

# SHERMAN COUNTY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## BE SAFE, BE RESPECTFUL, BE RESPONSIBLE

This year Sherman County School initiated a program called Positive Behavioral Support and Interventions, or PBIS for short. This is a school wide approach to discipline and a process for creating a safer and more effective school environment. The program focuses on improving the school's ability to teach and support positive behavior for all students. Instructional time is more effective and the environment is calm and conducive to learning.

**Consistency-> Predictability->**

**Safety-> Opportunity to**

**Learn and Grow**

## PSAT & SAT TESTING

Students, it's time to take the next step on the road to college. Taking the SAT® is the perfect way to show off the skills colleges care about.

Sophomores: Take the PSAT 10 in October to get practice and learn the test format.

Juniors: Take the SAT in the spring to see how ready you are. Remember, you can always take it again in the fall of your senior year to improve your scores.

Seniors: Take the SAT again this fall. Historically, two out of three students improve their SAT scores the second time they take the test.

The SAT gives you a chance to show how ready you are with questions that look a lot like what you are learning in class. The SAT:

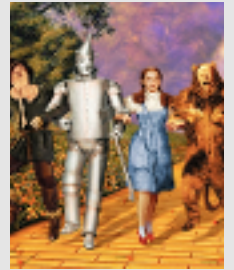
~Focuses on vocabulary and math you're already learning in class and that you'll need to succeed in college.

~Doesn't penalize you for guessing—try your best on every question.

~Offers an optional essay.

## HOMECOMING

*Lions, and  
tigers, and  
bears! Oh  
my!*



Welcome back, Sherman County School alumni and friends! Welcome back, football team who's been away! Celebrate and build community through school events, a pep rally, a Homecoming Royalty Court, and a home football game versus Arlington. The theme this year is The Wizard of Oz, so get ready for dress-up days, games, and a yellow-brick dance floor. Homecoming will be celebrated the week of October 16-20.

## KEY DATES

Oct. 3 Elem. Character Matters Assembly, 2:40pm

Oct. 4 FFA- District Soils

Oct. 6 Half-day school

Oct. 7 SAT Test, SCS Room 3, 8am-1pm

Oct. 9 School Board Meeting 7pm

Oct. 11 PSAT Testing- all sophomores

Oct. 13- No School, State-wide Teacher Inservice Day

Oct. 16 FFA- State Soils

Oct. 16-Friday Oct. 20 Homecoming Week

Oct. 18 MCP Annual Meeting/Dinner

Oct. 18 Picture Retake Day

Oct. 20 Half-day school

Oct. 22-28 FFA National Convention

Oct. 24 College Financial Aid Workshop, SCS Room 7, 6pm

Oct. 27 Half-day school

All Month: T/W/Th Gaming Club

All Month: Canned Food Drive



# SUPERINTENDENT'S NOTE

It is an honor to welcome all of you to the 2017-18 school year. The District staff, School Board members, and many volunteers have paved the way for another successful year for every SCSD student. Everyone associated with the SCSD is proud to serve the students and parents in the Sherman County Community.

Each new year brings excitement and unique challenges. Our primary effort this year, as always, is to provide the best education possible for each of our students. The entire school staff has been working diligently on the implementation of two new programs: Oregon Response to Instruction & Intervention (ORTI - evidenced-based effective instruction to meet the needs of all students) and Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports. As the year progresses, we will continue to communicate the positive outcomes of these new programs. Thank you for your continued partnership in reinforcing our collective PBIS message with your students of being Safe, Respectful & Responsible.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended the 1st Annual PK-12 Back to School Night. We look forward to building upon the success of this informative evening next year. In addition, I want to thank all the volunteers that assisted with the 2nd Annual Hall of Honor Reception and Induction. It was an honor to induct the 2017 class .

Beginning on October 9th , work will commence on the repaving of High School Loop Road. This work will continue through October 27th . Flaggers will be present on certain days of the paving project. This is a reminder to be safe on the approach from the North and South entrances. I want to thank Sherman County and the Road Department for this upcoming work.

The Sherman County School District has maintained high quality education programs primarily because of our hard-working staff, dedicated School Board and also because our businesses, community agencies, parents, and volunteers consistently support our schools. This is also a perfect time to thank Sherman County for the financial support through the Strategic Investment Program agreements that have been so vital in our ability to continue exceptional academic programs and to create our state-of- the-art facility.

I look forward to the 2017-18 school year with a conviction and commitment to continue to improve our services. Our ability to improve is dependent on your comments and suggestions. Please call me at 541-565- 3500, send an e-mail message to [wowens@sherman.k12.or.us](mailto:wowens@sherman.k12.or.us) or stop by my office.

