

TigerTimes

Sherrard Jr/Sr High Newsletter

September 2026

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

September 2

Early dismissal - 1p
Booster Club meeting - 6p

September 7

No school

September 9

JH & HS Picture retakes

September 10

FAFSA meeting - 5:30p

September 23

School Board meeting - 6p

October 1

Fall Choir Concert - 7p

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 September! We are off to a great start this year and all of our seasonal sports and activities are in full swing.

September Reminders

September 2nd - Early Dismissal at 1:00
September 7th - No School (Labor Day)
Week of September 21st - Homecoming

Vaping in School

Vaping remains a growing concern across many schools, including SHS. We strongly encourage you to talk with your student about the serious educational and health risks associated with vape use. Please note that students found in possession of a vape—even if holding it for someone else—will be subject to firm disciplinary action. While our school has implemented more proactive measures to prevent these situations, we wanted to share this reminder with our community. If your student is struggling with addiction, please reach out to us so we can support them.

Homecoming

With the recent changes to the football schedule, traditional Homecoming events like the parade and dance will take place as planned. While additional schedule adjustments may occur throughout the week, we look forward to celebrating another Homecoming experience with our students and community.

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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



Parent-Teacher Conferences

I encourage you to join us for our Parent Teacher Conferences October 7th and 8th from 2:30 - 6:30 p.m. We will be using the Student-Led method for conferences again this year. Teachers will be reaching out in the next month to schedule a time for a conference.

Additional Support

If your student needs extra academic support please contact our Academic Coordinator, Julie Drish at drishj@sherrard.us or if they need extra social-emotional support, please contact our Guidance Counselor, Stacey Blackwell. This is a great starting point to address the issues and to help your student find the appropriate solution.

Thank you to all the parents and guardians that have helped us get off to a great start!

Alex Johnson, High School Principal

JH Principal's Notes

The 26-27 school year is in full swing. Thank you for the phone calls and emails that have been sent. Your communication is important to your student's success.

Thank you to all of the students and parents who have helped support our homeroom and daily planner period. I feel like we are off to a great start. Students continue to fill out their planners daily. We will continue to work on tying the importance of having them as you move through the day and ultimately at home.

We are going to continue to work on finding better (and more) ways to communicate with students and you throughout the year. One method of communication that we already use to help communicate with your students is through the Junior High Office 26-27 Google Classroom page. One key part of that page is the JH Assignments Spreadsheet 2026-2027. This sheet will list assignments that students have been working on. We will continue to add work regularly to that spreadsheet, keeping it as up to date as possible. I am also sending weekly email updates on Fridays that may include important information for the following week. If you are not receiving these emails, please let the office know. They are being sent to the main contact email on file with the school.

Student of the Month

HIGH SCHOOL

English: Justin Rose

Math: Alex Serre

Science: Gavin Cottrell

Social Studies: Hunter Bodeen

Vocational: Heavena Lannoo

Fine Arts: Audrey Foster

PE/Health: KJ Nash

Business: Steven Hollins

Special Forces:

Delaney Whelchel

JUNIOR HIGH

English: Lincoln Bruning

Science: Clayton Pagett

PE/Health: Hunter Vipond

Math: Garrett Fenner

Fine Arts: Max Dawson

Social Studies: Gus Cleaveland

Service: Savannah Greim

Skills Development:

Gus Cleaveland

Striving for Excellence:

Raul Bautista

Just a reminder that we will again be having Student-Led Parent/Teacher Conferences this fall. Conferences will be held on October 7th and October 8th. We will send more information out as that date gets closer. We encourage each and every parent to attend and see what their student presents to them about their classes.

Student activities are up and running. We currently have about 35 football players, 17 cheerleaders, and about 10 cross country runners. Girls basketball season will be starting September 14th.

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

Band

The Sherrard Marching Tigers will be competing at the Milan Harvest Festival Battle of the Bands at Camden Park on Saturday, September 5th at 1:45pm. They will be competing against 7 area bands, and the winner of the competition is determined by the highest decibel volume of the cheers from the audience. We hope to see you there to cheer on our Marching Tigers and take home the win!

