

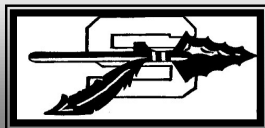
MARKSMEN

SCHOOL NEWS

May 2023

MARKSMEN PRIDE
SINCE 1965

Published for Patrons of
the Sherwood
Cass R-VIII
School District



Sherwood Families -



This has been another wonderful school year for our Sherwood community. We were very excited to learn that Sherwood

School District had the highest Annual Progress Report (APR) score of all of the Cass County school districts from the 2021-22 school year. Sherwood gained 82.4% of the possible points. The biggest area for improvement will be on individual student growth on the state assessment. Although we only received the scoring in March, we have been working all year to identify where each student struggles and use interventions and various strategies to fill the gaps and help our students to be more successful. This has been a year-long process of growth and improvement rather than us waiting until the last minute to help our students with their academic achievement. I am very proud of the work our faculty and staff have done with our students to get us to this point. However, we won't settle for where we are. We will continue to see ways to improve and grow to provide our students with the very best education.

I also want to extend a big THANK YOU to our community for supporting the April 4th ballot items for the school district. The school district has permission for a \$4,000,000 bond issue that will have

a large amount set aside for a possible FEMA shelter to be built. This would double-up as an athletic field house with male and female locker rooms, a large wrestling room, and we would build a storage area onto the outside of the building. The estimated cost for the project would be about \$3.6M, but Sherwood would only pay about \$900,000 with the rest coming from federal money. Again, this is only if federal funds become available to us. We are setting aside an additional \$350,000 to fill-in the insides of the building with materials and resources not included in the FEMA building costs (lockers, benches, bulletin boards, etc.). If federal money does not become available, then the Sherwood Board of Education can move forward with building a new wrestling room and designate the other funds to areas of need. Additionally we will purchase HVAC equipment and buses. We will also be able to address remodeling needs around the district as well. Thank you also for approving our \$0.12 operating levy increase! We have already increased salaries that will direct \$53,000 of the new \$85,000 that will be available to us into salaries for our staff. The remainder will be used to address increased costs to supplies and special education costs in the district. You will see no increase to the overall tax rate from 2022 to 2023 as we will reduce the debt service tax levy by \$0.12. The overall tax rate will remain under \$4.86.

Finally, I want to thank the Sherwood Community for your support over the past 6 years. Leading the Sherwood School District has been a great joy for me. We have such amazing people who do amazing work with our students and community. The Sherwood Community should be very proud of our school. We are just big enough to have to offer a lot of different opportunities for our students, but we are small enough that our staff can get to know the needs of our individual students. I think this shows through with all the different things we offer for our kids - Project Lead the Way classes, online courses, two Ag classrooms, foreign language, dual credit, and so much more. And our students are successful! I think our APR scores (as previously mentioned) goes to show the overall scope of how we provide a quality education for our students. However, we also have graduating classes bringing millions of dollars of scholarships, a special education program that scores high each year on its evaluation by DESE, successful alumni all over the world, students earning athletic and activities recognition, students ready to join the workforce or military and be successful after high school, and so much more! Sherwood Schools really is a special place to be, and I am very thankful to have been a part of it!

Sincerely,
Steve Ritter

High School Principal Highlights



This year, Sherwood High School took a big leap forward in helping our students be prepared for their lives after graduation.

Every student was afforded the opportunity to leave the high school on April 5th and visit a different post-secondary option. We had students attend community college (State Fair), a four-year college (UCM), a hands-on career fair with over 200 various careers, technical programs, or an industry tour. The idea is by the time each student graduates; they will have seen

firsthand what a two-year college, four-year college, technical school, or straight into the workforce looks like. Talking about a potential plan is important for our students, but being able to see the various opportunities available, not only gives them a more realistic idea but also makes their hopes seem obtainable.

