success out of the classroom, Sherwood has built a tradition of success in the classroom as well. Last year, we were above the state average on all End Of Course Assessments and the ACT. As we get closer to the end of the year, our faculty and students are working to continue building upon our foundation of success. Our Missouri End of Course Assessments will be May 10th through 13th.

Even with the measurable successes in and out of the classroom, it is hard not to think about the things we instill in our students that are not as easily measured. Graduation is quickly approaching, and our seniors will have spent the last four years, approximately 604 school days, or 4,500 minutes with teachers and staff who have worked to grow them as individuals. As the students cross that stage, we hope that they will have the work ethic, communication skills, and compassion for others that will help them be successful individuals in the real world. We want a Sherwood diploma to be more than credits and a GPA. As we look toward the future, we will continue to hold our students accountable and help them be successful in all aspects of their lives.

Sincerely,
Bryan Himes

A Note From the Director of Student Services



Happy Spring! It is hard to believe that we are gearing up for graduation and state assessments. It has been a year that is closer to our old "normal" than the past couple of years! In the Special Education department we plan to offer our meetings both in person and virtual. It has helped some families to meet virtually due to their work schedules.

Preschool screenings were held recently. These screenings help us fill our two preschool rooms for the upcoming year. If you have a little one at home be sure and reach out to our Parents as

Teachers partner Michelle Vogt. She has ideas to help with the boredom of summer to keep everyone entertained and your child learning even when they are playing! As soon as the weather cooperates Mrs. Vogt will be having playgroups.

Thank you to all the parents that received a survey and filled it out on the website! This helps the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education know we are trying to educate students.

Thank you for reading!

Nancy Engle

Summer Food Program Feeds Kids For Free

With summer right around the corner, it's time to think about keeping children healthy while school is out. Sherwood Cass R-8 School District provides free meals to children during the summer.

This summer, meals will be served at Sherwood during summer school. Summer School is scheduled for June 6-24, Monday-Friday. Breakfast will be served 7:20am-8:00am and lunch 11:00am-12:30pm. There are no income requirements or registration. Any child under age 18 may come to eat. For more information, contact Ashley Kelso at 660-499-2239 ext 405.

Each year, the U.S. Department of Agriculture partners with local organizations like Sherwood School District to provide free meals to children when school is out for the summer.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Summer School

Sherwood will be offering summer school beginning on June 6 and ending on June 24. The hours will be from 8:00 a.m. until 3:20 p.m. with breakfast beginning at 7:30 each day. All students will receive a free breakfast and lunch.

The teachers are putting together a number of great courses for enrichment, as well as courses for credit recovery. Please contact the school offices for additional information.



Middle School Principal's Corner

Dear Sherwood Community,



I'm thrilled to tell you about the spring activities at Sherwood Middle School. Things are finally starting to transition back to what a typical spring looks and feels like.

The middle school math team competed in two meets this year: Sherwood and Archie. It was good to get back to in-person competitions. At home, all three grade level teams took 1st place. At Archie, 6th grade won 1st place in their grade level, every 7th grader earned a ribbon or medal and the 8th grade won the overall team award. Their coaches did an amazing job of preparing them for competition.

The drama department presented *Beauty and the Beast* on March 18 and 19. The kids did an excellent job. We really have some talented middle school kids

that made a significant contribution to the performance.

Student Council recently held their spring dance. It's been over a year since we've had a dance and excitement was in the air!

As we wrap up the 2021-22 school year, we're also looking forward to summer school in June. Students who are entering grades 6-8 will be exploring culinary arts, music and creative writing in addition to many other fun activities.

This will be my final newsletter article at Sherwood as I prepare for retirement. Thank you to the many Sherwood students, colleagues and community members that have helped me to form lasting memories over the past 19 years. It has seriously been a huge honor to serve the community that I grew up in.

Best Wishes,
Brenda J. Koch
SMS Principal

Middle School Math Team Has Successful Season



Sherwood Middle School's Math Teams have had a great competition season so far. They have participated in two meets and have had great results in both. At the Sherwood Meet, the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade teams all placed in 1st place. At the Archie meet, the 6th grade team received the award for the 1st place overall team. The 7th grade team had every member earn a ribbon or a medal and the 8th grade team took 1st place in their grade level. The 5th grade team had every member come home with a ribbon or medal.

Congratulations to our Mathletes on their success thus far!!!
Great job, students!

Elementary Principal Update



What do we have going on this spring? The MAP test is here and our students have prepared for that the best way they can. We have been working hard in 3rd, 4th and 5th grade to be ready for the test. We have the opportunity to go on field trips and we are ready to do that too!!! As the school year draws to a close we start thinking about

summer school and kindergarten for our new students. We recently had preschool and kindergarten screenings. Summer school will run from 6-6-22 to 6-24-22 and it will be a fun time of learning in different ways. We have had a great year at Sherwood Elementary and are excited for the future.

Sincerely,
Phil Rogers

***Sherwood Graduation
Sunday, May 22
2:00 pm
High School
Gymnasium***

"Our mission is to prepare young men and women to become productive, responsible citizens in a global society. In partnership with parents and the community, the school seeks to develop the whole child; academically, physically, emotionally, socially, and spiritually."

