

# SHERMAN COUNTY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## November Calendar

by Tayler Collier

Please note that there are regular weekly programs highlighted on either Pages 2 or 8. Additionally, November ends the first quarter and begins memorial seasons that disrupt regular school weeks.

Of special note for November are Nov. 8 half day of school, 5-7/PE schedule with Conferences from 12:45-7:45 PM; Nov. 9 no school with Conferences from 8 AM – noon; Nov. 12 no school, Veteran's Day observed; Nov. 21, 1/2 day, 1-4/ Music; no school Nov. 22-23, Thanksgiving.

**Nov. 1 - End of Quarter**

**Nov. 2 - No school teacher planning**

**Nov. 4 - Daylight Saving Time Ends  
(Fall Back for Monday)**

**Nov. 5 - 9am-ASVAB Results**

3:30pm-"We Are Monsters" OSU  
Extension Theatre **All Week**

**Nov. 6 - Book fair All Week,**  
Elementary Hallway  
5:30pm-scholarship meeting

**Nov. 7 - FFA District Ag Sales Contest**  
@ Crook County

K-6 1st quarter awards assembly  
6pm-Boosters Meeting, HS Lounge

**Nov. 8 - Conferences**

1/2day of school/5-7/PE

**12:45-7:45 PM Conferences**

**Nov. 9 - No Student school**

FFA Greenhand Conference

**8 AM-12 Conference**

**Nov. 12 - No School**

**Veterans Day Observed;**

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of WW I Armistice**

**Nov. 13 - First day of HS Basketball**

7pm-School Board, Library Conference  
Room

**Nov. 14 - 1pm- K-2 Tales of Whales**

2pm- Gr. 3-6 What about Whales?

**Nov. 15 - 6pm-PTO family engineering**

**Nov. 17 - FFA AG SALES (STATE)**

**Nov. 19-20 - Dental screenings**

**Nov. 21 - Early Release, Thanksgiving**

**1/2 day of school/1-4/music**

Literature fair @ elementary

**Nov. 22-23 - No school**

**Nov. 26 - Back to School!** First day of MS  
Basketball Practice

**Nov. 30 - 1/2day of school/5-7/PE**

## End of First Quarter – Progress Reporting and Conferences

November is a signal for the end of the first quarter and fall sports seasons, but also begins a cycle of school business and memorial breaks that fragment the normal weekly calendar (see calendar and Administrator Notes in the left and right columns of this page).

Each phase of school and life is filled with highs and lows. Such has been the first quarter at Sherman 2018-19. The small number of players, no matter how mighty in spirit, on the football team brought an end to the season before it could make it out of September. Meanwhile, the volleyball team defeated lone in its Pink Out match and gained a road win against league leading South Wasco before falling to the Redsidies to finish second at the conference tournament. This earned them the opportunity to host a first-round state playoff match. What a match it was! Our Huskies pushed Damascus Christian to the maximum five sets, losing the deciding sets by a mere three points each time.



October ushered in fall and Homecoming Spirit Week. The Husky ASB, students and staff did not allow the absence of a football game get in the way of - TRADITION. Homecoming Week proceeded on with dress up days, bonfire and noise parade, student-staff volleyball game, and the class volleyball tournament that replaced the football game for the presentation of the Homecoming Court and provided a prelude to the dance, which swirled among Hawaiian Luau scenery.

## Administrator Notes

by Mike Somnis and Wes Owens

It is hard to believe Parent/Teacher Conferences are nearly here. We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to join us for some meaningful conversations focused on the most important part of Sherman County School District – our students. We look forward to these vital discussions that connect you with your students' education.