Students not only need to have a plan for after graduation, but also have the skills to be prepared for the workforce. As a high school, we not only want to give our students rigorous coursework to give them the knowledge they need but also the employability skills necessary to be successful. That



is why we also focus on communication skills, appropriate dress, attendance at school, initiative, and more. Sherwood high school will continue to have policies and standards in place to create career and college-ready students. We appreciate the support of the parents and community as we continue to prepare our students.

is why we also focus on communication skills, appropriate dress, attendance at school, initiative, and more. Sherwood high school will continue to have policies and standards in place to create career and college-ready students. We appreciate the support of the parents and community as we continue to prepare our students.



Sherwood Drama Department Performs Spring Musical

On April 22 and 23 the Sherwood Drama department dove into a new experience by performing



Spongebob the Musical. The cast has been practicing for this for 9 weeks. The play takes place in the beloved Bikini Bottom. Bikini Bot-

tom is in terrible peril because a volcano is about to send hot lava and obliterate the town. So, the town turns to fighting, and it takes the dedication of three heroes to save the day. With the help of Sandy the Squirrel played by Shealy Matteson and Patrick Star played by Andrew Baldwin, a simple sponge named Spongebob, played by Jason Schumacher, band together and save Bikini Bottom. However the dreaded villain, Plankton played by

Shayne Aspey and his computer wife Karen played by Kyera Howell, set out to mess up this daring trio. All the while Squidward

played by Sarah Horvatic tries to direct a concert in the midst of the world ending. Nicholas Talbot and Grace Vincent also represent Mr. Krabs and his daughter Pearl respectively. Other cast members include Lorelei Robbins as the mayor, Riley Madigan as Perch Perkins the reporter, Blayke Kobusch and Bo Pearson as the rocking Electric Skates, The cast is rounded off by the mindless followers the sardines October Perrine, Addison Bradford, Allison Crust, Naevah Howell, April Lawless, and Gracelynn Turner.

The students did an excellent job and played to full crowds both nights.

Middle School Principal's Corner

DREAM, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE
(Building Vision Statement)



Oh how the year has flown by. Here at Sherwood Middle School we have had many great things happen this year. I have had the privilege as the principal to witness students trying new things in their classes, make new friends, succeed in extra-curricular activities, and truly enjoy their learning experiences.

This spring we are off to a busy but very good start. Our track team practices have begun and the student-athletes have started competition. Our math teams have had great success competing with neighboring schools. Our band and choir have been performing at a

high level in their competitions. Our scholar bowl team has been successful in their competitions. Our student council members have been doing a great job at organizing and putting together all our student of the month assemblies. We have the play coming up at the end of April, I would highly recommend you coming out to watch them perform at the high school.

We are going to be sending out Summer school registration here in a few weeks. We would love to see your child attend summer school. We are going to have some very interesting things happening, for example we are taking 3 field trips, we are going to have Kids in the kitchen, Hunters safety classes, some fun project classes

where the students will be hands on learning and being able to build/put together projects that have to do with math and science. Students are also going to be participating in some Virtual field trips with some awesome technology.

I have had a great time watching our students succeed and meeting their potential in and out of the classroom. I truly appreciate your support as parents and the communication that we have gotten to share. I look forward to the direction that our building is headed. If you have any questions or ever need anything please reach out to us. The staff and myself are always willing to help.

Sincerely -Mr. Stevens

Sherwood Graduation
Sunday, May 21
2:00 pm
High School Gymnasium

Summer Food Program Feeds Kids For Free

With summer right around the corner, it's time to think about keeping children healthy while school is out. Sherwood Cass R-8 School District provides free meals to children during the summer.

This summer, meals will be served at Sherwood during summer school. Summer School is scheduled for June 5-23, Monday-Friday. Breakfast will be served 7:20am-8:00am and lunch 11:00am-12:30pm. There are no income requirements or registration. Any child under age 18 may come to eat. For more information, contact Ashley Kelso at 660-499-2239 ext 405.

Each year, the U.S. Department of Agriculture partners with local organizations like Sherwood School District to provide free meals to children when school is out for the summer.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Elementary Principal Update

Hello Sherwood Families!!



