

TigerTimes

Sherrard Jr/Sr High Newsletter

May 2025

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

May 3

Prom - 7-10p

May 4

JH/HS Band Concert - 2p

May 6

Achievement Awards - 6:15p

May 13

JH/HS Choir Concert - 7p

Seniors last day (if **not** required to take finals)

May 14

Early dismissal - 1p

May 15

Seniors last day (if required to take finals)

May 18

Graduation - 12p

May 23

Last day, early dismissal - 1p

August 6

1st day of 2025-26 school year

Athletics / Activities

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

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

Principal's Note

Happy May to all of the Sherrard High School family! It has been a busy April and we have a number of important activities in May. Thank you for your continued support as we conclude the 2024-25 school year.

This is a critical time of year for all students, especially seniors, to stay focused on academics to ensure their progress toward graduation remains on schedule. Every credit counts!

May is a VERY busy month! Please note these important dates:

- May 5, 8:00 a.m., AP Exam, Biology
- May 6, 7:00 p.m., Sherrard Achievement Award Ceremony (invite only)
- May 7, 8:00 a.m., AP exam, Literature and Composition
- May 8, 8:00 a.m., AP exam, Statistics
- May 12, 8:00 a.m., AP exam, Calculus A/B
- May 14, 8:00 a.m., AP exam, Language and Composition
- May 16, 8:00 a.m., AP exam, Physics
- May 13, LAST DAY FOR SENIORS (if exempt from finals, otherwise May 15)
- May 16, Senior Breakfast, Elementary Walk, & Graduation Rehearsal
- May 18, 12:00 p.m., GRADUATION!
- May 23, LAST DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS, 1:00 dismissal
- Summer School, June 2 - June 26, 2025, Mondays - Thursdays, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

www.sherrard.us

Sherrard Jr/Sr High School
4701 176th Avenue
Sherrard, IL 61281
High School 309.593.2175
Jr. High 309.593.2135



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



It is an important time for students and parents/guardians to have current grade information. If you are not able to access your student's grades online, please call (309-593-2175) or email the teacher. If you have other questions or concerns, you may contact me at the above number or email at wernentint@sherrard.us.

We would also like to bid "Happy Retirement" to Mr. Hammes in the Ag department! Some well deserved time off for Bill and I offer a sincere "THANK YOU!" for his many efforts, endless time, and enduring friendship over the last nine years.

Thank you for your continued support as we prepare your student(s) for all of their post high school endeavors. I wish you all a safe and celebratory summer break!

Tim Wernentin,
Principal

JH Principal's Notes

We have almost made it through the year. Our last day of scheduled student attendance is on May 23, 2025, which has a 1:00 p.m. dismissal. JH report cards are issued at the end of the semester and will be mailed home the week of May 27th. Wednesday, May 14th is also a 1:00 p.m. dismissal.

Students have about four weeks to make a final push towards improving their grades by making up any missing work or assessments. After school study hall is every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and is a great opportunity for students to get extra help. Any students who fail core classes will be recommended to take summer school. We will be working with students and families for the next four weeks. Students who cannot or choose not to attend summer school will have to take credit recovery classes next school year in place of electives and may be ineligible for extra curricular activities.

The Junior High Student Council is hosting a "Movie Night" on Friday, May 9th after school. The movie will start by 3:00 p.m. and will end prior to 5:00 p.m. Students can either be picked up or ride the activity bus. The movie of choice is The Sandlot. Student council will be providing popcorn. However, students may bring a snack if they choose to enjoy after school at the event.

Student of the Month

HIGH SCHOOL

English: Gage Doup

Math: Connor Foley-Freelove

Science: Riley Mackin

Social Studies: Ayden Kenney

Vocational: Allison Ziegenhorn

Fine Arts: Kyran Ballard

PE/Health: Grace Messerly

Business: Adalynn Eslbury

Special Forces:

Brooklyn Waterman

JUNIOR HIGH

English: Justine Elsbury

Science: Macie McRae

PE/Health: Brittany Kruse

Math: Eliza Adams

Vocational: Kyla Fowler

Fine Arts: Keeton Johnson

Social Studies: Cameron Sennet

Service: Raylyn Harper-Layman

Vocational: Trey Dehm

Striving for Excellence:

Remington Block

Seventh grade students should have all received emails regarding signing up for electives for next school year. That email should have contained a Google Form that allows students to choose electives. Similar to this year, most of their classes are required classes. Parents should have also received an email containing the course catalog. If either you as a parent or your student didn't receive the emails, please contact the JH office.

Students have finished up all of their state testing in April. Throughout that month, all JH students took the IAR (Illinois Assessment of Readiness) and eighth grade students also took the ISA (Illinois Science Assessment). All students will be taking their last MAP assessments later in May.

Staff appreciation week is May 5th - May 9th, if you are interested in reaching out to a staff member.

