

TigerTimes

Sherrard Jr/Sr High Newsletter

March 2025

Tim Wernentin, High School Principal
Brady Stromquist, Jr. High Principal

March 4

Choir concert - 7p

March 5

Booster Club Meeting - 6p

March 6

Early dismissal - 1p
Parent/Teacher Conferences

March 7

No School
Parent/Teacher Conferences

March 10-14

No school - Spring break

March 19

Early dismissal - 1p
School Board Meeting - 6p

March 23

JH/HS Band Concert - 2p

March 28 & 29

Musical -7p

March 30

Musical - 2p

Athletics / Activities

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

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



Principal's Note

Greetings from the Principal's Office! As you read this, we are getting close to the end of third quarter and I encourage you to attend Spring Parent/Teacher conferences to be held on March 6 from 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and March 7 from 7:10 a.m. to 10:10 a.m. Know you can always schedule a conference with the teacher, administrator, or counselor by calling 309-593-2175. Grades can be accessed through Infinite Campus, our online grade reporting system. Call us if you need further access information. Remember third quarter report cards reflect your student's grade at that time and is simply a progress report. Final semester grades are cumulative third and fourth quarter work.

IMPORTANT INFO!! On Wednesday, March 26, all students in grades 9-11 will participate in the American College Test (ACT) testing series. **Seniors will not be in attendance at school on this day, but are encouraged to use this day for college visits, volunteering, job shadowing, internships, or military recruiting meetings.** Ninth and tenth grade students will have normal school hours while juniors may leave (if they have their own transportation) when their testing is complete (approximately 11:45).

I encourage all parents/guardians to participate in the 5 Essentials Survey provided by the state of Illinois. We use all survey results from parents, staff, and students to improve as a school. Link for parents to take the survey: <http://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/>.

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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

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



Thank you for your continued support at the many SHS activities! Congratulations to our winter sports teams!! We are proud of your efforts and appreciate the community's support at all of our events, even if it is watching streamed broadcasts. Check our SNAP! sports calendar on our school website for spring sports contest dates..... <https://schools.snap.app/SherrardHS>.

A reminder from the Counseling Office is that if parents/guardians of seniors have not completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, they need to visit www.FAFSA.gov to apply for post-secondary funding.

If your student reports to you any bullying or harassment, either as a victim or witness, we ask that you contact school personnel. We have an investigative process in place with the goal of every student feeling safe and comfortable while attending Sherrard High School.

Key dates:

- Spring Break is March 10-14
- March 7 is the end of third quarter
- Early dismissal on March 19
- March 26 ACT testing day - students in grades 9-11 will be taking a form of the American College Test. Seniors will not be in attendance at school on this day, but are encouraged to use this day for college visits, volunteering, job shadowing, internships, or military recruiting meetings.

Thanks for all you do in partnering with Sherrard High School in meeting the needs of your student(s). Please contact me at 593-2175 or at wernentint@sherrard.us with questions, concerns, or comments.

Tim Wernentin, Principal

JH Principal's Notes

We have made it nearly three-fourths of the way through the school year. Our last day prior to spring break will be Thursday, March 6, 2025, which will be a 1:00 pm dismissal. When students return on Monday, March, 17, 2025, we will begin our fourth quarter. As a reminder, grades are still in progress and will continue through the end of the 2nd semester, with the exception of quarterly electives. JH report cards are issued at the end of the semester.

Student of the Month

HIGH SCHOOL

English: Kylie Jones
Math: Landen Eisentrager
Science: Zach Knox
Social Studies: Miley Baker
Vocational: Kiley Williams
Fine Arts: Kamryn Green
PE/Health: Kyran Ballard
Business: Anastasia Gustafson
Special Forces: Cali Smet

JUNIOR HIGH

English: Alaina Engels
Science: Keeton Johnson
PE/Health: Nate Pratt
Math: Liam Arnold
Vocational: Madison Brose
Fine Arts: Macie McRae
Service: Alaina Lowery
Striving for Excellence:
 Nolan Kline



We will have one more round of parent teacher conferences. Conferences will be held on Thursday, March 6, 2025 from 2:10 pm to 6:30 pm. Conferences will also be held on Friday, March 7, 2025 from 7:10 am to 10:10 am. Conferences will be done either by an appointment or on a walk in basis. Please contact your teachers to schedule conferences.

JH Track practices will begin after spring break. Last year was a big success for our teams and we hope to keep the momentum going! If your student is planning to participate, they will need a current physical on file with the school. Sign ups are in the JH office.