Parking Pass Requirement

Attention Student Drivers - Parking passes are required to park in the student parking lot. Please submit a parking pass form (found in the HS office), a copy of your insurance card and a \$20.00 fee to the high school office. Parking passes will be issued after the first week of school.

JH and High School Yearbook Information

Yearbooks for the 2026-27 school year will be available for purchase exclusively through Jostens. Please look for follow-up information regarding online ordering. Additionally, if you have photos to submit for consideration, please email them to blackwells@sherrard.us.



Fresh baked cookies at home high school games!

The Post Prom Parents volunteer group will be at home high school games selling fresh baked chocolate chip cookies to raise money for the SHS post prom event. Stop at our table and show support for the cause by getting a plate or two.

To keep this tradition going, we are looking for more high school parent volunteers to make cookies at high school home games. Contact Jen Diehl - diehlj@sherrard.us - if you would be interested in being part of this SHS game day staple.



Homecoming 2026

Hey Sherrard Tigers!

Get ready because the theme for Homecoming 2026 has been revealed: ***"All-American Homecoming! Red, White, and Tiger Blue: 250 Years of Roaring!"***

Homecoming week will take place from Monday, September 21st through Saturday, September 26th. We'll be facing off against our rivals, the Hall Red Devils.

Here are some key dates you won't want to miss:

- **Wednesday:** Best of the Classes Competition and a Tiger Tailgate. Our Tailgate will begin promptly at 5 pm and end at 6 pm. Please stay tuned for more information regarding tailgate specifics. We will introduce royalty and announce the king and queen at 6:15 pm. Join us for a night of fun, food, and Tiger Spirit.

- **Thursday:** Homecoming Parade beginning at 6:15 pm in Sherrard. If you plan to participate in the parade, please complete a parade form before Tuesday, September 22nd.

[2026 Homecoming Parade Form](#)

- Additionally, we are now accepting nominations for our Grand Marshal! This honor is for a lifetime member of the Sherrard/Winola School District or an individual who has made a lasting impact on our community. All nominations are due by Monday, September 7th. Please use the nomination form to submit your choice.

[Grand Marshall Nomination Form](#)

- **Saturday:** Homecoming dance beginning at 7 pm and ending at 10 p.m. at the high school. Coronation will begin at 8 pm. If you would like to come watch the coronation, please arrive by 7:45 pm. All 9th-12th graders are welcome to attend the dance. Tickets will be sold for \$10 during B and C lunches the week of September 21st-September 25th. NO tickets will be sold at the door. Any student bringing a date from another school must have the paperwork completed and turned in to the office before purchasing tickets. Stay tuned for more information on specific events and dress-up days throughout the week.

From the HS Counseling/Academic Center:

ACADEMIC INFORMATION:

The [parent portal on Infinite Campus](#) is a great tool to monitor grades and assignments. If you do not have a parent portal or cannot gain access to yours, please contact Jen Thurman to get it set up. thurmanj@sherrard.us

The Counseling Department has a Google Classroom for the Class of 2027, where we will be providing important information relevant to senior year. Students have been sent a link or Google code to join.

Attention Senior Parents/Guardians:

Please mark your calendars for an important informational meeting on the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

When: Thursday, September 10th at 5:30 PM

Where: High School Auditorium

There are many myths and misconceptions surrounding the FAFSA. This meeting will explain why applying is essential for financial aid, grants, and scholarships, and how to get your application started smoothly.

SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL INFORMATION:

Welcome back, Sherrard High School students and parents! We in the counseling department are so excited to see both familiar faces and new ones as we kick off the 2026-2027 school year. A new school year is like a fresh start—a chance to set new goals, learn new things, and make new memories. We're here to help make this year your best one yet.

What We Do

Our mission is to support every student's academic, career, and social-emotional development. Think of us as your go-to resource for everything from picking classes and planning for college to navigating friendships and managing stress. We're here to listen, offer guidance, and connect you with the resources you need to succeed.

Additional Resources:

Jenifer Frere will be working in the HS Counseling office with us on Tuesdays. She is a student case manager with the Mercer County Mental Health Action Program through the Mercer County Health Department. Her role is to enhance services with the mental health system, link students and families to additional outside resources, and explore possible solutions to resolve barriers to a healthy mind. Please contact Stacey Blackwell for additional information or for a referral for services.