Around the District

Title I Department Hosts Family Night

Title I is a federal program that provides supplemental instruction for students based on academic needs. The goal is to increase performance in academic achievements in the areas of Reading and/or Math. Sherwood has two Elementary Title I teachers, Mrs. Dooley and Mrs. Thomas, who work with students in grades Kindergarten through 5th Grade. They offer either in-class or pull out intervention services.

On April 21st, Sherwood's Title I Department hosted a free family camping-themed event for all students in the Elementary. A total of 44 students came and played a variety of Math and Reading games with their families such

as: Fishing for Facts, Glow Walk, Campfire Charades, Tepee Taboo, Bonfire Bingo, Sight Word Bug Swat, Mountain Math, War in the Woods, S'mores Graphing, Reading Under the Stars, and Lake Wannaread. One of the most popular events of the night was the spooky storytelling by Camp Counselor Rogers! Families were all served a meal of hot dogs, chips, s'mores, and water at Happy Camper Den.

participated in the event. Some of the giveaway prizes were: sleeping bag, tent, lawn chair, exploring nature kit, binoculars, headlamp, lantern, and fishing pole. The event was a night full of laughter, fun and excitement. The Title Department would like to thank all that participated to make the evening a success.



Prizes were drawn at the end of the night for students who

Pictured: Xander Griffin and Natalie Klinkenberg

Title IA Parents' Right to Know

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Our district is required to inform you of information that you, according to the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (Public Law 114-95), have the right to know.

Upon your request, our district is required to provide to you in a timely manner, the following information:

- Whether your student's teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
- Whether your student's teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived.
- Whether your student's teacher is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher.
- Whether your child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

In addition to the information that parents may request, a building receiving Title I.A funds must provide to each individual parent:

- Information on the level of achievement and academic growth of your student, if applicable and available, on each of the State academic assessments required under Title I.A.
- Timely notice that your student has been assigned, or has been taught for 4 or more consecutive weeks by, a teacher who has not met applicable State certification or licensure requirements at the grade level and subject area in which the teacher has been assigned.

Should you have any questions please reach out to the building principal at 660-499-2239.

Sincerely,

Dr. Steve Ritter
Superintendent of Schools

Sherwood High School students host WWII Museum

On April 7th, Sherwood High School's American History classes hosted a World War II Museum. The students had just finished the unit on WWII and Mr.

Brice Todd, the American History teacher, thought this would be a great time for them to do some deeper learning. He decided to have his classes host a WWII Museum for the rest of the school. The students had two weeks to cre-

ate the exhibits. They had created model planes, boats, tanks, battlefields and so much more. The students had so much information to share and they were excited to do so. Every Social Studies class in the middle school was able to visit the museum. The high school students did a great job hosting the museum and it is likely that this will become an annual project. All the students, both high school and middle school, really enjoyed the experience!



Picture 1: American History teacher Brice Todd, far right, explaining some of the models to sixth graders (front) Serenity Bathgate, (middle row from left) Shayne Aspey, Ethan Ryan, and (back row) Kirsia Morgan.

Picture 2: High school student, Wyatt Barnett, showing his models to some sixth grade students.

Sherwood FBLA Attends State Leadership Conference

Sherwood FBLA, led by Melissa Everhart, represented the school and community well by bringing home the gold at the State Leadership Conference in Springfield!! Eight members were in attendance: Josie Rempfer, Jason Schumacher, Thomas Millar, Tanner Winnat, Taryn Norris, Isaiah Bradford, Chloe Dalton and Mikiah Carter.

The members participated in various leadership workshops, the college and business fair, officer campaigns and elections, listened to the keynote speaker, and did tons of networking with students from all over Missouri. Thomas Millar was recognized for his outstanding service to his local chapter and Taryn Norris placed

10th in Organizational Leadership. Congratulations to Sherwood FBLA!!

We were also recognized for completing the following State Projects:
 Service:
 March of Dimes
 Connect for Children/Camp Quality
 Show Me Hunger: Unite the Fight
 Dollars for Disasters
 Missouri FBLA-PBL Scholarship Donation
 Education:
 Business Achievement Awards
 Community Service Award for Potatoes for Purpose and Adopt a Highway
 Progress:
 Governmental Awareness
 Connecting Chapters

Conference Assistance Program

Pictured Left to Right:

Thomas Millar, Tanner Winnat, Isaiah Bradford, Jason Schumacher, Taryn Norris, Josie Rempfer, Chloe Dalton, Mikiah Carter



Public Notice

**Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA)
COMPLAINT PROCEDURES**

This guide explains how to file a complaint about any of the programs¹ that are administered by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (the Department) under the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA)².

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1. What is a complaint?

For these purposes, a complaint is a written allegation that a local education agency (LEA) or the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (the Department) has violated a federal statute or regulation that applies to a program under ESSA.

2. Who may file a complaint?

Any individual or organization may file a complaint.

3. How can a complaint be filed?

Complaints can be filed with the LEA or with the Department.