This year, parent/teacher conferences have been scheduled for **November 8<sup>th</sup> from 12:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. and the 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.**

Parents of students in grade levels K – 6<sup>th</sup> will be meeting with your child's classroom teacher in an individualized appointment format. We will send home a flyer with a date and time for each Elementary student which will be located in their folder/binder. As for our 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades, we will continue using the drop-in, open appointment, "student-involved" conference format. We believe this format is very helpful in providing your student with an opportunity to demonstrate to you and themselves what they have learned and plan to achieve this school year. You and your 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade student are welcome to come to school at any time during conference hours and visit any classroom. Students will display their work, portfolio and grades, as well as, the goals they have set for themselves this year. Teachers will be available to assist your student and answer any questions you may have. As a reminder, you have the ability to access your student's up-to-date grades and classroom assignments by checking Family Link on the school's website at [www.sjshs.weebly.com](http://www.sjshs.weebly.com). If you have forgotten your sign-in and/or password, or have not logged on before, this information can be obtained by calling Jen Berry or Audrey Rooney at the school. If you have any questions, please call the school at 565-3500.

Sincerely,

*Mike Somnis* *Wes Owens*

## Opportunities Aboard Weekly

By Aurora Baker

### PBIS in October

The first PBIS gift card drawing of the year was held Friday, October 26, and the lucky winner was freshman Donavon Huctor. Entry into the drawing is done through the submission of a Husky ticket into that prize's can in the Office. Husky tickets are the orange recognition slips that staff award to students that notably demonstrate Safe, Respectful, and Responsible behavior throughout the school day. Many staff have also incorporated quotations on the back of their Husky tickets that contain valuable life inspiration sayings.

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders wasted no time in taking advantage of the new Husky ticket dance opportunity. Submitting 100 tickets within the first couple of weeks of the announcement of this prize and executing the planning to achieve the first dance on Friday, October 26, using a Halloween holiday theme.

As Pink Day and Homecoming Theme days showed that Sherman students like to dress 'for the occasion,' students should be reminded that 100 tickets will also earn a school-wide dressup day with the class with the most tickets of the 100 winning the right to name the school-appropriate theme.

### S.K.O.R. E.

The after school program S.K.O.R.E. for K-6 meets Tuesdays and Wednesdays for instruction and participation in a wide-range of arts, crafts, and physical activities.

### Book Fair

The annual Book Fair held the first full week of November to correspond with Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place in the hallway below the Elementary Office beginning on Tuesday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>, and runs through the remainder of the week. Times will include the evening conferences on Nov. 8 from 12:45-7:45 PM and Friday morning Nov. 9 from 8 AM to noon.

### Coloring Contest

Sherman Food Services sponsors a monthly coloring contest for grade levels K-6 using their national and regional food services partner's material. The entries are displayed on the Cafeteria Bulletin Board. November's image is Corn, so stop by and see K-6 impressions of the historic staple of Western Hemisphere ag. production and diet.

### Library and Literacy

The Book Club book for this month is "Lilac Girls" with discussion tea on Thursday, Nov. 29 at 6 PM. Weekly events include YA Art Club every Thursday after school until 5 PM; Music and Movement the first Saturday each month at 10 AM for ages 0-6; Community Story Time every Tuesday at 10 AM. Additionally this month are craft opportunities: Nov. 3 at 1 PM Picture Framing followed by Enamel mug painting at 2:30 PM; Nov. 10 Peg People Ornaments 1 PM and Glitter Ornaments at 2:30 PM; Nov. 17 at 2 PM Leather Earrings.

## Sherman School Board

Chair, Kristie Coelsch; Bill Martin, Scott Susi



Merrie von Borstel; Vice-chair, Jesse Stutzman

## FFA Soil Judging

by Taylor Henderson (Photos courtesy of

As senior Savannah Moe noted departing at 5 AM for an all-day trip to North Lake School District in Silver Lake, Oregon, is "memorable enough." But Wednesday, October 10, became "more exciting" in her view, when both advanced and beginning teams earned third place banners and a fifth place individual award by CJ Johnson.

Land and soil are two of the most important resources for a farming community. But not just any kind of soil will do. That is why the FFA has chapters organize soils contests annually across the state. FFA members are trained and then compete against other chapters in ranking land for slope and drainage as well as assessing soil samples over a range of indicators all for the purpose of concluding what land utilization is most suitable for that plot.



