

# TigerTimes

Sherrard Jr/Sr High Newsletter

**January 2024**

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

## January 3

Teachers Institute  
Booster Club Meeting - 6p

## January 4

Students return

## January 12

Mr. SHS -7p

## January 15

No School

## January 17

School Board Meeting - 6p

## January 31

Dual Credit Meeting - 6p

## Athletics / Activities

Get up to date athletic and activities schedules on the Sherrard SNAP! website:

<https://schools.snap.app/SherrardHS>



## Principal's Note

Happy New Year!!!!

As I write this article, it is difficult to believe that the first semester is nearly complete and we are immersed into the winter season of events here at Sherrard High School. At this point, our students are deeply involved in school work and participating in a variety of co-curricular activities, and many of our parents continue working countless hours to support our programs. It is greatly appreciated by all of us at SHS.

Registration for the 2024-25 school year will begin soon. We are offering a number of new courses for your student to pursue and potentially select to enroll next year.

Thank you for everyone's participation in our "Operation Santa" activities! Thousands of dollars were raised and we were able to assist needy families in our school district - not only during the holiday season - but throughout the year.

As always, we are appreciative that we maintain high attendance at our athletic, music, and extracurricular activities. Your continued support and presence at our events is appreciated by our students, staff, and community. A reminder that we will not have school on January 15 in celebration of Martin Luther King Junior Day. Our next early dismissal days are February 14 and 28.

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](mailto: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.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=sherrard+morning+announcements+TV](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=sherrard+morning+announcements+TV)

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 Note

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope all of the Sherrard Junior High students and families had a great break with friends and family.

The students took their MAP winter testing before the winter break and exhibited great growth in Math and Reading. Thank you for the hard work from the students and staff!

Fall semester grades will be posted Jan.12th. If a student was not able to acquire credit in a core class, the student must take credit recovery in place of an exploratory class.

As a reminder, the school expectations are Be Respectful, Be Safe and Be Responsible. Please encourage your student(s) to finish the school year strong with these expectations.

7th and 8th grade boys basketball and girls cheerleading will be starting the regionals soon. Come on out and cheer on the Tigers! The schedule is posted on the district sports calendar.

Volleyball and Wrestling teams will be starting their respective seasons this month. JH Scholastic team begins practices this month with matches in February.

Reminder that if you have a planned absence for 1 or more days for your student to be out of town, please notify the office as early as possible to get an absence/vacation form for your student to take to all of their teachers as notification proof of the absence and to allow the student to get work in advance. \*Vacation forms are not excused by the state but are for proof of parent notification to the school."

Thanks everyone!  
Rick Basala, JH Principal

### Student of the Month

#### HIGH SCHOOL

**English:** Kit Bruning

**Math:** Noah Fender

**Science:** Connor Foley-Freelove

**Social Studies:** Beth Churchhill

**Fine Arts:** Vincent Wiley

**PE/Health:** Madison Mathis

**Business:** Charles Swanson

#### JUNIOR HIGH

**English:** Trey Dehm

**Math:** Claire Kuster

**Social Studies:** Chase Dirck

**Fine Arts:** Kyden Vestal

**PE/Health:** Charlotte Meskan

**Vocational:** Kylie Mathis

**Service:** Maddux Mayhew

**Striving for Excellence:**

Alex Schriener

### Choir News

3 outstanding students were selected for the ILMEA All-State Choirs! James Campbell (Bass) was selected to the All-State choir and Mackenzie Volkert (Alto) and Josh Orlovski (Bass) were selected to the Honors Choir. They will sing with their peers from across Illinois at the festival at the end of the month. Congratulations!!!

### Mr. SHS

If you want to laugh until your side hurts, come out to the Mr. SHS pageant and watch some of Sherrard's finest upperclassmen strut their stuff. It's sure to entertain everyone. January 12th at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. And it's a mere \$5 for such great entertainment. You don't want to miss out!

### Blood Drive

The All School Senate's Annual BJ Luxmore Blood Drive will be Thursday, February 22nd from 8-1. Be on the lookout for the link to sign up to donate!