As our year winds down we are enjoying the last few moments of being a whole school community. This year has had many highlights and we are excited about the future. We have hosted some great events in our school. Our Campout night saw 75 families attend the fun event and our March Madness Family Event had 94 students attend with their families. Seeing families back in our school celebrating musical performances, family learning opportunities, and supporting our student artists has been

a highlight of our year. As we move forward we will miss our leaving 5th grade students but are excited to welcome our new Kindergarten students. Sherwood Elementary will continue to encourage learning and student growth with the support of our amazing community!

I hope all our Sherwood Families have an amazing summer.

Sincerely,

Phil Rogers

Around the District

MEMBERS AND ADVISERS CELEBRATE MISSOURI FBLA STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Missouri Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) welcomed 5,000+ attendees from nearly 400 chapters to the record breaking State Leadership Conference April 16-18, 2023. Members and advisers gathered in person to expand their leadership knowledge, compete in various events, and connect with others from across the state. FBLA members competed in over seventy-six competitive events ranging from Accounting and Business Ethics to Social Media Strategies and UX Design. The Top 10 individuals/teams in each event were awarded medals onstage at Great Southern Bank Arena. The Top 4 in each competitive event received trophies and will advance to the National Leadership Conference this summer in Atlanta, Georgia.

Sherwood Cass R-8 chapter excelled at the State Leadership Conference by participating in Missouri Chapter of the Year Project and earning Gold Level Status for the sixth time. The chapter was also recognized for completing the following state projects: March of Dimes, Connect for Children/Camp Quality, Show Me Hunger: Unite the Fight, Dollars for Disasters, Missouri FBLA Scholarship, Government Awareness, and Conference

Assistance. Recognized for Outstanding Service to Local Chapter, Josie Rempfer, and Tanner Winnat received the Missouri Professional Division Scholarship for \$200. The following members competed Eli Chaikin and Brady Mullen in Bank-



ing and Financial Systems, Brett Gurney in Introduction to Business Concepts and Spreadsheet Applications, Brysen Kerr in Insurance and Risk Management, Josie Rempfer in Business Calculations, and Tanner Winnat in Cyber Security. Isaiah Bradford, Jason Schumacher, and Emilee Stoneking attended the conference as well. Those attending presented a workshop titled Bringing Home the Gold to over 150 members and advisers.

Throughout their time at the conference, members engaged in

over 45 various specialized leadership academies led by professional trainers in various topics such as exploring all types of leadership styles, learning various communication techniques, strategizing time and stress management, and much more. The Leadership Expo held over 30 exhibitors including universities and military partners for members to connect, leadership activities for members to engage with, and tours of the College of Business at Missouri State University.

Brand new for this year, leaders enjoyed a concert held by Funding the Future where the band performed popular songs from artists like Taylor Swift and incorporated the fundamentals of financial education. Both keynote speakers empowered all to pursue their passions as business leaders. Caitlin Schaefer, former Missouri FBLA state officer and current Strategic Relationship Manager at Lord, Abbett, & Co., discussed the importance of investing in yourself and defining your goals for success. Morris Morrison, world-class entertainer, author, and show host, inspired all with his unforgettable story and powerful message of perseverance and determination.

A Note From the Director of Student Services



Greetings!

It is hard to believe that the end of another year is right around the corner. This summer we will be adding a new addition to the elementary playground. We have been working on an inclusive area for all students. We will be adding a sensory portion along with areas for students that may need the use of a wheelchair or walkers. All students will benefit from this playground.

We also have a couple of retirements this year. Dorothy Spencer who has been a para went to college to become a licensed practical nurse and then came back to Sherwood to be a medical paraprofessional is leaving. Mrs. Leann Floyd is retiring; she has been an Early Childhood Preschool teacher, special education and an Autism teacher. If you see these ladies out and about wish them good luck!

Sincerely,
Nancy Engle

Upcoming Events

May 17, 2023

School Board Meeting

May 21, 2022

Graduation

May 25, 2023

Last Day of School

Early Release

June 5-23, 2023

Summer School

August, 2023

First Day of School

SMS STEM Club Goes Flying

Sherwood Middle School's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Club recently attended a field trip to iFLY. This was a new field trip for SMS and one the STEM students were really looking forward to; they also worked really hard to be able to attend the trip. The first thing on the agenda was meeting with Geoscientist Dr.