(L-R) Allie Marker, Cali Johnson, Gill Witherspoon, Gavenn Lohery, Joseph Ramos, Savannah Moe, Patrick Ramos, Isaak McLemore, Caleb Fritts, Damian Baukman; Kneeling, Gaby Rubio, CJ Johnson, Alyssa Hill



Senior Caleb Fritts (in gray) is in the bottom of the pit examining soil strata, while Joseph Ramos and Gavenn Lohery look on from above (top left).

### Trunk or Treat

Things got a bit spooky in the Library Friday, October 26, or so it seemed, as the annual Trunk or Treat event was produced by the community adult and student volunteers. The culprits of fright will remain anonymous to protect the guilty, but Senior Maddie Brokaw cannot hide her contribution to the scary night.





# Homecoming Activities 2018 by Damian Baukman, Melanie Ponke and Cali Johnson

The opening night event for Homecoming 2018 was the Senior Night volleyball match versus Dufur. The Huskies jumped out to a first set victory but eventually fell in four sets, with losses coming by 5 or fewer points. With the absence of a football game, seniors Tyler Jones and Caleb Fritts, were honored along with the senior volleyball quintet of (L-R in photo below) Emma Stutzman, CJ Johnson, Shelby Reed, Desiree Winslow and Savannah Moe (photo: courtesy of Jeremy Lanthorn).



Thursday night included the noise parade and bonfire as evidence of enjoyment can be seen from freshmen students kneeling below (L-R) Remington Anderson-Sheer, Donavon Hctor, and Isaac Aldrich. Friday brought a morning of class competitions culminating in that evenings class volleyball tournament where the Senior boys pulled out a 2-1 set victory over the Juniors. However, the Seniors proved no match for the Staff in the morning assembly contest despite the coaching of Shelby Reed and Desiree Winslow (visible in bottom-right of middle row picture) along with senior players (L-R) Bryan Macnab, Caleb Fritts, Luke Martin, and Hunter Kaseberg.



At right, the bag race with seniors Tyler Jones, Caleb Fritts, Isaak McLemore, and Trenton Mason (number 1) cheer on Hunter Kaseberg (in bag). Below in the Make-up Contest, Alyssa Hill watches over (L-R) Junior Marcus Henricksen and Senior Trenton Mason. After the volleyball tournament, Homecoming concluded with the Hawaiian Luau themed dance represented below by the fine footwork of freshman Austin Olson encouraged (L-R) by Junior Jaelyn Justesen and Seniors Caleb Fritts, Trenton Mason and Gaby Rubio.





## Athletic Highs and Lows: A Tribute to Fall Sports and Their Seniors

### OCTOBER FOOTBALL

by Nick Riggs and Patrick Ramos

PHOTOS COURTESY OF JEREMY LANTHORN

The odds of Husky success on the football field were dimmed by a lack of numbers from the beginning, but injury and eligibility compounded the problem resulting in a cancellation of competition following the Union competition of September 21. The two senior athletes, Tyler Jones and Caleb Fritts were honored at Senior night of the volleyball match against Dufur on October 16



### HIGH SCHOOL



(L-R) Senior Tyler Jones with mother Jill Jones; Senior Caleb Fritts with mother Tamar Fritts at last home contest of 2018 season versus Arlington/Condon.

### MS October Results

10/2 – W @ Lyle 30-28

10/9 – W v. S. Wasco  
38-12

10/16 – L v. Dufur  
20-51

10/23 - @ Arlington  
(Condon/Wheeler)  
7-8, L 20-0  
5-6, W 8-6

After opening the season 4-0, the middle school football team struggled with illness and un-available athletes that handicapped their ability to compete at their best level over the final two weeks of play resulting in season ending losses to Dufur and Arlington/Condon/Wheeler. Younger athletes were able to gain valuable experience, however. The 5/6<sup>th</sup> grade group defeated their opposite grades In the final contest in Arlington on the strength of a successful two-point conversion, 8-6.





