

TigerTimes

Sherrard Jr/Sr High Newsletter

December 2025

Alex Johnson, High School Principal
Brady Stromquist, Jr. High Principal

December 3

Booster Club Meeting - 6p

December 6

Winter Play - 7p

December 7

Winter Play - 3p

December 10

JH/HS Choir Concert - 7p

December 14

JH/HS Band Concert - 2p

December 17

School Board meeting - 6p

December 22 - January 2

Winter break - No school

January 5

Teacher Institute - No school

Athletics / Activities

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

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



Principal's Note

Welcome to the holiday season, I just wanted to pass along a few notes as we finish the first semester.

As we enter into the last three weeks of the semester, we encourage open communication between the school, students, and parents/guardians. Please utilize Infinite Campus to check your student's grades and have conversations with your student about their grades. Also, encourage your students to have 1 on 1 conversations with their teachers about their grades. These often are great learning experiences for the students. If you need further clarification or have more questions, please contact the teacher or the school to help you find the answers you need.

Finals will be December 17th and 18th this year. Students need to be proactive in making arrangements, if for any reason they are not able to take their finals on those dates.

Our annual Operation Santa is still providing needy families with necessary items to enjoy the holiday season. If you would like any information, please contact Stacey Blackwell at blackwells@sherrard.us.

Congratulations to Mrs. Boucher for recently being named employee of the month by the Rock Island Regional Office of Education.

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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



Lastly, I would like to thank everyone for what a great first semester as principal at SHS. I am very fortunate to be able to educate great young people, work with a tremendous staff and be part of a terrific community.

December Reminders:

December 6th & 7th - Winter Play: Little Women

December 17th & 18th - First Semester Finals

December 20 - January 5th - Winter Break

Educationally yours,
Alex Johnson

JH Principal's Notes

The first semester is nearing the end. Students are only a few weeks from finishing the first semester. Students will need to buckle down and finish strong. Students that fail a class for the first semester may have to make up that class during the second semester, which could take the place of their elective. If you have concerns about your student's schedule for the second semester, please contact the junior high office.

Students will be taking their second round of MAP testing before break. This assessment gives us valuable data to help with each student's individual education. Students will be taking their English Language Arts portion of the test on December 3rd, 4th, and 5th. They will be taking their Math portion of the assessment on December 10th and 11th. Please remind your students that their MAP scores are used to help identify students that are struggling, which may involve moving them into receiving MTSS support.

Gingerbread House Building Event!

To celebrate the end of the semester, we will be hosting a fun after-school Gingerbread House Building event on Friday, December 12th! This event is open only to Sherrard 7th and 8th grade students. There is a \$5 participation fee to help cover the cost of supplies. Students must sign up and pay in J8 by Wednesday, December 10th. The event will end at 5:00 PM. Students must be picked up by a parent/guardian or take the activity bus home. We look forward to a festive and fun afternoon together!

Student of the Month

HIGH SCHOOL

English: Evelyn Weakley

Math: Liam Arnold

Science: Archer Faith

Social Studies: Hannah Flynn

Vocational: Ryder Veronda

Fine Arts: Claire Kuster

PE/Health: Frankie Dobreiner

Business: Piper Russell &
Joslyn Kuffler

Special Forces: Ava Graves

JUNIOR HIGH

English: Nathan Bolt

Science: Daisy Rosales

PE/Health: Makaya Christian

Math: Brianna Kincaid

Fine Arts: Raen Bowman

Social Studies:
Kayliauna Johnson

Service: Isabelle Simmons

Skills Development:
Paige Hollins

Striving for Excellence:
Clara Hergert



We will be having dress up days for the upcoming holidays. Here's a list of the days.

Junior High Operation Santa Dress-Up Days December 15 - 19

Monday: "Holiday Hair, Don't Care"

- Wear a holiday hat or hair accessory!

Tuesday: "Night Before Christmas"

- Come to school in your favorite holiday pj's!

Wednesday: "X-Mas Light Up Day"

- Wear all the lights, sparkles, sequins, & things that shine!

Thursday: "X-Mas Movie Marathon"

- Dress up as your favorite X-Mas character!

Friday: "Tacky Christmas Spirit"

- Come dressed in your ugliest X-Mas sweater!