Kurt Doyle from Mercy One in Aledo will be seeing select students twice a month in the counseling office. He is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. If you are interested in seeing Kurt or learning more about his services, please contact Stacey Blackwell.



Stacey Blackwell
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Julie Drish
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9th Grade Health Requirements for School Year 26-27

- 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, 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, 2026 will need another sports physical by April 1 of 2027, if they desire to participate in spring sports. Please keep this in mind when scheduling your child's physical.
- 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 SCHOOL CODE AND DISTRICT POLICY. Please provide completed physicals by the first day of school. Students not in compliance by 10/15/26 will be excluded from school until the physical requirement is met.**

Dental Requirement

All 9th grade students must have a current dental exam dated after 11/15/25 or waiver completed by May 15, 2027. Forms are available on the district web site, select **Departments, Health Services, and Health Forms**.

Health Requirement information and physical forms were given to parents at the registration meeting on January 13, 2026. 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 this information.



SEPTEMBER 2026

Sherrard School District K-12 Breakfast Menu

Menu Subject to Change
This institution is an equal
opportunity provider

MONDAY

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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

No School

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

Muffin
½ Cup Fruit
½ Cup 100% Juice
Milk Choice

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

TUESDAY

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

Muffin
½ Cup Fruit
½ Cup 100% Juice
Milk Choice

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

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

Strawberry Pancake Puff
½ Cup Fruit
½ Cup 100% Juice
Milk Choice

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

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

Stuffed Breakfast Sandwich
Egg-Cheese-Sausage
½ Cup Fruit
½ Cup 100% Juice
Milk Choice

THURSDAY

Stuffed Breakfast Sandwich
Egg-Cheese-Sausage
½ Cup Fruit
½ Cup 100% Juice
Milk Choice

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

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

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



FRIDAY

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

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

Glazed Breakfast Bun
½ Cup Fruit
½ Cup 100% Juice
Milk Choice

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

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Sherrard Jr-Sr High Lunch Menu

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No School

Cheese Ripper
Marinara
Curly Fries
Broccoli – Mixed Fruit
Milk Choice

Corn Dog
Thundercrunch Fries
Green Beans
Applesauce
Milk Choice

Italian Pull A Part
Marinara
Mini Bakers – Green Beans
Pineapple
Milk Choice

TUESDAY

Mini Corn Dogs
Waffle Fries
Baked Beans
Applesauce
Milk Choice

Crispito
Refried Beans
Mexi-Rice
Pears
Milk Choice

Beef & Cheese Burrito
Salad
Refried Beans
Peaches
Milk Choice

Walking Taco
Salad
Fiesta Beans
Mixed Fruit
Milk Choice

Chicken Tenders
Waffle Fries
Peaches
SunChips
Milk Choice

WEDNESDAY

Breaded/Grilled Chicken/Bun
Curly Fries
Broccoli
Mixed Fruit
Milk Choice

Chicken Nuggets
Mashed Potatoes/Gravy
Corn
Applesauce
Milk Choice

Cheeseburger/Bun
Tater Tots
Baked Beans
Applesauce
Milk Choice

Pizza Burger/Bun
Tater Tots
Carrots
Pears
Milk Choice]

Chicken Wrap
Tater Tots
Salad
Mixed Fruit - Cookie
Milk Choice

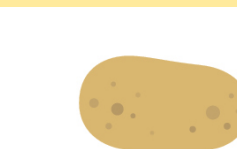
THURSDAY

Biscuits & Gravy
Egg w/Cheese
Hash Browns
Carrots - Peaches
Milk Choice

Toasted Cheese
Tomato Basil Soup
Krinkle Fries
Celery – Sliced Apples
Milk Choice

Lasagna Roll
Breadstick – Cheese Stick
Waffle Fries
Carrots – Pears
Milk Choice

Penne Alfredo
Breadstick
Broccoli
Peaches
Milk Choice



FRIDAY

Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza
Krinkle Fries
Carrots
Pineapple
Milk Choice

Meat Lover Pizza
Tater Tots
Carrots
Pineapple
Milk Choice

Cheese Pizza
Krinkle Fries
Celery
Apple Slices
Milk Choice

Cheese Calzone
Fries
Celery
Apple Slices
Milk Choice