

TigerTimes

Sherrard Jr/Sr High Newsletter

August, 2019

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

August 5

JH Open House - Gym 3, 6pm
9th Gr & New Student Open House
- Auditorium, 6pm

August 12

First day of practice for fall sports

August 13

First day of school - full day

August 15

Early Dismissal - 1pm
New Windsor Parade - 5pm

August 16

Early Dismissal - 1pm

August 20

Golf pictures - 3pm

August 20

Sports pictures
Band car wash - 10am-2pm

August 27

HS Picture day (9-11 grade)

August 28

Senior Picture day
Early Dismissal - 1pm

August 29

JH Picture day

Principal's Notes

Welcome to the 2019-20 school year! I am eager to begin the school year working in partnership with you and your students. Working together, we can successfully prepare all students for life after SHS. It continues to be a hectic summer here at SHS with the gym floor being refinished, sports camps concluding, band camp is underway, annual summer cleaning, and new staff arriving. The official first day of school for students is Tuesday, August 13 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:

Mr. Kent Boucher - Science
Mr. Scott Hamrick - Science
Mrs. Callen Sederquist - Chorus
Mr. Troy Noble - Health/PE
Mr. Brad Hofmann - PE
Mr. Colton Hanke - Social Studies
Mr. Rob Williams - Social Studies
Mrs. Lindsay Zerull - Special Education
Mr. Matt Newquist - Assistant Principal

Mrs. Sara Ademak is returning to teach part time in the science department. Because we were unsuccessful in finding a certified counselor, Julie Drish will be assisting in the counseling office and Danelle DeBacker will serve as her long-term substitute.

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A couple of dates for you to put on your planning calendar:

- August 15 and 16 are early dismissal days - 1:00pm
- September 2 is Labor Day, no school
- September 11 and 25 are early dismissal days - 1:00pm
- September 28 is the Homecoming dance

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.

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.

I encourage you to continue supporting our athletic programs and extra-curricular activities through attendance at events, membership in our Booster Club and/or our Music Boosters. As you know, all our athletic teams, clubs, and music programs provide an opportunity for our students to showcase their many talents and provide learning experiences outside of the classroom.

Again, welcome the 2019-20 school year!! 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
Sherrard High School

JH Principal's Notes

Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

Welcome to the 7th grade students and welcome back for the 8th grade students. I am looking forward to another great year at Sherrard Jr. High School. I am anticipating another exciting year of learning and growing with our staff and students. I look forward to meeting our 7th grade students and their families at the Jr. High Orientation on Monday Aug. 5, 2019 at 6:00 pm. The format for the Orientation will be an



Open House format. This year the 7th and 8th graders are invited to attend orientation.

The 2019-20 school year will continue with extensions in the Math and English schedule. There will be an 8 period day similar to the High School. However, Math and English classes will be 63 minutes (total) in length. There will be a core 42 minute class and then a 21 minute "extension" class.

Due to the increased academic time (and awesome staff) in Math and English, our academic achievement has increased.

Spring Testing Highlights:

2019 Spring Map Testing - 7th Grade Math growth continues to be strong. 96% in growth! 10.4 average annual RIT point growth! 8th grade Math growth was outstanding again for spring 2019. Eighth graders continued growth from an average of 3.8 RIT point growth (2016) to 6.9 RIT points growth (2017) to 7.2 RIT growth (2018) to 11.4 RIT growth (2019). 8th grade reading growth score was also outstanding (91%) , 6.2 RIT point growth.

2019 IAR- (This test replaced PARCC) - 60% of the 7th grade and 8th grade Reading scores were at the level of "Meets and Exceeds". This is the highest proficiency score for the Junior High since PARCC/ IAR started! (Highest percentage for Meets and Exceeds in the Quad City area as well). Thank you to the parents and teachers for making academics number one at Sherrard.

Throughout the year, monthly newsletters will provide you with the information about the Jr. High School. If you have any specific questions about any other information, you can contact me or Jen Diehl at 309-593-2135.

Tigers Forever!

Jr. High Dates to note:

- **7th and 8th Grade Orientation Monday, August 5, 2018 at 6:00pm.**
- **First Day of School : Aug 13, 2019, full day of school**
- **Cheerleading Tryouts (unofficially) Monday, Aug. 19th,**
- **The athletes in Cheerleading, Girls Basketball and Football must have a physical to try out.**
- **Sports Picture Day - Aug 30th, 2019. (unofficially)**



Thank you,
Rick Basala, SJHS Principal

Junior High Open House

Attention all 7th & 8th grade parents! The JH open house will be on Monday, August 5th beginning at 6pm. ALL students (7th & 8th) are encouraged to come. This will be a time that they can bring their school supplies, meet their teachers, and get ready to start another great school year! A meeting with Mr. Basala will start promptly at 6:15 pm in Gym 3 followed by a special guest. We look forward to seeing you all.

9th Grade & New Students Open House

9th Grade and New Student Open House will be held on Monday, August 5th at 6pm. Students and parents will meet in the auditorium at 6pm for a brief meeting. Students will then be able to locate classrooms, try lockers, speak with coaches/teachers, and pick up a t-shirt. The Booster Club will also be in attendance.

Questions, please email Stacey Blackwell at blackwells@sherrard.us

Athletic Open House

There will be an Athletic Open House on Monday, August 5 @ 5:30pm. This is a great time to meet all coaches, ask questions and turn in sports physicals, concussion forms and pay activity fees! We look forward to seeing you there!

Sports Physicals

Fall sports will begin **August 12th, 2019**. **All students participating in any sport must have a current physical on file before they are allowed to tryout and/or practice.** Sports physicals cannot be used for the ninth grade physical. 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.