\$1.00 a day to participate and all proceeds will be donated to Operation Santa. Must follow school dress code. Join in on the fun!

Wrestling practice will start Monday, December 1st. Volleyball practice will start December 8th. Sign ups for both are in the JH Office. Be sure your student's physical is on file with the school and is up to date.

The JH Scholastic team will have "open practice" days before winter break to give JH students an opportunity to see what this trivia style team is like and how it works. Sign ups will be in the JH office for those interested in participating when official practices begin in January with matches in February/early March. Please have your students see Mrs. Selhost and Mrs. Whelchel for more information.

7th Grade Girls Basketball Team won the IESA Regional Championship. They will move onto the sectional level and play Washington Middle School @ Abingdon-Avon Middle School on Wednesday, December 3, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Upcoming dates:

December 19, 2025 - Last day of student attendance for the first semester

January 6, 2026 - First day of student attendance for the second semester

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

Sincerely,
Brady Stromquist, JH Principal

All School Senate

The All School Senate is hosting a Biscuits and Gravy Breakfast Fundraiser for Operation Santa at the Viola Community Center during the Viola Christmas walk on December 6th. The event will take place from 7-10 a.m. and will be serving coffee, juice, water, biscuits and gravy, and fruit. Tickets will be available for presale at a discounted price of \$6 for adults, and \$4 for children ten and under; however, tickets can still be purchased at the door, \$8 for adults and \$6 for children. Come out for a delicious biscuits and gravy breakfast on December 6th to support the All School Senate's Operation Santa Fundraiser! Hope to see you there!

Winter Play

The Drama Club will be putting on the play Little Women, adapted by Marian De Forest. This play tells Louisa May Alcott's classic tale of awakening in a simple and effective manner. Beautiful, amusing, and meaningful, this telling of the March sisters' pivotal years on the verge of womanhood imparts cheer and hope for the goodness of mankind.

You don't want to miss it!

Saturday, December 6, 7:00pm
Sunday, December 7, 3:00pm

Tickets sold at the door:
\$7.00 Adults
\$5.00 Students & Seniors



JOIN US FOR A

BISCUITS & GRAVY BREAKFAST

DECEMBER 6
7-10 AM
@VIOLA COMMUNITY CENTER

PRESALE TICKETS:	AT THE DOOR:
ADULTS - \$6	ADULTS - \$8
CHILDREN - \$4	CHILDREN - \$6

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO OPERATION SANTA
SEE AN ALL SCHOOL SENATE MEMBER
TO GET TICKETS OR
CONTACT VANESSA SCHULENBERG

From the HS Counseling/Academic Center:
ACADEMIC INFORMATION:

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

To Be Seniors:

Class meeting: January 15th (during Advisory)

Registration: January 20th - 22nd

To Be Juniors:

Class meeting: January 15th (during Advisory)

Registration: January 26th - 28th

To Be Sophomores:

Class meeting: January 29th (during Advisory)

Registration: February 2nd - 4th

To Be Freshmen:

Class meeting: January 29th (during Advisory)

Registration: February 9th - 11th

Mark your calendar for the following dates in January...

- Dual credit meeting for incoming juniors and seniors will be on January 12th at 5:30 pm in the high school auditorium.
- Orientation night for incoming freshmen will be on January 13th at 5:30 pm in the high school auditorium.
- Sophomore tour of the Area Career Center will be on January 14th at 8 am.

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/fafsa> (The FAFSA you complete must correspond to the academic year your student will be attending college. For example, if your student plans to start college in the Fall of 2026, you will complete the 2026–2027 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)



Social/Emotional Information

Reflect, Renew, Reimagine: A Guide to Year-End Reflection and Goal Setting

As another year winds down, it's the perfect time to pause, reflect, and set your sights on the future. Taking a moment to acknowledge your accomplishments and identify areas for growth can empower you to make the most of the upcoming year.

Reflect on the Past Year

- **Academic Achievements:** What were your proudest academic moments? Did you overcome any challenges? What subjects did you excel in?
- **Personal Growth:** How have you grown as a person? Have you developed new skills or hobbies? What new friendships have you formed?
- **Challenges Faced:** What obstacles did you encounter? How did you overcome them? What did you learn from these experiences?

