

SHERMAN COUNTY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Sherman County School in Top Ten Message from the Superintendent

The 2019 NICHE Best School Districts Ranking was recently released, factoring state test scores, college readiness, graduation rates, SAT/ACT scores, teacher quality, and public school district ratings. The Sherman County School District was ranked #14 out of 160 Districts in the State of Oregon. In addition, our teaching staff was ranked #6 for the Best Teachers in Oregon and we were ranked the #10 Best Places to Teach in Oregon. This is a perfect time to thank our entire school community for these strong marks. This ranking is directly related to our exceptional staff/students, dedicated School Board, and parents/guardians, community agencies, businesses and volunteers who consistently support our District. To maintain excellence, the entire Sherman County School Staff and School Board have been working diligently on strategic planning for the future.

This collective effort assists us in focusing on identified areas of improvement and enhancement in order to maintain high quality education programs. Below are the staff developed and Board adopted Values, Beliefs, Goals, and Priorities for the 2018-19 School Year and beyond:

District Values and Beliefs

1. Strong student/staff relationships foster improvements in academics, citizenship and attitudes.
2. Positive community support, involvement and generosity are critical to student success.
3. Employees of the Sherman County School District have a united commitment in pursuit of the vision for academic and citizenship growth by all students.
4. A safe environment where the physical, social, emotional and academic needs of the students and staff can be met.
5. Well-maintained facilities are an essential factor in providing a safe and accessible education to all.
6. We believe that our community and students deserve clean, safe, secure, well-equipped, and inviting facilities of which to be proud.

District Goals and Priorities

❖ STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

- Focus on the growth and development of the foundational skills of reading, writing, math, and science with quality, fidelity, intensity and consistency to increase the level of student achievement by our students.
- Provide support and expanded programs
 1. to increase the numbers of students on track to graduate;
 2. to increase opportunities for students in Career Technical Education (CTE); and,
 3. to increase student awareness of post-secondary opportunities and track the success of students a year after high school.

❖ STAFF DEVELOPMENT

- Promote a productive working and professional growth environment and activities which attract, develop and retain high-quality staff.
- Continue the implementation of ORTI and PBIS to improve academic and behavioral outcomes for students.

❖ SAFETY

- In partnership with the Sherman County Sheriff's Office and the Multi-Agency Safety Committee continue the implementation of the Board adopted safety measures which will ensure a safe and orderly school environment

❖ PARENT AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Continue to foster a welcoming environment for parents/families/guardians/community members and invite them to participate as partners in the education of their students.

Our ability to improve is dependent on your comments, suggestions, and constructive criticism. Please feel free to call me at 541-565-3500 or send an email message to wowens@sherman.k12.or.us. With Winter Break approaching, I would like to extend to you and your family best wishes from everyone at Sherman County School. Happy Holidays! Wes Owens

It's Deck the Hall Time

Photos by Joseph R.

It's December and end of 2018 already! SCS refused to let the season or the year end without making sure that it did its part to complete all the trimmings for the season. Thus, throughout this holiday issue we have tried to provide a representation of the artistic efforts and seasonal messages from the students and staff. Below left is the three-dimensional, hanging-in-midair locker addition of junior Jonathan B. Even the boiler room received a festive touch (left) from Miss Debbie, to win best 'Other' Door while below is Structured Learning Center handiwork of Mrs. Shown's class.



Winter Concert

by Zoie S. and Summer Comstock; photos by Cali J. and Daisy B. as well as courtesy of Mr. Wes Owens

Ho-ho-hope you enjoyed this year's Winter Program for the Sherman county music and band classes! The students sure did, with their talented singing and playing of various pieces. Some of these songs are classics, like *12 Days of Christmas*, *All I want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth*, and *Jingle Bells*, which were sung by the kindergarten and first grade classes. Songs you don't usually hear, no matter how good they are, like *Portrait of a Clown*, or *Holiday Celebration*, were played by the high school band. Sherman County is proud of all the music and band classes, and is looking forward to their next performance!

Evidence of community support for their student is seen in the packed south stands in the school's Event Center, with nearly standing room only seating as the north side was reserved for the older performing groups.

At right is the middle school (Intermediate) band who performed *December Snow* by Tichelli and a *Holiday Carol Suite* arranged by Ed McLin.

Below is the high school Concert Band Who performed *Portrait of a Clown* by Tichelli, *Crossett Brooke* by Grice, and *Holiday Celebration* by Story.

The 2nd Grade performed and sang *Yankee Doodle* and *Feliz Navidad*.