### JH Field Trip - Nahant Marsh

Mark your calendars: The 7th graders will be having a field trip Tuesday May 14 to Nahant Marsh in Davenport, Iowa. It will be an all day event and details will be forthcoming. In the meantime, please put it on your calendar when scheduling future doctor or dentist visits as your child will not be in the building that day. Thank you!



## Activities and Athletic Schedules

Activities and athletic schedules have been available on the Sherrard 8to18 website, however 8to18 has changed their name to SNAP!. They have also changed the web address and updated the look of the website. The new website is <https://schools.snap.app/SherrardHS>. Check it out and be sure to sign up for email alerts to get schedule changes and updates by clicking the "Subscribe" button at the bottom of the home page!



## DENTAL REQUIREMENT FOR CURRENT 9TH GRADE STUDENTS

### Dental Exams due May 15, 2024

The State of Illinois requires 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, 2024**.

- School dental exams must have been completed after November 15, 2022.
- 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](http://www.sherrard.us) go to **Departments** and select **Health Services, Health Forms** and **Dental Exam/Waiver**.

## Tiger Closet

We have kept our Amazon Wish List up to date, but we know many are not Amazon shoppers and would still like to contribute. Here is a list of our “greatest needs.” As always, we appreciate everyone’s support, this labor of love wouldn’t be possible without the community support we receive.

### Needs:

- Laundry detergent
- Laundry stain remover
- Dryer sheets
- Dish soap
- Tampons
- Hair ties
- Face wash
- Face moisturizer
- Deodorant
- Hair dryers
- Toilet paper

For those that do want to use the Amazon Wish List, [click here](#) for it.

If you have any questions you can contact:

Vanessa Schulenberg at [schulenbergv@sherrard.us](mailto:schulenbergv@sherrard.us) or Erin DeKeyrel at [dekeyrele@sherrard.us](mailto:dekeyrele@sherrard.us).



## NINTH GRADE HEALTH REQUIREMENTS for SCHOOL YEAR 24-25

- 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, 2024 will need another sports physical by April 1 of 2025, 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. Completed physicals must be turned in by 10/15/24 or students will be excluded until physicals are completed.**

### DENTAL REQUIREMENT

All 9th grade students must have a current dental exam dated after 11/15/23 or waiver completed by May 15, 2025. Forms are available on the district web site, select **Departments, Health Services, and Health Forms**.

Health Requirement information and physical forms will be available at the Parent/Freshman orientation meeting on January 25, 2024. Please contact the school nurse if you did not receive this information.

### 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.

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## *From the HS Counseling/Academic Center:*

### ACADEMIC INFORMATION:

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

#### **To Be Seniors:**

Class meeting: February 2nd

Registration: February 5th - February 7th

#### **To Be Juniors:**

Class meeting: February 9th

Registration: February 12th - February 14th

#### **To Be Sophomores:**

Class meeting: January 19th

Registration: January 22nd - January 24th

#### **To Be Freshmen:**

Class meeting: January 26th

Registration: January 29th - January 31st

#### Other Dates:

- Orientation Night for incoming freshmen will be January 25th at 5:30pm in the high school auditorium.
  
- Dual Credit Meeting for incoming Juniors and Seniors will be held January 31st at 6pm in the high school auditorium. More information will be sent home to parents.

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#### 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 opens in December.

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

Don't forget you will need an FSA ID to complete the FAFSA. Here is the website to create your FSA ID: <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>

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

#### 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.

# JANUARY 2024

## Sherrard School District PreK-12 Menu

### BREAKFAST



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



Applications for free/reduced meals are available at each attendance center or on the district website. Families must pay for meals eaten prior to applications being approved. Students with a negative balance will not be allowed to charge a la care items.