Set Goals for the Future

1. **Be Specific:** Instead of a vague goal like "get better grades," aim for something specific, such as "raise my GPA by 0.5 points."
2. **Be Measurable:** How will you track your progress? Set benchmarks to measure your achievements.
3. **Be Achievable:** Set realistic goals that challenge you without overwhelming you.

Tips for Effective Goal Setting

- **Visualize Success:** Imagine yourself achieving your goals. This can boost your motivation and help you stay on track.
- **Break Down Goals:** Divide large goals into smaller, manageable steps. This makes them less daunting and easier to accomplish.
- **Seek Support:** Talk to friends, family, or a counselor about your goals. Their encouragement and advice can be invaluable.
- **Stay Positive:** Maintain a positive mindset and celebrate your successes, no matter how small.
- **Be Flexible:** Be prepared to adjust your goals as needed. Life is unpredictable, and it's important to be adaptable.

By taking the time to reflect and set goals, you can make the most of the upcoming year. Remember, every journey starts with a single step. So, take that first step and start working towards your dreams.

Let's make the next year your best year yet!

Thanks!

Mrs. Blackwell (blackwells@sherrard.us) and Mrs. Drish (drishju@sherrard.us)



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.



DENTAL CLINIC & DENTAL EXAMS

The State of Illinois requires dental examinations for all students in Kindergarten, 2nd grade, 6th grade, and 9th grade. Each student in these grades must submit a dental exam dated after **November 15, 2024**, or have a waiver on file by **May 15, 2026**.

The Mercer County Health Department plans to bring its mobile dental clinic to the school district this spring. Only students with completed parental permission forms will be seen. If you have questions or would like your child to participate, please contact the school nurse at **593-2175**.

Students in all grades are welcome to participate.

Dental forms and waivers are available on the district website at www.sherrard.us. Select **Departments** → **Health Services** → **Health Forms**.

DECEMBER 2025

Sherrard School District K-12 Breakfast Menu

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

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Muffin
½ Cup Fruit
½ Cup 100% Juice
Milk Choice

1

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

2

WG Poptart
½ Cup Fruit
½ Cup 100% Juice
Milk Choice

3

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

4

Breakfast Burrito
½ Cup Fruit
½ Cup 100% Juice
Milk Choice

5

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

8

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

9

Muffin
½ Cup Fruit
½ Cup 100% Juice
Milk Choice

10

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

11

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

12

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

15

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

16

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

17

Mini Breakfast Loaf
½ Cup Fruit
½ Cup 100% Juice
Milk Choice

18

Sausage Pancake Bites
½ Cup Fruit
½ Cup 100% Juice
Milk Choice

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Merry Christmas

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

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Sherrard Jr-Sr High School Lunch Menu

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MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Popcorn Chicken
Corn – Carrots
Peaches
Chocolate Grahams
Milk Choice

1

Hot Dog/Bun
Black Bean Chili
Waffle Fries
Mixed Fruit
Milk Choice

2

Cheese Dippers
Marinara Sauce
Broccoli – Green Beans
Pears
Milk Choice

3

Tater Tot Casserole
Corn
Applesauce
Pretzels
Milk Choice

4

Stuffed Crust Pepperoni
Fries
Carrots
Pineapple
Milk Choice

5

Chicken Tenders
Celery – Corn
Mixed Fruit
Sunchips
Milk Choice

8

Walking Taco
Salad – Tomato - Chips
Refried Beans
Peaches
Milk Choice

9

Meatloaf Sub
Tater Tots
Carrots
Apple
Milk Choice

10

Pulled Pork/Bun
Fries
Coleslaw
Applesauce
Milk Choice

11

Cheese French Bread
Marinara Sauce
Broccoli – Green Beans
Pineapple
Milk Choice

12

French Toast/Syrup
Sausage Patty
Hash Browns
Carrots - Applesauce
Milk Choice

15

Beef Tacos/Corn Shell
Fiesta Beans
Salad
Peaches
Milk Choice

16

Baked Spaghetti
Breadstick
Peas – Celery
Apple Slices
Milk Choice

17

Sausage Pizza
Fries
Carrots
Applesauce
Milk Choice

18

Turkey
Sweet Puffs
Corn Cobette – Fruit Cup
Dinner Roll - Cookie
Milk Choice

19

22

23

24

Merry Christmas

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