Congratulations to the following teams:

- 7th grade girls track team for winning both the Jr. Rocket Invitational and Jr Tiger Relays
- 8th grade girls track team for finishing second in both Jr. Rocket and Jr. Tiger Relays
- 7th grade boys track team finished in second place at the Jr. Tiger Relays

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.

Sincerely,
Brady Stromquist
JH Principal



Prom 2025

2025 Prom will be Saturday May 3rd at Camden Community Centre in Milan from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. with coronation around 9:00 p.m.

Post Prom

Post Prom will be held on Saturday, May 3 at Backyard Bowl, located at 2020 1st St. W. in Milan, following the completion of Prom until 1:30am. Juniors and Seniors from Sherrard that did not attend the dance are still welcome to attend post prom. Tickets are \$5. There will be pizza, Hy-Vee deli wraps, wings, fountain soda, bowling, minigolf, arcade, and more. Prizes will be drawn by all Sherrard seniors and juniors in attendance at the end of the event.

****Students will not be allowed to leave Post Prom early unless a written note from a parent is submitted to the HS office by the end of the school day on Friday, May 2.**



Mud Volleyball

The 33rd Annual Mud Volleyball Tournament will take place for high school students on Friday, May 23rd, starting at noon on the Northwest grassy area behind the school. High school students interested in participating should pick up a packet in the main office and get their teams of six together. Each person on the team needs to have a waiver signed by a parent/guardian and pay the \$15 individual entry fee. All completed forms should be given to the team captain to turn in the entire team packet with the \$90 entry fee during lunch by May 2nd. No late entries will be allowed and no refund for inclement weather or absences.

Robotics/STEM

The Sherrard Robotics team competed in the QCESC trebuchet competition two Fridays ago! We split up into two teams to build trebuchets. Our teams placed 6th and 7th out of 18 teams and one won a trophy for having the longest throw. We were working for two weeks before the competition in the woods shop. Special thanks to Ms. Franks, Mr. Rasty, former Sherrard teacher Mr. LaRoche, and our parents for the support.

We will continue our QCESC competitions next by participating in the cardboard boat regatta on May 9th. Our previous competition was the bridge building competition.



Sports Physicals

Get your physicals over the summer for the 2025-26 school year!

Fall sports will begin **August 11th, 2025**. 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. However, 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 (NOT a chiropractor). 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.



From the HS Counseling/Academic Center:

ACADEMIC INFORMATION:

Assessment Information:

Students enrolled in AP classes will be taking the AP Exams in May. Parents/Guardians and students should have received a letter in the mail with important information about test day. A permission slip was enclosed with this letter. Please have your student return the permission slip as soon as possible. Any questions, email Mrs. Drish (drishju@sherrard.us).

Senior Parents:

FAFSA

Reminder that the FAFSA is required by the State of Illinois. Anyone who hasn't completed the FAFSA will be receiving a letter that includes a Non-Participation form. This form needs to be completed and returned to the counseling office if you plan on NOT completing the FAFSA.

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.

Senior Survey:

Please be aware that graduating seniors will be asked to complete a "Senior Survey" during the last week of April. This survey is how they will indicate where their final high school transcripts should be sent. Final transcripts will be mailed towards the end of June. The survey link will be shared with students via their school email and the Senior Google Classroom. We encourage you to remind your student to complete this important survey.

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 TUE, WED & THUR
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 -- Tue & Thur
- Grades 5 & 6 -- Wed

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



Scholarship Recognition:

The Counseling Office would like to keep track of any scholarships the seniors earn. In the Senior Google Classroom, we are asking that students complete a Google Form every time they get a scholarship. Please encourage your seniors to complete the form if they receive any scholarships.

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

SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL INFORMATION:

“Looking Back, Moving Forward”: The SHS counseling staff encourages students to reflect on their social and emotional growth throughout this school year. How would your student answer the following questions?

- What's one thing you learned about yourself this year?
- What's a social skill you feel you've strengthened?
- What's one challenge you overcame, and what did you learn from it?
- What are your SEL goals for the summer or next year?

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.

Mrs. Blackwell and Mrs. Drish

blackwells@sherrard.us

drishju@sherrard.us

Summer Sports Camps

There are many Youth and High School sports camps being held this summer. Information and sign-ups can be found on the High School website. Once on the high school page go to **Athletics**, and on the **Athletics** page on the right side under **Related Links** click on **2025 Summer Sports Camps**. Or, you can click this link: [Summer Sports Camps](#)



DENTAL REQUIREMENT FOR CURRENT 9TH GRADE STUDENTS

Dental Exams due May 15, 2025



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, 2025**.

- School dental exams must have been completed after November 15, 2023.
- 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.
- A 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 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 or
Erin DeKeyrel at dekeyrele@sherrard.us.



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.**





The Boosters would like to thank everyone for their continued support this year. We appreciate all who bought Booster Backer membership, the parents who worked in the concession stand, those who made spirit wear purchases, and all who helped when we needed the extra help. This helped the Booster Club raise money that we could turn around and donate to various activities.