## VOLLEYBALL FOR OCTOBER

Sherman opened October by hosting 'Pink Out' league volleyball action against Lone on Thursday the 4th. The Huskies dominated the opening set and won in three straight. The stands were not only filled with pink but also raised the noise level under the unplanned direction of seniors Luke Martin and Caleb Fritts. The rest of the month was a sandwiching of wins around losses. Wins included the big one on the road against league leading South Wasco, while a big loss was on Senior Night against Dufur, leaving the team with a third-place standing heading into the conference tournament. As Coach Gorham noted, however, the teams had all demonstrated the tournament was a toss-up to whichever played its best. The Huskies downed host Echo to open the tournament but then fell to South Wasco in the championship game. Second was still good enough to earn them a home first-round state playoff match.



Seniors on Pink Out night (L-R)

Desiree Winslow, Savannah Moe, Shelby Reed, Emma Stutzman, CJ Johnson



Nick Riggs  
Photo

The State playoff match opened with a dominating first set win for the Huskies and a 2-0 set lead, but the Damascus Christian Eagles were able to rally for three, three-point, victories over the final three sets to win the match.

## OCTOBER RESULTS

- 10/4 - v. Lone W, 3-0
- 10/9 - @ Echo L, 1-3
- 10/11 - @ S. Wasco W, 3-1
- 10/13 - v. Condon/Wheeler W, 3-0
- 10/16 - v. Dufur L, 1-3 Senior Night
- 10/20 - League Playoffs, Echo
  - v. Echo W, 3-1
  - v. S. Wasco L, 1-3
- 10/24 v. Damascus Christian, State Playoffs
  - L 2-3 (all losses by 3 points)

## MIDDLE SCHOOL RESULTS

A Team finished 2-5 with wins against Dufur and the their home finale over St. Mary's, the latter avenging a loss suffered on the road.  
B Team finished the month 5-2, also defeating St. Mary's in the home finale to avenge its earlier road loss there.  
C Team finished 1-6 with a finale straight-sets sweep of St. Mary's.



Middle School through High School Participants for 2018: Front rows, Middle School C and B teams; Orange Row Middle School A team; Top rows, High School JV and Varsity. (Photo, courtesy of Jeremy Lanthorn)



# Pick Day Participation by Loren Henderson, (some photos courtesy of Debbie Bird)



**Juniors Above (Clockwise from bottom): Emma Witherspoon, Izzy Montesanti, Alyssa Hill, Morgan Lesh; At right – Gill Witherspoon and Jed Harrison; Below (L-R) Loren Henderson, Melanie Ponke, Tayler Collier and Zoie Saunders.**



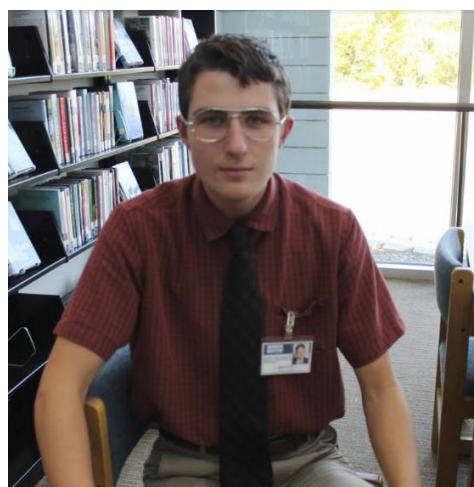
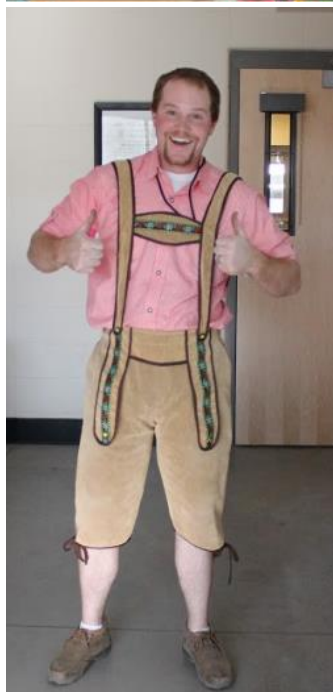
When the NFL teamed with the American Cancer Association some ten years ago, little did it expect to shape the nature of high school athletics for the month of October. But wearing the pink for Breast Cancer Awareness has come to inspire school spirit across the country as particularly demonstrated at Sherman for the Pink Out Day, October 4.