#### MONDAY

No School

1

#### TUESDAY

No School

2

#### WEDNESDAY

No School

3

#### THURSDAY

Mini Pancakes/Syrup

4

#### FRIDAY

Cinnamon Super Stix

5

Mini Cinnis

8

½ Cup Fruit  
½ Cup 100% Juice  
Milk Choice

Cereal Bowl  
Snack Cookie

9

½ Cup Fruit  
½ Cup 100% Juice  
Milk Choice

Mini Bagel

10

½ Cup Fruit  
½ Cup 100% Juice  
Milk Choice

**National Milk Day**

11

Whole Grain Poptart  
½ Cup Fruit  
½ Cup 100% Juice  
Milk Choice

Fruit Frudel

12

½ Cup Fruit  
½ Cup 100% Juice  
Milk Choice

No School

15

Muffin

16

½ Cup Fruit  
½ Cup 100% Juice  
Milk Choice

Egg & Cheese Omelet  
Goldfish Crackers

17

½ Cup Fruit  
½ Cup 100% Juice  
Milk Choice

Mini Pancakes/Syrup

18

½ Cup Fruit  
½ Cup 100% Juice  
Milk Choice

Egg & Cheese Bites

19

½ Cup Fruit  
½ Cup 100% Juice  
Milk Choice

Cereal Bowl  
Snack Cookie

22

½ Cup Fruit  
½ Cup 100% Juice  
Milk Choice

Cinnamon Super Stix

23

½ Cup Fruit  
½ Cup 100% Juice  
Milk Choice

Muffin

24

½ Cup Fruit  
½ Cup 100% Juice  
Milk Choice

Mini Cinnis

25

½ Cup Fruit  
½ Cup 100% Juice  
Milk Choice

Cereal Bar  
Cheese Stick

26

½ Cup Fruit  
½ Cup 100% Juice  
Milk Choice

Fruit Frudel

29

½ Cup Fruit  
½ Cup 100% Juice  
Milk Choice

Mini Bagel

30

½ Cup Fruit  
½ Cup 100% Juice  
Milk Choice

Mini Waffles/Syrup

31

½ Cup Fruit  
½ Cup 100% Juice  
Milk Choice



# JANUARY 2024

## Sherrard Jr-Sr High Menu

### LUNCH



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### MONDAY

No School

1

### TUESDAY

No School

2

### WEDNESDAY

No School

3

### THURSDAY

Spaghetti  
Breadstick  
Carrots – Green Beans  
Applesauce  
Milk Choice

4

### FRIDAY

Garlic Ripper  
Marinara  
Tater Tots – Broccoli  
Mixed Fruit  
Milk Choice

5

Hamburger/Bun or  
Breaded Chicken/Bun  
Corn – Carrots  
Peaches  
Milk Choice

8

Sloppy Joe/Bun  
Tater Tots  
Broccoli  
Mixed Fruit  
Milk Choice

9

Chicken Tenders  
Baked Beans – Celery  
Applesauce  
Cool Ranch Doritos  
Milk Choice

10

**National Milk Day**  
Corn Dog  
Garlic Waffle Fries  
Carrots - Pears  
Milk Choice

11

Fiestada Pizza  
Broccoli  
Green Beans  
Pineapple  
Milk Choice

12

No School

15

Crispitos  
Tater Tots  
Refried Beans  
Mixed Fruit  
Milk Choice

16

Toasted Cheese  
Tomato Soup  
Carrots – Peaches  
Goldfish Crackers  
Milk Choice

17

Cheese Dippers  
Marinara  
Fries – Broccoli  
Baked Apples  
Milk Choice

18

Popcorn Chicken  
Corn – Carrots  
Applesauce  
Scooby Snacks  
Milk Choice

19

Boneless Wings  
Fries  
Broccoli  
Applesauce  
Milk Choice

22

Tiger Rite or Grilled  
Chicken/Bun  
Tater Tots – Carrots  
Apple Slices  
Milk Choice

23

Chicken Finger Fries  
Celery – Corn  
Mixed Fruit  
Cheddar Sunchips  
Milk Choice

24

Cheeseburger/Bun  
Baked Beans  
Broccoli  
Peaches  
Milk Choice

25

Cheese Wedge Pizza  
Waffle Fries  
Carrots  
Pineapple  
Milk Choice

26

Walking Taco or  
Super Nacho  
Tostitos or Doritos  
Salad/Tomatoes - Pears  
Milk Choice

29

Sausage&Egg Croissant  
Hash Browns  
Green Beans  
Mixed Fruit  
Milk Choice

30

Mini Corn Dogs  
Fries  
Corn  
Applesauce  
Milk Choice

31