4. How will a complaint filed with the LEA be investigated?

Complaints filed with the LEA are to be investigated and attempted to be resolved according to the locally developed and adopted procedures.

5. What happens if a complaint is not resolved at the local level (LEA)?

A complaint not resolved at the local level may be appealed to the Department.

6. How can a complaint be filed with the Department?

A complaint filed with the Department must be a written, signed statement that includes:

1. A statement that a requirement that applies to an ESSA program has been violated by the LEA or the Department, and
2. The facts on which the statement is based and the specific requirement allegedly violated.

¹ Programs include Title I, A, B, C, D, Title II, Title III, Title IV.A, Title V Revised 4/17 ²In compliance with ESSA Title VIII- Part C. Sec. 8304(a)(3)(C)

Local education agencies are required to disseminate, free of charge, this information regarding ESSA complaint procedures to parents of students and appropriate private school officials or representatives.

7. How will a complaint filed with the Department be investigated?

The investigation and complaint resolution proceedings will be completed within a time limit of forty-five calendar days. That time limit can be extended by the agreement of all parties.

The following activities will occur in the investigation:

- 1. Record.** A written record of the investigation will be kept.
- 2. Notification of LEA.** The LEA will be notified of the complaint within five days of the complaint being filed.
- 3. Resolution at LEA.** The LEA will then initiate its local complaint procedures in an effort to first resolve the complaint at the local level.
- 4. Report by LEA.** Within thirty-five days of the complaint being filed, the LEA will submit a written summary of the LEA investigation and complaint resolution. This report is considered public record and may be made available to parents, teachers, and other members of the general public.
- 5. Verification.** Within five days of receiving the written summary of a complaint resolution, the Department will verify the resolution of the complaint through an on-site visit, letter, or telephone call(s).
- 6. Appeal.** The complainant or the LEA may appeal the decision of the Department to the U.S. Department of Education.

8. How are complaints related to equitable services to nonpublic school children handled differently?

In addition to the procedures listed in number 7 above, complaints related to equitable services will also be filed with the U.S. Department of Education, and they will receive all information related to the investigation and resolution of the complaint. Also, appeals to the United States Department of Education must be filed no longer than thirty days following the Department's resolution of the complaint (or its failure to resolve the complaint).

9. How will appeals to the Department be investigated?

The Department will initiate an investigation within ten days, which will be concluded within thirty days from the day of the appeal. This investigation may be continued beyond the thirty day limit at the discretion of the Department. At the conclusion of the investigation, the Department will communicate the decision and reasons for the decision to the complainant and the LEA. Recommendations and details of the decision are to be implemented within fifteen days of the decision being delivered to the LEA.

10. What happens if a complaint is not resolved at the state level (the Department)?

The complainant or the LEA may appeal the decision of the Department to the United States Department of Education.

Middle School Participates in Amazon Future Engineer Computer Program

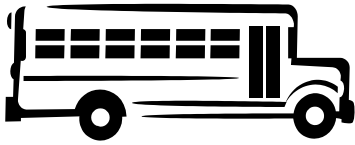
We're excited to announce that Sherwood Middle School has been accepted for a second year to the Amazon Future Engineer Computer Program. Participation allows our students to benefit from free computer science curriculum and training for teachers. 7th and 8th grade students took the coding course this year. As they reflected on the course, students shared that they had a lot of fun learning to code using Scratch. They were surprised at what they were able to create by following step by step video tutorials and collaborating with their classmates and teachers.

In the 2022-23 school year, our 7th grade students will be taking the coding class, while 8th grade will take Artificial Intelligence. Through this program, Sherwood students have the opportunity to understand how the technology works. They learn how to become content creators, rather than just consumers.

Contact Information

Should anyone in the Sherwood Cass R-VIII School District require information regarding any of these topics or programs, please contact Nancy Engle, Director of Student Services at 660-499-2239 ext 500 or nancy.engele@sherwoodk12.net

- District Compliance Officer
- Title IX District Compliance Officer
- Homeless Student Program
- Migrant Learner Program
- Limited English Proficiency Students
- District Bullying Coordinator
- Foster Liaison



2022 Summer School Bus Schedule

	Pick-Up	Drop-Off
Garden City		
7-stop	7:17 a.m.	3:36 p.m.
Intersection of Lake Road & 4th Street	7:17 a.m.	3:43 p.m.
Intersection of Lake Road & Old 7 Hwy	7:19 a.m.	3:41 p.m.
Intersection of 1 st Street & Pioneer	7:21 a.m.	3:36 p.m.
Intersection of 4th & Main (First Christian Church)	7:22 a.m.	3:39 p.m.
United Methodist Church	7:26 a.m.	3:38 p.m.
Garden City Community Center	7:27 a.m.	3:41 p.m.
Creighton		
Sherwood Community Bank	7:33 a.m.	3:29 p.m.
Creighton Car Wash	7:35 a.m.	3:27 p.m.
Urich		
Car Wash	7:23 a.m.	3:34 p.m.
Intersection of 5th & Main	7:26 a.m.	3:36 p.m.
Blairstown		
Body Shop in Blairstown	7:09 a.m.	3:45 p.m.



Congratulations to the Class of 2022!



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