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Sherrard Jr/Sr High Newsletter

November 2026

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

November 3
No school

November 4
Winter sports handbook mtg - 6p
Booster Club meeting - 6p

November 6
Red Cross Blood Drive - 8a-1p

November 13
WR & GBB sports pictures

November 18
School Board meeting - 6p

November 20
BBB, Cheer & Dance sports pictures

November 25-27
No school - Thanksgiving

Principal's Note

I would like to invite the community to our November 11th, Veterans Day Assembly at Sherrard High School. Please check the district website for more information. This yearly tradition is a great moment of pride for our district as we honor those that have sacrificed for us.

Congratulations to Mr. Williams, the cast and crew for their performance of "The Giver". This year we had nearly 40 people participate in the production of the fall play. Our participation in the drama department has doubled in the last 5 years!

Recently, our Ag Mechanics team competed at the FFA National Convention. They received a silver ranking, which means they are one of the top teams in the nation! Additionally, Will Ahrens competed in the Environmental Natural Resource Systems competition. Will received the top score in the entire nation! We are very proud of our FFA members and advisors as they represented Sherrard remarkably at the national level.

Each year the state of Illinois produces a report card for each school. This year Sherrard High School earned an exemplary rating. This is the highest rating a school can receive and is reserved for the top 10% of schools in the entire state. This designation is a reflection of the many great students, families, teachers and staff members that we have here at Sherrard.

Congratulations to Mr. Sigler and Mrs. Tucker respectively for recently being named employees of the month by the Rock Island Regional Office of Education. They both are vital employees at Sherrard and absolutely deserve this recognition.

November Reminders
November 3rd - No School - Election Day
November 11th - Veteran's Day Program
November 25 - 27, No School - Happy Thanksgiving!

Educationally yours, Alex Johnson

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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

Athletics / Activities

Get up to date athletic and activities schedules on the Sherrard SNAP! website: https://schools.snap.app/SherrardHS

JH Principal's Notes

The first quarter has come and gone and students are a couple of weeks into the second quarter. 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 your student is struggling academically, we have tools that could help. Please be on the lookout for your student's teachers and/or the office contacting you about help for your student.

Next week we will be talking with students about personal body safety. The focus will be on recognizing inappropriate behavior, understanding consent, establishing personal boundaries, reporting abuse, and online safety. This lesson will be in accordance with Erin's Law, Public Act 96-1524, a state mandated prevention program for K-12 students. If you have any questions or concerns about your child participating in this lesson, we encourage you to email Becky Wakeland at wakeland.becky@sherrard.us or call 309-593-2135 Ext: 1506.

The Veterans' Day assembly is quickly approaching. We will again be in session on Veterans' Day, which is November 11th. We will be hosting an all school assembly to honor veterans. Information has been shared on social media, on the district web site, and through email. If you have any questions, please contact the Junior High Office.

Wrestling and volleyball will be starting after Thanksgiving break. Sign ups for both are in the JH Office. Be sure your student's physical that is on file with the school is up to date. If you are unsure, please contact the Junior High Office. We will be hosting both 7th and 8th grade Girls Basketball IESA Regionals this year. Please be on the lookout for more information.

Upcoming dates

November 3rd - No School
November 11th - Veteran's Day Assembly
November 25th - 27th - No school

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

Student of the Month

HIGH SCHOOL
English: Brayve Wakeland
Math: Chase Stenger
Science: Ainsley Groth
Social Studies: Abigail Fardi-Turkmani
Vocational: Allison Ziegenhorn
Fine Arts: Chael Celestino
PE/Health: Jaxon Silvia
Business: Kenzie Gross
Special Forces: Kamryn Green

JUNIOR HIGH
English: Nora Rasmussen
Science: Rylyn Winter
PE/Health: Grant Watson
Math: Aaron Licht-Slavish
Fine Arts: Mathew Dyer
Social Studies: Anemone Schorg
Service: Ava Harris
Skills Development: Alexander Kirzeder
Striving for Excellence: Layla Cottrell

Seniors - Jostens

Attention Parents:
If you have not ordered your senior's cap and gown, please do so. Jostens can be contacted at 563-275-8709 or order from the website: www.jostens.com

NHS

The National Honor Society's pie fundraiser at the Sherrard Pumpkinfest was a hit! They raised more than enough to cover the hotels for their November field trip to the Iowa Mission of Mercy free dental clinic. Special thanks to the Pumpkinfest committee for their very generous donation.