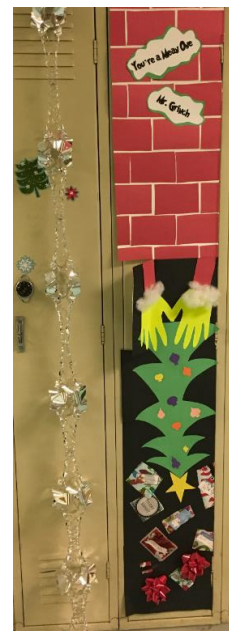
Third graders performed and sang *Jingle Bell Rock* and Rogers and Hammerstein's *Do, Re, Me*. Fourth Grader Recorder Band featured *Hot Cross Buns*, *Gently Sleeping* and *Merrily We Roll Along*.

Fifth Grade, Beginning Band II, played a variety of songs ending with a classic *Jingle Bells*.

The Sixth Grade, Beginning Band I, performed three songs also ending with *Jingle Bells*.



Below Right – Photo is of Maddi B's winner of Most Creative locker depicting the bad Ol' Grinch stealing presents through the chimney.



Concert Band Continued

Photos by Cali J. and Daisy B. as well as courtesy of Mr. Wes Owens



At left is the 2nd grade class as they preform *Yankee Doodle* and *Feliz Navidad* for the winter concert.

Below (L-R) is the 4th grade Recorder Band As they perform *Hot Cross Buns*, *Gently Sleep*, and *Merrily We Roll Along*.

The 3rd grade singing group was a particular hit with their choreographed routine to go with their singing, especially their leader Jacob L. seen in front of the line at bottom right in photo.



Above is the 5th grade, Beginning Band II, as they performed *Rain, Rain, Go Away*, *Star-Lite, Star-Brite*, *Hot Crossed Buns*, *Mary Had a Little Lamb*, and *Jingle Bells*.

Upper left: The final 'star' of the Winter Concert was the arrival of Santa Clause as he greeted everyone and took those special wishes of each girl and boy along with bestowing a candy treat for all, including Emma D.

At left is the door decoration contribution of Mrs. Miller and all her student reindeer that appear to be running away rather than running her over.



Basketball Season Off to Strong Start

by Nick R. and Will J.; Photos by Remington A-S.



Husky boys' basketball has shown that a difference in the method does not mean a difference in result. The Sherman boys rolled through their annual Sherman Invitational with commanding victories over 2A Grant Union and Stanfield to once again claim the tourney championship. The Huskies did suffer their first home loss in over four years, falling by two points to Trinity Lutheran when they struggled through a horrendous 6 for 18 shooting effort at the free throw line. Prior to that, however, Sherman recorded a hard fought two-point victory over Damascus Christian who first place in the OSAA ranking.

High School Results/Schedule

Sherman Invitational

Nov 30/ v. Grant Union, W, 57-28

Dec. 1 – v. Stanfield, W 56-40

Dec. 8 – v. Damascus Christian, JV, L 31-52
V, W 68-63

Dec. 11 – v. Trinity Lutheran; JV, W 50-48 OT
V, L 47-49

Dec. 14 - @ Hosanna Tournament, Hosanna, W, 52-51

Dec. 15 - @ Hosanna Tourney, Butte Valley (CA), W, 65-35

Dec. 20 -- @ Lone JV, 4:30 PM V 7:30*

Bus departs 2:45 PM

Dec. 22 – v. Condon, V only 5:30*

Jan 4 – @ S. Wasco, V 6:30 PM; Bus departs 3PM*

Jan 5 – v. Dufur, JV 2:30 PM, V 5:30*

Jan. 9 – @ the MODA Center, Portland, St. Paul, 1:30 PM
Bus Depart 10 AM

Jan. 11 - @ Arlington, JV 4:30 PM; V, 7:30*
Bus Depart, 2:30 PM

Jan. 12 – v. Mitchell/Spray, JV 2:30 PM; V, 5:30*

Jan. 18 - @ Echo, JV 4:30 PM; V, 7:30*

Bus Depart 2 PM

Jan. 19 – v. Lone, JV 2:30 PM, V 5:30*

Jan. 25 - @ Condon, V: 7:30 PM*

Bus Depart 4 PM

Jan. 26 – v. Echo, JV 2:30 PM; V 5:30*

Jan. 29 – v. Horizon Christian, JV 4:30 PM, V 6:00*

Feb. 1 – v. South Wasco, V 6:30 PM*

Feb. 2 - @ Dufur, JV, 2:30 PM; V, 4:30*

Bus Depart 12:45 PM

*Denotes League Games



Husky strength this season is its post play as evident in the pictures above from their victory of No. 1 Damascus. At left: Owen C. pulls a rebound away from an opponent and teammate Keenan C, while at right, Owen takes the ball off the rim with Caleb F. and Luke M ready to break down the court.