This year the Boosters have given to the following programs:

- Sports Advertisements
- Sherrard Leadership-
- High School Cheerleading
- Drama Department
- Operation Santa
- Shop with a cop-
- Apparel donations -
- Athletic Trainer-
- Booster Scholarships
- Athletic Senior Night flowers
- Post Prom
- HS Wrestling Program
- Boys basketball Program-
- Softball Program-
- Equipment for the concession stands -
- Team incentives-
- Illinois State Scholar Sign
- Sherrard Football-
- Athletic Department- Hudl Program -

We donated over \$43,522 to the students and programs at Sherrard.



MAY 2025

Sherrard School District PreK-12 Breakfast Menu

Menu Subject to Change
This institution is an equal
opportunity provider

MONDAY

Applications for
free/reduced meals are
available at each attendance
center or on the district
website.

Mini Cinnis
½ Cup Fruit
½ Cup 100% Juice
Milk Choice

5

Muffin
½ Cup Fruit
½ Cup 100% Juice
Milk Choice

12

Mini Bagel
½ Cup Fruit
½ Cup 100% Juice
Milk Choice]

19

No School

26

TUESDAY

Early Dismissal Days:

May 14th & 23rd

Cereal Bowl
Snack Cookie
½ Cup Fruit
½ Cup 100% Juice
Milk Choice

6

French Toast Sticks
Syrup
½ Cup Fruit
½ Cup 100% Juice
Milk Choice

13

Cinnamon Super Stix
½ Cup Fruit
½ Cup 100% Juice
Milk Choice

20

No School

27

WEDNESDAY



Mini Bagel
½ Cup Fruit
½ Cup 100% Juice
Milk Choice

7

Egg & Cheese Omelet
Goldfish Crackers
½ Cup Fruit
½ Cup 100% Juice
Milk Choice

14

Muffin
½ Cup Fruit
½ Cup 100% Juice
Milk Choice

21

No School

28

THURSDAY

Cinnamon Crunch Bar
½ Cup Fruit
½ Cup 100% Juice
Milk Choice

1

Cereal Bar
Cheese Stick
½ Cup Fruit
½ Cup 100% Juice
Milk Choice

8

Mini Pancakes/Syrup
½ Cup Fruit
½ Cup 100% Juice
Milk Choice

15

Cook's Choice
½ Cup Fruit
½ Cup 100% Juice
Milk Choice

22

No School

29

FRIDAY

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

2

Fruit Frudel
½ Cup Fruit
½ Cup 100% Juice
Milk Choice

9

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

16

Cook's Choice
½ Cup Fruit
½ Cup 100% Juice
Milk Choice

23

No School

30

MAY 2025

Sherrard School District Jr-Sr High Lunch Menu

Menu Subject to Change
This institution is an equal
opportunity provider

MONDAY

Applications for
free/reduced meals are
available at each attendance
center or on the district
website.

Meatball Sub Sandwich
Tater Tots
Celery
Peaches
Milk Choice

5

4 Cheese Ravioli
Marinara Sauce
Corn – Broccoli
Cheese Stick
Applesauce
Milk Choice

12

Crispitos
Refried Beans
Carrots
Peaches
Milk Choice]

19

No School

26

TUESDAY

Early Dismissal Days:

May 14th & 23rd

Chicken Tenders
Sunchips
Green Beans – Baked Beans
Applesauce
Milk Choice

6

Chicken Sticks
Carrots – Green Beans
Mixed Fruit
Scooby Grahams
Milk Choice

13

Chicken Nuggets
Mashed Potatoes/Gravy
Broccoli
Pineapple – Snack Cookie
Milk Choice

20

No School

27

WEDNESDAY



Cheeseburger/Bun
Corn
Broccoli
Mixed Fruit
Milk Choice

7

Sausage & Egg Biscuit
Tater Tots
Celery
Apple
Milk Choice

14

Grilled Chicken OR
Breaded Chicken /Bun
Tater Tots – Carrots
Applesauce
Milk Choice

21

No School

28

THURSDAY

Walking Taco
Salad w/tomato
Fiesta Beans
Peaches
Milk Choice

1

Mini Corn Dogs
Curly Fries
Carrots
Pineapple
Milk Choice

8

Popcorn Chicken
Baked Beans
Broccoli
Peaches - Cookie
Milk Choice

15

Cook's Choice
Vegetable
Fruit
Milk Choice

22

No School

29

FRIDAY

French Bread
Marinara Sauce
Green Beans – Carrots
Mixed Fruit
Milk Choice

2

Stuffed Crust Pepperoni
Salad w/tomatoes
Celery
Sliced Apples
Milk Choice

9

Breakfast Pizza
Hash Browns
Carrots
Pineapple
Milk Choice

16

Turkey/Cheese Sandwich
Harvest Cheddar Sunchips
Celery
Apple Slices
Milk Choice

23

No School

30