The trust that you place in Sherman County School District employees and School Board members to develop our students' potential and prepare them for their post-secondary life is never taken for granted and is greatly appreciated.

Best wishes for your child(ren) and our students' success in 2017-18.

Sincerely,  
Wes Owens



## ACADEMIC ANECDOTES

**6th grade- Mr. Pflaum-** We were looking at Greek and Latin roots for words. The word started with *sub-* which means under. **Shelby Havins** said, "...like a submarine is *under* water." So I asked what do you think marine means? She said water, and put together how Greek and Latin roots work.

**7th grade- Mr. Stuart, Social Studies-** After noticing the social studies books were haphazardly staked by his classmates, **Virgil Brennan** meticulously re-stacked and straightened the books.

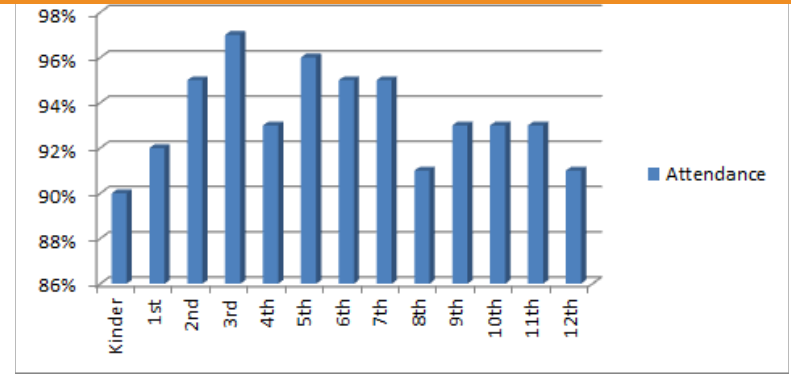
**8th grade- Mr. Dearborn, Science-** Flying airplanes isn't all fun and games. While discussing aerodynamics and wind vectors, **Austin Olson** added insight and reflection to the class discussion.

**4th grade- Mrs. King and Mrs. Mobley-** While reading a book about community transportation, **Aaron Fluhr** listed three specific character traits of the main characters.

## S.K.O.R.E ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

**Sherman Kids on the Road to Excellence** will begin after school programs Tuesday, October 24. This year we will be offering craft groups, cooking with Cindy, physical activities, and as always homework support. We will be starting off our S.K.O.R.E year exploring ancient Egypt with art, history, and some fun filled science experiments. Look for S.K.O.R.E enrollment forms coming home with students soon. **See you at S.K.O.R.E! (Tu/Wed/Th 3:15pm- 5:00pm)**

## ATTENDANCE BE HERE EVERY DAY!



## VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

We started the year off great at the Dufur Jamboree with a 3-1 record. Although our schedule is limited this year, the girls have worked very hard to make every game count. Most recently their 3-0 win over Lone. We are currently 2-2 in league and 3-2 overall. This week we host Mitchell/Spray and South Wasco County and are on the road to Condon. We have a full squad this year with 22 players and two managers. **Come cheer on the team!**



Photo by Jeremy Lanthorn

## ELEM/ MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL



The elem. and middle school team roster increased by 15 from last year, meaning a lot of new players! They've grown by leaps and bounds, progressing from not being able to serve, to underhanded serves, to powerful overhand serves!

The Elem/ M.S. football team has been learning an entirely new defensive and offensive strategy.



ELEM/ MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL

## VARSITY FOOTBALL

The start of the 2017 football season has been a steady improvement from the first game of the season to our most recent game- a win over Touchet (WA). With 10 seniors on the roster, the athletes bring with them a lot of experience but have been challenged with learning new concepts and a new system. They have made great progress since the opening week setback to Triad and are hitting their stride as they get ready for their rivals, the Dufur Rangers. The players have set high goals for this year and are working hard every day to see those goals come to fruition by the end of the season. **GO HUSKIES!**





HALL OF HONOR



Top Row:  
Gary Shelton  
Amy (Martin) Shaffer  
Sherry Kaseberg  
Lower Row:  
Giles French  
2001 Women's Basketball Team

The Sherman County School District celebrated the induction of four individuals and one team into the Hall of Honor on September 22, 2017. At a banquet held before the football game that evening, designated speakers shared memories and reflections of these honored contributors to Sherman County School District’s history. The intent of the Hall of Honor is to recognize and preserve memory of students, teachers, athletes, teams, coaches, boosters, and others whose achievements and support have brought recognition and honor to Sherman County School District.