Middle School Boys Results/MS Schedule

Dec. 10 – v. Horizon Christian W Sherman A 63 –25

Dec. 11 – B Team @ St. Mary's, L

Dec. 13 – v. Arlington, W, Sherman A 34 – 26; B, W

Dec. 17 -- @ Condon, W, Sherman A 28-22, B, L

Jan. 7 – v. St. Mary, Girl's B, 4 PM; Boy's B, 5 PM

Jan. 10 – v. Dufur, Boy's B/Girl's A 4 PM; Boy's A/Girl's B 5 PM

Jan. 14 – v. South Wasco, Boy's B/Girl's A 4 PM; Boy's A/Girl's B 5 PM

Jan. 17 - @ Horizon Christian, Girl's A 4 PM; Boy's A 5 PM
Bus Departs 2:05 PM

Jan. 24 - @ Arlington, Boy's B 4 PM/Boy's A 5 PM AES

Girl's B 5 PM/Girl's A 4 PM AHS; Bus Departs 2:30

Jan. 28 – v. Condon, Boy's B/Girl's A 4 PM; Boy's A/Girl's B 5 PM

Jan. 31 - @ Dufur, Girl's B 3 PM, Boy's B 4, Girl's A 5, Boy's A 6

Bus Departs 1:40 PM



Middle School Boys Continued

Middle School boys action (as seen on page at left) is underway for the 2018-19 season. The A team has matched the girl's side of the action with a 3-0 record to start with convincing wins over Horizon and Arlington prior to a tougher battle on the road against Condon.

The B team is 1-2 so far on the season with road losses to St. Mary's of the Dalles and Condon sandwiched around a home win over Arlington.

In the picture at bottom of previous page Josh W. is seen passing to Alvaro A. during action against Arlington, while Jamie P. works for position on the weak side.

Photos by Loren H.

The Lady Huskies opened their season in the friendly confines of the Event Center but against one of the top teams in 2A the past couple of seasons: the Grant Union Prospectors. The result was a loss, but as Jaelyn J. noted, "it wasn't as bad as last year." Jaelyn is pictured at left (#30 facing away; and continuing counter-clockwise) during a timeout led by Coach Bird with Brian S., Desiree W. and CJ.

Below: Desiree W. prepares to launch a shot, while Jaelyn J. cuts down the lane and Daisy B. and Allie M. anticipate rebounding opportunities.

High School Girls



December brought the return of two returning seniors from last year's squad in Emma S. and Sammie L.; however, the squad also lost Nancy A. to concussion protocol and All-League post player Jaelyn J. to a knee injury in the opening half of play in the Hosanna Tournament.

Heading into league action Thursday, Dec. 20, the Huskies are 0-4 with their most competitive action occurring against the Klamath Union JV. Conference play begins on the road against Lone, Thursday, Dec. 20, before returning back home to face Condon at home Saturday, Dec. 22nd.

High School Results/Schedule

Nov. 30/ v. Grant Union, L, 22-73
 Dec. 1 -- v. Stanfield, L, 35-57
 Dec. 14- Hosanna Tournament, Hosanna, L, 19-48
 Dec. 15 - Klamath Union (JV), L, 21-28
 Dec. 20 -- @ Lone, 6 PM; Bus departs 2:45*
 Dec. 22 - v. Condon, 4 PM*
 Jan. 4 -- @ S. Wasco, 5 PM; Bus departs 3PM*
 Jan. 5 - v. Dufur, 4 PM*
 Jan. 11 - @ Arlington, 6 PM, Bus Departs 2:30
 Jan. 12 - v. Mitchell/Spray, 4 PM*
 Jan. 18 - @ Echo, 6 PM, Bus Departs 2:00
 Jan. 19 - v. Lone, 4 PM*
 Jan. 25 - @ Condon, 6 PM, Bus Departs 4 PM*
 Jan. 26 - v. Echo, 4 PM*
 Feb. 1 - v. South Wasco, 5 PM*
 Feb. 2 - @ Dufur, 3 PM, Bus Departs 12:45*

*Denotes League Games

Middle School Girls Results

Dec. 10th v. Horizon:	W, Sherman A 31	Horizon 21
Dec. 11th @ St. Mary's:	L, Sherman B 14	St Mary's 32
Dec. 13th v. Arlington:	W, Sherman A 34	Arlington 19
	L, Sherman B 26	Arlington 30
Dec. 17th @ Condon	W, Sherman A 26	Condon 11
	W, Sherman B 16	Condon 8



Middle School Girls

The middle school girls have opened their new season successfully. The A team is currently 3-0 with pretty convincing wins over Horizon, Arlington and Condon. The B team opened on the road versus St Mary's and struggled, but was more competitive at home against Arlington before finally notching their first win at Condon.