Students and parents will be asked to complete the 5 Essential Survey. This survey will give us important feedback as we look at making changes or improvements. More information will be coming soon. Please keep a lookout for it.

All junior high students will be taking the IAR (Illinois Assessment of Readiness) the week of April 7, 2025. Eighth grade students will be taking ISA (Illinois Science Assessment) the week of April 21, 2025. More information will be sent out as we get closer.

Congratulations to the following students

- Oliver Heist, Eliza Gustafson, and Lane Weber advanced to the IESA Wrestling Sectional, which will be held on Saturday March 1, 2025.
- Seventh grade volleyball team will begin their IESA postseason run on Saturday, March 1st. They will be playing Mercer County in Roseville, IL at 11:00 am.
- The eighth grade girls volleyball team currently still holds the Prairieland Travel Banner. They will begin their postseason run the week of March 8, 2025.
- Alaina Volkert, Delaney Whelchel, & John Tucker participated in the ILMEA All State Choir.
- Sherrard Junior High's horse judging team, consisting of Colbie Parrish, Madilynn Berberich, Caleb Thompson, and Lane Weber, is celebrating a state championship victory! The team's combined scores earned them the top spot by a narrow 15-point margin. Colbie Parrish took 3rd and Madelynn Berberich took 4th in individual honors.

Our number one goal is for your student to get the best education possible. Together we can make this attainable. Do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. I look forward to working with you.

Brady Stromquist, JH Principal

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 or

Erin DeKeyrel at dekeyrele@sherrard.us.



Caps and Gowns

Attention Graduating Seniors:

Cap and gown distribution will be March 24th! A Jostens rep will be here during B and C lunch in the commons.

7th Grade Field Trip

Junior high 7th grade field trip is tentatively set for Wed April 23.

Further details will be sent out as they become available. Since this is a full day trip to Nahant Marsh, please avoid scheduling any appointments for your student that day as they will be out of the building! THANK YOU!

Summer Athletic Development

[Summer 2025 Athletic Development Form](#)

Speed, Agility, Power & Strength Training beginning June 3. Week of July 4 OFF and Week of July 28 OFF

Every TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

Group 1: 7:00-8:15am

- Volleyball, Girls Golf, Girls Basketball, Girls Wrestling, Softball, Girls Soccer, Girls Track

Group 2: 8:00-9:15am

- Football, Boys Golf, Boys Soccer, Boys Basketball, Boys Wrestling, Boys Track, Baseball

Group 3: 9:00-9:30am (Lifting Only)

- Cheer, Boys & Girls Cross Country

Group 4: 9:30-10:30am

- Grades 7 & 8 -- Tuesday & Thursday
- Grades 5 & 6 -- Wednesday

Any questions, contact Coach Adams (adambs@sherrard.us)

From the HS Counseling/Academic Center:**ACADEMIC INFORMATION:****Assessment Information:**

State-mandated testing will be on March 26th. Juniors will take the state-required ACT exam, sophomores will take the PreACT Secure, and freshmen will take the PreACT 9 Secure.

Juniors may leave school after testing. Freshmen and sophomores will return to class.

Seniors will not be in attendance but are encouraged to visit a college or other post-secondary institution, job shadow, earn volunteer hours, or intern at a business.

Students enrolled in AP classes will be taking the AP Exams in May. More information will be available to AP students in the coming weeks. If you have any questions, please contact your student's AP teacher or Mrs Drish (drishju@sherrard.us).

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://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>

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

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.

Transcripts:

Final transcripts will be available for all Seniors towards the end of June. We will be asking students where they need their final transcripts sent at the end of May.

Senioritis is kicking in! Be sure to encourage and support your senior and remind them it's not over yet!



SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL INFORMATION:

The counseling office has been spreading the friendship vibes around school! This month, we organized a friendship bracelet giveaway, where students could grab a bracelet and give one to a friend. It was a great way for students to connect with each other. Please check out the pictures!





DENTAL CLINIC & DENTAL EXAMS

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 dated after **November 15, 2023** or a waiver on file by **May 15, 2025**.

Mercer County Health Department will be bringing their mobile dental clinic to the Jr. Sr. High School on 4/25/25. Only students with completed parental permission forms will be seen. Call the school nurse at 593-2175 for questions or if you wish for your child to participate in the clinic. Students in all grades may participate in the clinic.