The 2017 inductees include:

- Giles French- Published author, Legislator, and Journalist (Posthumously awarded)
- Sherry Kaseberg- Former School Board Member, County Commissioner, Historian, and Sherman County eNews creator
- Gary Shelton- 42+ years of service to the school as a counselor and coach
- Amy (Martin) Shaffer- Former student, athlete, Olympian
- 2001 Women’s Basketball Team- Winners of the 2001 Oregon State Championship. Top Row (L-R): Coach Ron Townsend, Keri Wolff, Kasey Stroud, Talia Sanderson, Kristi Danielson, Heidi Beers, Erin Weedman, Jennifer Miller (Manager). Bottom Row (L-R): Laura Olsen, Britney Macnab, Codie Stroud, Marci Tatum, Jenna Bird. Not Pitcured: Leo Coelsch, Asst. Coach

SCHOOL BOARD



Back Row:  
Bill Martin,  
Merrie von Borstel,  
Scott Susi  
Front Row:  
Kristie Coelsch,  
Jesse Stutzman

Thank you for putting student success first!

HUSKY HAPPENINGS

FFA

Congratulations to the FFA Tractor Driving team for placing 3rd. Also congrats to Treve Martin for placing 5th high individual in advanced competition and Wade Fields for placing 5th high individual in the beginning competition. Great Job Guys!



Robotics students are busy building robots! The team is eager to get them to the stage where they can be programmed and tested. At the beginning of the year, they need to test each component to ensure it's working and wasn't damaged while stored from last year. Members include: Nick Riggs, Jeremy Ballesteros, Marcus Henricksen, Hunter Stafford, and Tyler Bledsoe

ROBOTICS

SOMNIS SAYS

Hello Sherman County!

I am very excited and humbled to be your new principal for the 2017-2018 school year. My hope is that every student gets everything that they want out of this school year, and takes advantage of the incredible opportunities that we have both academically and with extra-curricular activities.

The safety and health of our students and staff is paramount to a successful school year. We encourage the community and families to get involved in the many happenings that go on throughout the year at our school and support the various committees that parents and families may serve on.

I sincerely hope that every student has a wonderful school year and that every student gets involved in at least one activity that our school has to offer.

GO HUSKIES!!

-Mike Somnis, Principal



SEEN AND HEARD AROUND SCHOOL

- Elementary Test-Taking Tips for High Schoolers:
- Calvin (5th grade): " Practice for the test and study every night."
- Sarah Jo (1st grade): "They should get their pencils. But only ONE pencil."
- Henry (6th grade): "Get a good night's sleep because it's important for your brain to be ready in the morning."
- Hadley (3rd grade): "Eat something sugary so you can stay awake, like rocky road ice cream, or Jolly Ranchers."

- Allison (4th grade): "Study your hardest subject and find out more information."
- Clay (Kinder): "Be quiet and work your homework. They usually aren't quiet; my mom and dad told me that."
- Adeline (4th grade): Don't copy anyone because you'll actually not get the education, you'll get someone else's."
- Kiyonae (6th grade): Don't goof around because you won't finish the test."
- Charlotte (4th grade): Keep trying, no matter how hard it is, because you might get it."

## 2017/2018 STAFF



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## VOICE OF A HUSKY

**Savannah Moe, Associated Student Body President**

Hello Everyone from the Sherman County School ASB, We are excited for this new year and the upcoming events that it holds within it. Focusing on the new year comes with an amazing theme that really describes what we want our Husky Nation to strive towards...

### ***Positivity.***

Here at Sherman County School we believe that positive thinking and actions lead to positive outcomes. It may be a simple term, but it holds a big meaning. Whether we are channeling positive energy towards our grades, sports, clubs or just our persona within the high school, we want to make sure we possess this quality of positivity!

We want anyone who walks into our school to feel welcome and know that the Sherman County Huskies are always performing at their peak.



We welcome the following excellent new employees to our already exceptional staff: Tracey Carlson as our Special Education teacher, Deidra von Borstel in 7-12 Math and Robotics, Piper Jones as our Dean of Student Success/ Measure 98, Kevin Stuart in 7-12 Social Studies, Angela Totaro in K-12 Counseling, Tim Zacharias in 7-12 Language Arts, and Nancy Reynoldson to the cafeteria staff.

## CHARACTER MATTERS

**September:**

**Respect**

October:

Tolerance

November:

Integrity

December:

Empathy

January:

Initiative

February:

Kindness

March:

Self-discipline

April:

Courage

May:

Responsibility

June:

Loyalty

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