Bryce Wagner. He talked to the students about the science portion of STEM and gave them a presentation with real-world STEM applications. Part of which included discussing all of the jobs and potential jobs in the STEM field. From there, the students made their way to the flying portion. After completing the safety lesson, each person was able to fly two times, each time for a minute. This was by far the favorite part for most of the students. When their flying was over, they were able to watch the instructor doing flips and tricks. Next up was physics demonstrations in the wind tunnel. The instructor used a variety of items such as a teddy bear, water, basketball,

and a tennis ball to discuss surface



STEM Club members at the beginning of their field trip.



STEM Club members in their flight suits.

area and velocity. The students measured and recorded data in trying to predict how fast they needed to turn up the wind in order to get the item to fly. The final portion of their day was a parachute competition back in the lab. The students really enjoyed all of the different activities making this a very successful field trip!

Title IA Parents' Right to Know

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Our district is required to inform you of information that you, according to the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (Public Law 114-95), have the right to know.

Upon your request, our district is required to provide to you in a timely manner, the following information:

- Whether your student's teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
- Whether your student's teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived.
- Whether your student's teacher is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher.
- Whether your child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

In addition to the information that parents may request, a building receiving Title I.A funds must provide to each individual parent:

- Information on the level of achievement and academic growth of your student, if applicable and available, on each of the State academic assessments required under Title I.A.
- Timely notice that your student has been assigned, or has been taught for 4 or more consecutive weeks by, a teacher who has not met applicable State certification or licensure requirements at the grade level and subject area in which the teacher has been assigned.

Should you have any questions please reach out to the building principal at 660-499-2239.

Sincerely,

Dr. Steve Ritter
Superintendent of Schools

Public Notice

**Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA)
COMPLAINT PROCEDURES**

This guide explains how to file a complaint about any of the programs¹ that are administered by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (the Department) under the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA)².

Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Complaint Procedures for ESSA Programs Table of Contents	
General Information	
1. What is a complaint under ESSA? 2. Who may file a complaint? 3. How can a complaint be filed?	
Complaints filed with LEA 4. How will a complaint filed with the LEA be investigated? 5. What happens if a complaint is not resolved at the local level (LEA)?	Complaints filed with the Department 6. How can a complaint be filed with the Department? 7. How will a complaint filed with the Department be investigated? 8. How are complaints related to equitable services to nonpublic school children handled differently?
Appeals	
9. How will appeals to the Department be investigated? 10. What happens if the complaint is not resolved at the state level (the Department)?	

1. What is a complaint?

For these purposes, a complaint is a written allegation that a local education agency (LEA) or the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (the Department) has violated a federal statute or regulation that applies to a program under ESSA.

2. Who may file a complaint?

Any individual or organization may file a complaint.

3. How can a complaint be filed?

Complaints can be filed with the LEA or with the Department.

4. How will a complaint filed with the LEA be investigated?

Complaints filed with the LEA are to be investigated and attempted to be resolved according to the locally developed and adopted procedures.

5. What happens if a complaint is not resolved at the local level (LEA)?

A complaint not resolved at the local level may be appealed to the Department.

6. How can a complaint be filed with the Department?

A complaint filed with the Department must be a written, signed statement that includes:

1. A statement that a requirement that applies to an ESSA program has been violated by the LEA or the Department, and
2. The facts on which the statement is based and the specific requirement allegedly violated.

¹ Programs include Title I, A, B, C, D, Title II, Title III, Title IV.A, Title V Revised 4/17 ²In compliance with ESSA Title VIII- Part C. Sec. 8304(a)(3)(C)

Local education agencies are required to disseminate, free of charge, this information regarding ESSA complaint procedures to parents of students and appropriate private school officials or representatives.

7. How will a complaint filed with the Department be investigated?

The investigation and complaint resolution proceedings will be completed within a time limit of forty-five calendar days. That time limit can be extended by the agreement of all parties.