Dental forms or waivers are available on the district website www.sherrard.us Select **Departments**, then **health services**, then **health forms**.



2025-2026 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 11 th 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 **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.

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, 2025 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.

Notices regarding the need for the vaccine have been given to the students during their registration meeting. Please contact the school nurse if you do not receive this information from your student.

NINTH GRADE HEALTH REQUIREMENTS for SCHOOL YEAR 25-26

- 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 website 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, 2025 will need another sports physical by April 1 of 2026, 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 10/15/25 or students will be excluded until physicals are completed.**

Dental Requirement

All 9th grade students must have a current dental exam dated after 11/15/24 or waiver completed by May 15, 2026. Forms are available on the district web site, select **Departments, Health Services**, and **Health Forms**. Health Requirement information and physical forms will be given to parents at the registration meeting on Jan. 14, 2025. The remaining forms were given to the students whose parents were not in attendance at the meeting. Please contact the school nurse if you did not receive the information.



MARCH 2025

Sherrard School District PreK-12 Breakfast Menu

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cereal Bowl Snack Cookie ½ Cup Fruit ½ Cup 100% Juice Milk Choice 3	Cinnamon Super Stix ½ Cup Fruit ½ Cup 100% Juice Milk Choice 4	Muffin ½ Cup Fruit ½ Cup 100% Juice Milk Choice 5	Cereal Bar Cheese Stick ½ Cup Fruit ½ Cup 100% Juice Milk Choice 6	No School 7
No School 10	No School 11	No School 12	No School 13	No School 14
Fruit Frudel ½ Cup Fruit ½ Cup 100% Juice Milk Choice 17	Mini Bagel ½ Cup Fruit ½ Cup 100% Juice Milk Choice 18	Mini Waffles/Syrup ½ Cup Fruit ½ Cup 100% Juice Milk Choice 19	Sausage Pancake Bites ½ Cup Fruit ½ Cup 100% Juice Milk Choice 20	Mini Banana Loaf ½ Cup Fruit ½ Cup 100% Juice Milk Choice 21
Muffin ½ Cup Fruit ½ Cup 100% Juice Milk Choice 24	Cereal Bowl Snack Cookie ½ Cup Fruit ½ Cup 100% Juice Milk Choice 25	Mini Pancakes/Syrup ½ Cup Fruit ½ Cup 100% Juice Milk Choice 26	Cinnamon Crunch Bar ½ Cup Fruit ½ Cup 100% Juice Milk Choice 27	Whole Grain Poptart ½ Cup Fruit ½ Cup 100% Juice Milk Choice 28
Mini Cinnis ½ Cup Fruit ½ Cup 100% Juice Milk Choice 31	Early Dismissal Days March 6th & 19th	Applications for free/reduced meals are available at each attendance center or on the district website.		Parent Teacher Conference Days: March 6 th & 7 th

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Sherrard School District Jr-Sr High Lunch Menu

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cheeseburger/Bun Curly Fries Broccoli Applesauce Milk Choice 3	Pancakes/Sausage Egg Patty Tater Tots – Carrots Apple Slices Milk Choice 4	Fish Sticks Fries Carrots Peaches Milk Choice 5	Crispitos Refried Beans Celery Fruit Cup Milk Choice 6	No School 7
No School 10	No School 11	No School 12	No School 13	No School 14
Tenderloin/Bun Mixed Vegetables Broccoli Applesauce Milk Choice 17	Sloppy Joe/Bun Fries Carrots Mixed Fruit Milk Choice 18	Chicken Tenders Baked Beans Celery Fruit Cup Milk Choice 19	Toasted Ravioli Marinara Cheese Stick – Corn Broccoli – Sliced Apples Milk Choice 20	French Bread Marinara Salad/Tomatoes Green Beans - Pineapple Milk Choice 21
Tiger Rite/Bun Tater Tots Carrots Applesauce Milk Choice 24	Corn Dog Chili Beans Corn Mixed Fruit Milk Choice 25	Walking Taco Salad/Tomatoes Fiesta Beans Peaches Milk Choice 26	Baked Pasta Breadstick Garlic Peas - Carrots Sliced Apples Milk Choice 27	Cheese Pizza Fries Celery Pineapple Milk Choice 28
Chicken Hoops Smiley Potatoes Corn Apple Milk Choice 31	Early Dismissal Days March 6th & 19th	Applications for free/reduced meals are available at each attendance center or on the district website.		Parent Teacher Conference Days: March 6 th & 7 th