Below right is another custodial storage door decked out for the season by the efforts of Miss Debbie.





In what turned out to be a bit of a Griswold approach to holiday celebration, Mr. Z. (above) won the door decorating contest with his 'the gift of education' themed and lighted door using the regions two land-grant universities, which are his alma maters. The award was the result of judging by the 2nd graders as a prize for their winning door (as chosen by Leadership Class) penguin themed, seen below.

As is his tradition Mr. Casper (far left) played off of his surname.

Catherine R. (near left) hung a Christmas tree on her locker, winning the most festive locker award, while red gift wrap and tinsel did the trick for Kiyonae R. in winning the All Decked Out award.

The neighboring locker in was created by Pyeper W.



The wreath at left and snowmen wreath below are representative of Miss Debbie's festive spirit and a craft.



January Event Calendar

We're loving the thoughts of vacation now, but it will come to an end and transform into the end of semester, finals, and a very busy New Year!

Jan. 2 – School Back in Session

Adulthood, S.K.O.R.E and Wrestling*

Jan. 3 – S.K.O.R.E* and Booster Club, Lounge 6 PM

Jan. 8 – 4-H Sewing, Home Ec; Gaming Club*

Auditions for CGOA Youth Choir 5:30-6 PM

Chenoweth Elementary School

Jan. 9 – HS Boy's Basketball at Moda Center v.

St. Paul, 1:30 PM**

Auditions for CGOA Youth Choir 5:30-6 PM

Hood River MS Band Room

Contact: Corin Parker – parkerc@nwasco.k12.or.us

Jan. 11 – Half Day/Periods 1-4, Music Schedule

Jan. 14 – Board Meeting, Library Program Rm 7 PM

Jan. 16 – Be a Life Champion, 7-12 Assembly 2 PM

Jan. 18 – Half Day/Periods 5-7, PE Schedule

Jan. 19 – Athletic Foundation Crab Feed 3 PM

Jan. 21 – No School, MLK Recognition Day

Jan. 22-24 – 7-12 Semester Finals

Jan. 25 – No School Students; Teacher Work Day

Jan. 28 – Start of Second Semester; 3rd Quarter

FFA Leadership Contest, Redmond

Jan. 29 – FFA Leadership Contest

K-6 2nd Qrt Awards Assembly, Cafeteria

*Regular Weekly Event

S.K.O.R.E. an afterschool program for K-6 meets every regular-school Tuesday thru Thursday and includes a Wrestling Club that meets after the general activity on Tuesdays and Wednesdays;

OSU Adulthood program for 7-12, providing lessons over a range of life skills meets every regular Wednesday;

Gaming Club meets every regular after school, Tuesday and Wednesday unless otherwise notified;

****See the sports pages for complete contest calendars**

Dress Up Days

The ASB sent students off to vacation with a final year's worth of holiday dress-up cheer. Monday, Dec. 17 was holiday socks followed on Tuesday with holiday/winter accessory. Wednesday was holiday sweater and for Thursday's last day it was All Decked Out day.

Pictured top to bottom: 3rd graders showing off their socks, Marie S with her holiday smile too; (middle/bottom respectively) displaying the most popular accessories of hats and scarfs 6th graders and Mrs. King's 4th graders.

Below right is close-up view of Maddie B's locker decoration of the Grinch Who Stole Christmas theme that won Most Creative Award. Full locker view is on page 2 above.



Photo above by Tayler C. and Melanie P.

Sophomore Tree Sale, Another Success
Photos by Cali J. and Joseph R.



The sophomores produced another successful year of Christmas tree sales, selling 85 trees on their one-day, Dec. 1 effort. Above photo displays Keenan C. making a purchase with help from Advisor Mr. Swenson and helpers Jacob W., Savannah O., and Will J. The holiday bells are a drawing by Damian B., while the Santa on-a-couch receiving psychiatric help was the central door decoration message of Mrs. Bomberger. Doors at left (top) are that of 1st graders, Ms. Hare, and (bottom) Kindergarten, Mrs. R-Smith.

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