The following activities will occur in the investigation:

- 1. Record.** A written record of the investigation will be kept.
- 2. Notification of LEA.** The LEA will be notified of the complaint within five days of the complaint being filed.
- 3. Resolution at LEA.** The LEA will then initiate its local complaint procedures in an effort to first resolve the complaint at the local level.
- 4. Report by LEA.** Within thirty-five days of the complaint being filed, the LEA will submit a written summary of the LEA investigation and complaint resolution. This report is considered public record and may be made available to parents, teachers, and other members of the general public.
- 5. Verification.** Within five days of receiving the written summary of a complaint resolution, the Department will verify the resolution of the complaint through an on-site visit, letter, or telephone call(s).
- 6. Appeal.** The complainant or the LEA may appeal the decision of the Department to the U.S. Department of Education.

8. How are complaints related to equitable services to nonpublic school children handled differently?

In addition to the procedures listed in number 7 above, complaints related to equitable services will also be filed with the U.S. Department of Education, and they will receive all information related to the investigation and resolution of the complaint. Also, appeals to the United States Department of Education must be filed no longer than thirty days following the Department's resolution of the complaint (or its failure to resolve the complaint).

9. How will appeals to the Department be investigated?

The Department will initiate an investigation within ten days, which will be concluded within thirty days from the day of the appeal. This investigation may be continued beyond the thirty day limit at the discretion of the Department. At the conclusion of the investigation, the Department will communicate the decision and reasons for the decision to the complainant and the LEA. Recommendations and details of the decision are to be implemented within fifteen days of the decision being delivered to the LEA.

10. What happens if a complaint is not resolved at the state level (the Department)?

The complainant or the LEA may appeal the decision of the Department to the United States Department of Education.

Sherwood Elementary Welcomes Representatives for Career Day

We had a Career Day for third, fourth and fifth grade students. We had a representative from each Career Path. The students enjoyed hearing from each speaker about what their job requires and what they enjoy most about their career.



We had two representatives from the Conservation Agency, Local Business owner/Engineer, Physical Therapist, Musician/Artist,

Juvenile Office and a Representative from the KC Zoo.

Contact Information

Should anyone in the Sherwood Cass R-VIII School District require information regarding any of these topics or programs, please contact Nancy Engle, Director of Student Services at 660-499-2239 ext 500 or nancy.engle@sherwoodk12.net

- District Compliance Officer
- Title IX District Compliance Officer
- Homeless Student Program
- Migrant Learner Program
- Limited English Proficiency Students
- District Bullying Coordinator
- Foster Liaison



2023 Summer School Bus Schedule

	Pick-Up	Drop-Off
Garden City		
7-stop	7:17 a.m.	3:36 p.m.
Intersection of Lake Road & 4th Street	7:17 a.m.	3:43 p.m.
Intersection of Lake Road & Old 7 Hwy	7:19 a.m.	3:41 p.m.
Intersection of 1 st Street & Pioneer	7:21 a.m.	3:36 p.m.
Intersection of 4th & Main (First Christian Church)	7:22 a.m.	3:39 p.m.
United Methodist Church	7:26 a.m.	3:38 p.m.
Garden City Community Center	7:27 a.m.	3:41 p.m.
Creighton		
Sherwood Community Bank	7:33 a.m.	3:29 p.m.
Creighton Car Wash	7:35 a.m.	3:27 p.m.
Urich		
Car Wash	7:23 a.m.	3:34 p.m.
Intersection of 5th & Main	7:26 a.m.	3:36 p.m.
Blairstown		
Body Shop in Blairstown	7:09 a.m.	3:45 p.m.



Congratulations to the Class of 2023!



**Sherwood Cass R.-VII
School District**
PO Box 98
Creighton, MO 64739
(660) 499-2239

Non-Profit Org.
US POSTAGE
PAID
Creighton, MO
64739
Permit No. 3

School Board President
Mr. Ben Jones

Superintendent
Dr. Steve Ritter

Postal Patron