Health Requirements for Ninth Grade

All students entering ninth grade for the 2019-2020 school year, must provide the school with a current 9th grade physical completed on the Illinois school physical form. Physicals must be dated on or after August 12, 2019. Sports physicals do not meet this requirement. This form is available on the district web site: www.sherrard.us. Select department, health services, and health forms. Physicals must be completed by physicians, advanced practice nurses or physician's assistants. Chiropractors may not complete school physicals. Physicals must be completed by the first day of school. Students not in compliance will be excluded from school.

The State of Illinois will most likely be requiring dental exams for all 9th grade students next year. These will be due May 15, 2020. Dental exams must be completed on the Illinois school dental form. These forms are also available at the above website under health forms.

Immunization Requirement For Twelfth 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 2019-2020 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.

Medication Administration

All students who will need to take medications at school next school year, either prescription or over the counter medications must provide a doctor's order and signed parent permission to the school at the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year. Medications will not be administered without a doctor's order.

Medication forms are available on the District web site at www.sherrard.us. Select departments, health services, and health forms. There are forms for daily and as needed medications, inhalers, allergies and diabetes. Students may carry and self-administer inhalers provided the proper paper work is completed. Please select the correct form. Forms are also available at the various schools throughout the district.



Student Schedules

Attn JH & HS Students:

If you registered for school by August 2nd your schedules will be emailed out on August 2nd. If you do not have email, your schedules will be mailed to you. Parents & students when you get your schedules and you know you want to make a schedule change, please come in August 5, 6, 8 or 9th between 7am-3pm to make your schedule changes. Let's try not to wait until last minute!

Reminder, that you have 5 school days after the start of school to make any schedule changes.

School Pictures

Austin Oaks will be at the high school on Tuesday August 27th to take 9-11 grade pictures and will be back on Thursday, August 29th to take 7-8 grade pictures.

Class of 2020 Senior Pictures

For the Class of 2020 Austin Oaks Portrait Studio will be taking the official senior portraits on Wed. August 28th 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 maybe photographed on retake day, Thursday Sept. 19th.

Senior Meeting with Jostens Rep

Attention 2020 Seniors!

The Jostens representative will be in the HS school auditorium on Thursday, August 29th at 7:45 am. for an informational meeting to discuss graduation.



The Sherrard Booster Club Needs You!

The Sherrard Booster Club is in need of new Booster Board Members for the 2019-20 school year! Booster Board Members attend monthly meetings; make funding decisions for the requests made by students, teachers and coaches; facilitate and plan fundraisers; and open and close concession stand during home events, the Homecoming parade and the New Windsor Rodeo. It is a great way to get involved, meet new people and help support our students. We invite you to attend a board meeting to come and find out more about the Booster Club which supports Sherrard students in ALL academics, athletics, clubs and organizations. Our next meeting will be **August 7 at 6:00pm** in the high school library. Come check us out! Or feel free to contact any board member with questions.

Tiger Closet

The Tiger Closet is looking to serve more families. If your family could use the assistance of the Tiger Closet please visit the closet on the following dates: August 13th and 27th, and September 10th and 24th from 2:30pm-7:00pm. There will be volunteers staffed during this time to assist you. Clothing, food, personal care and some cleaning supplies are also available. If you are unable to come during the designated time and date, please contact Brenda Gates, Lindsey Zurell, Amanda Fritch or Vanessa Schulenberg at (309)593-2175 to schedule a time to visit the closet.

Specifically on Monday, August 5th during 7th and 9th grade orientation we will be hosting a drive for school supplies and personal hygiene items only. We will also be having special staffed hours on Wednesday, August 7th from 6:30-7:30 for families to come back to school shopping. We will have school supplies available for all ages as well as our regular items.

Also, if you are interested in donating items please visit our district website to find a list of our current needs. This information can be found under the Parent/Student Tab and then Tiger Closet. We have had great success with the Tiger Closet in helping students and families in need thanks to our generous community and staff. We are also proud of our students for all of their hard work in keeping the Tiger Closet organized and stocked.



Homecoming 2019!

Homecoming week: Sunday September 22 - Saturday September 28

Theme: Hollywood, "It's the Tigers Time to Shine"

Opponent: Princeton Tigers

Parade: Thursday, September 26th at 6:15, all entries are due Friday, September 20th. Please email entries to Schulenbergv@sherrard.us. Entries may also be mailed to Vanessa Schulenberg, 4701 176th Ave. Sherrard, IL 61281.

Game: Friday, September 27th

Dance: Saturday, September 28th from 7:00-10:00

The All School Senate is once again asking for nominations for a Grand Marshall for the homecoming parade. The Grand Marshall needs to be a lifetime resident of Unit 200. Please email nominations to Vanessa Schulenberg at schulenbergv@sherrard.us. We are also looking for parade participants. Forms can be found attached to newsletter and on the school website.

Welcome Back!



HOMECOMING 2019

The _____ (organization) will have an entry in the Sherrard High School Homecoming parade on **Thursday, September 26, 2019.**

TYPE ENTRY (float, decorated vehicle, walking group, etc.): _____

SPONSOR: _____

PHONE: _____

WHERE FLOAT IS TO BE BUILT: _____

FLOAT THEME OR TITLE: _____

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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 Hollywood, "It's the Tigers Time to Shine". Sherrard's opponent is Princeton. Their mascot is the Tigers and their colors are blue and silver.
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 22, 2019. 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 26, 2019. 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. No items, including candy and gum, may be thrown during the parade. 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 2019 King and Queen will be announced. If it rains, a pep assembly will be held at the high school at 7pm that evening.