At Right: Ms. Debbie Bird, Educator Para-professional, is flanked by (L-R) Emma Robbins, Wyatt Owens, Alyssa Cunningham, Rose Couch, Nancy Ambriz, Mercedes Cardona, and Austin Olson.



# Homecoming Dressup 2018

Photos by Loren Henderson, Joseph Ramos, Taylor Henderson and Melanie Ponke



**Homecoming Theme Days:** From top (L-R): Mrs. Von Borstel for Monday's Old/Twin Day with the 'twin' combinations of Maddie Brokaw and Michaela Lloyd and Secretaries Jen Berry and Audrey Rooney. For Tuesday's Appropriate Hawaiian: Samantha Lepinski and Emma Stutzman. For Wednesday's Character/Meme Day: Luke Martin as Dwight Schrute of *The Office*, while at left is Mr. Swenson as 'The Muffin Man' or A Yodeler depending on when you asked him, followed by Natalie Martin, Allie Marker, Tyler Ward-Burnett, and Daisy Brown sporting their colors for Thursday's Color Wars: Natalie and Tyler are sporting pink for the Eighth Grade, while Allie and Daisy are going green in support of their Freshman class.

## Principal's Overview

As the school year progresses toward the end of the first quarter, there have been a wealth of positive happenings to begin the 2018-2019 school year. There are also many things to be grateful for as we approach the holiday season.

I would say that I am extremely grateful for our staff. We have as good a staff as any School District in the State of Oregon. All of our teachers and support staff are fully dedicated to what they do and put so much time and effort into the education of our students.

A great example was Homecoming week. In lieu of having a regular homecoming football game and court reveal on Friday night, the leadership students overseen by Diedra von Borstel created a fabulous Friday full of homecoming activities that culminated in a class versus class Volleyball tournament on Friday night. An earlier highlight was the staff versus Seniors volleyball game, that had numerous staff involved with our students. The support, supervision, dress up days and chaperones provided by our staff during homecoming week really helped make the week go smoothly. Our PTO, led by Liz Cranston put on the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Trunk or Treat celebration for our students Oct. 26 and it was very well attended. There was a Haunted house and a Junior High Dance for our 7-8 grade students. With the leadership of many staff members, parents and community volunteers, our students were provided with fun and safe activities outside of the educational setting. Our PTO has been very active, putting on great educational events for our kids and creating quality opportunities in the evenings for families.

It's great to see so many people involved and dedicated to creating meaningful and enriching opportunities for all of our students. With the help of many we will be able to give our students not only a top notch education from Sherman County School, but also lifelong experiences that will stay with each student.

Thank you

*Mike Somme*





Pictured clockwise are (L-R) Ashlynn Flatt with OSU Extension Educator Cindy Brown making smoothies in Adulting Class; 4-H Youth Development presenters: Cadence Smith, Emma Robbins, Mercedez Cardona, and Patrick Ramos; Ashlynn and Ms. Brown with Will James, Taylor Henderson, and Daisy Brown completing



Ms. Cindy Brown of the OSU Extension Service for Sherman County played double duty on Wednesday, Oct. 24. She led a quartet of Sherman upper-grade students in a 4-H recruitment presentation for the upper-elementary grades during the last 40 minutes of the day. Eighth-grader Cadence Smith joined with freshman Emma Robbins and sophomores Mercedez Cardona and Patrick Ramos in educating and encouraging the elementary students to consider the practical benefits of learning-by-doing that 4-H offers. After school, Ms. Brown then led the Adulting class in a foods lesson involving how to incorporate more fruit into a healthy diet. Students made fruit smoothies and yogurts and filled out an assessment on the results. Adulting is a regular after school class each Wednesday that focuses on instruction and practice in life skills that everyone needs to know. The OSU Extension Service will also provide a special first time theatre opportunity for Sherman students the week of Nov. 5. Each day after school starting at 3:30 PM, students will be selected and practice for a production of "We Are Monsters."

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