Operation Tiger Fundraiser

Operation Tiger is back with this year's **Operation Santa appare**l! A portion of all proceeds directly supports our holiday assistance program, helping ensure families in need have a bright season.

We've also partnered with **Brews Energy** to offer custom tumblers! Bring your tumbler to any of their 4 locations and get **10% off your drink** every time you skip the single-use cup.

Reminder: With the new school policy prohibiting drinks with straws, these tumblers are a practical, eco-friendly way to enjoy your favorite drinks at school while supporting a great cause.





Click HERE to purchase apparel and the tumbler! Store closes on November 11th!

Bring your tumbler to Brews Energy and try a Class Senate promotional drink! A portion of the proceeds from these featured drinks directly supports Operation Tiger.

Freshman: Freshman Funk
Sophomore: Brewstick
Juniors: Sunset Kiss
Seniors: Senior Sunrise

From the HS Counseling/Academic Center:

ACADEMIC INFORMATION:

College Visits:
A reminder that Seniors are allowed 2 college visit days as excused absences, and Juniors are allowed 1. **Spring Exception**: Seniors are granted **one additional college visit day** on **Tuesday, March 30th**, which aligns with the ACT testing date for Juniors.

Did you know that you can receive daily or weekly notifications from your student's *Google Classrooms*? As a guardian, you can get email summaries about your student's activity in Classroom. Email summaries do not include grades.

In email summaries, you can review:

Missing work—Work not turned in when the summary was sent.
Upcoming work—Work that's due today and tomorrow (for daily emails) or that's due in the upcoming week (for weekly emails).
Class activities—Announcements, assignments, and questions recently posted by teachers.

To get email summaries of your student's work, you must accept an email invitation from a teacher. You can unsubscribe from summaries or remove yourself as a guardian at any time.

Steps to receive notification:

1. The teacher emails you an invitation to join your student's class.
2. In your email program, open your email invitation and accept.

In addition, 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

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Is your student struggling with any classes? If so, Sherrard High School offers *After School Study Hall.*

When: Days vary each week
Time: After school until 5pm (activity bus available for transportation home)

*Teachers supervise to provide support if needed
Please reach out to the Counseling Department if you want your student to attend.

Senior Parents:
FAFSA: Reminder to complete the FAFSA or fill out the Non-Participation form. Forms can be found in the counseling office.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Scholarships are posted in two different places:
(1) On the Senior Google Classroom (ask your student if they have joined)
(2) On the High School Webpage - click HERE

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS: Students who plan on attending college next year should be working on their college applications. Appointments can be made with Mrs. Drish in the Counseling Office for help, support, or questions about the process.

SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL INFORMATION:

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.
blackwells@sherrard.us
drishju@sherrard.us

Tips to Maintain Your Mental Health in the Upcoming Winter Months
- Get outside and exercise when you can
- Keep up healthy eating habits and a sleep routine
- Have a support system and stay connected
- Be mindful, relax, and practice stress reduction techniques

Make sure to take care of your mental health and see the sunnier side of the upcoming winter!

Practicing Gratitude for Mental Health
November is National Gratitude Month! Building a routine around gratitude is a powerful way to foster resilience, manage daily stress, and enhance overall emotional well-being. Taking time to reflect on what you are thankful for can shift your focus toward positive experiences and provide a sense of calm.
Simple Ways to Practice Gratitude:
- Keep a daily gratitude journal: Write down 3 things you are thankful for each day.
- Share notes of appreciation: Read or send gratitude thoughts to friends, family, or teachers.
- Practice mindful reflection: Take a brief pause during the day to focus on small moments of comfort and connection.

Holiday Assistance Program Form Now Available

The Sherrard School District, in partnership with local churches and community organizations, is once again gathering information to provide Christmas support to families in need. If your family would benefit from assistance this holiday season, please complete the confidential Google Form. The form requests basic information, including contact details and sizing for any children in the family. Please note that completing the form does not guarantee assistance due to limited resources. Families who will be receiving support will be contacted directly via email by operationtiger@sherrard.us as the holidays approach. The Google Form must be completed by November 4th.

Click HERE to complete the Google Form

Don't miss out on preserving this year's memories—order your student's 2026/2027 Yearbook today through Jostens! Please note that Jostens is the exclusive vendor for all yearbook purchases, as orders can no longer be processed through the main office.

Watch for email updates from Jostens, or conveniently place your order online using the link below:
https://www.jostens.com/

Click Shop Your School's Store - Search for Sherrard High School or Sherrard Junior High School

The high school yearbook is $68, and the junior high book is $28.

Please contact Stacey Blackwell or Julie Drish with any questions about ordering your yearbook through Jostens.

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Sherrard School District K-12
Breakfast Menu

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 Muffin ½ Cup Fruit ½ Cup 100% Juice Milk Choice	**3** No School Election Day	**4** French Toast Sticks/Syrup ½ Cup Fruit ½ Cup 100% Juice Milk Choice	**5** Cheese Omelet Goldfish Crackers ½ Cup Fruit ½ Cup 100% Juice Milk Choice	**6** Mini Bagel ½ Cup Fruit ½ Cup 100% Juice Milk Choice
9 Breakfast Loaf ½ Cup Fruit ½ Cup 100% Juice Milk Choice	**10** Strawberry Pancake Puffs ½ Cup Fruit ½ Cup 100% Juice Milk Choice	**11** Muffin ½ Cup Fruit ½ Cup 100% Juice Milk Choice	**12** Apple Cider Donut ½ Cup Fruit ½ Cup 100% Juice Milk Choice **New Item**	**13** Cereal Bar Cheese Stick ½ Cup Fruit ½ Cup 100% Juice Milk Choice
16 Cereal Bowl Snack Cookie ½ Cup Fruit ½ Cup 100% Juice Milk Choice	**17** Mini Pumpkin Glazed Donut ½ Cup Fruit ½ Cup 100% Juice Milk Choice **New Item**	**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** Breakfast Loaf ½ Cup Fruit ½ Cup 100% Juice Milk Choice
23 Muffin ½ Cup Fruit ½ Cup 100% Juice Milk Choice	**24** Whole Grain Poptart ½ Cup Fruit ½ Cup 100% Juice Milk Choice]	**25** No School	**26** No School Happy Thanksgiving	**27** No School
30 Mini Cinnis ½ Cup Fruit ½ Cup 100% Juice Milk Choice	**Fun Fact** Female turkeys cackle. Only male turkeys actually gobble, which is why they are called “gobblers”.			**Applications for free/reduced meals are available on the district website or at each attendance center.**

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Sherrard Jr-Sr High
Lunch Menu

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Carrots Applesauce Milk Choice	**3** No School Election Day	**4** Brunch Burger/Bun Waffle Fries Broccoli Peaches Milk Choice	**5** Cheese Dippers/Marinara Crinkle Fries Celery/PB Apple Slices Milk Choice	**6** Breakfast Pizza Hash Browns Carrots Pineapple Milk Choice
9 Popcorn Chicken Fries Green Beans Mixed Fruit – Scooby Snack Milk Choice	**10** Tacos/Corn Shell Lettuce – Cheese Refried Beans Fruit Cup Milk Choice	**11** Tenderloin/Bun Tater Tots Broccoli Applesauce Milk Choice	**12** Sausage/Egg Croissant Hash Browns Celery/PB Sliced Apples Milk Choice	**13** Turkey Breast Sweet Puffs Corn Fruit - Cookie Milk Choice
16 Chicken Tenders Fries Broccoli Pears - SunChips Milk Choice	**17** Beef & Cheese Burrito Lettuce Crinkle Fries Mixed Fruit Milk Choice	**18** Baked Spaghetti Breadstick Peas – Carrots Peaches Milk Choice	**19** Grilled Chicken/Pretzel Bun Tater Tots Baked Beans Applesauce Milk Choice	**20** French Bread/Marinara Waffle Fries Celery/PB Sliced Apples Milk Choice
23 Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Corn – Dinner Roll Applesauce Milk Choice	**24** Chicken Quesadillas Fries Carrots Peaches Milk Choice]	**25** No School	**26** No School Happy Thanksgiving	**27** No School
30 Chicken Drummies Crinkle Fries Broccoli Peaches – Animal Crackers Milk Choice	**Fun Fact** Female turkeys cackle. Only male turkeys actually gobble, which is why they are called “gobblers”.			**Applications for free/reduced meals are available on the district website or at each attendance center.**