

# SHERMAN COUNTY SCHOOL NEW SLETTER

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## Superintendent's Message

### 'National School Counseling Week'

While we are often unaware, various organizations have picked certain months of the year to give special recognition to situations or groups that are deserving of our reflective efforts. During the month of January, a recognition of note for education was the annual recognition of those who volunteer to serve on school boards (see our Board recognition story on page 2). February presents another important education connected recognition -- National School Counseling Week -- sponsored by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA), will be celebrated from February 4-8, 2019.

This special week is a perfect opportunity to honor our school counselor at Sherman County School and those who are directly involved in counseling services, supporting student success/achievement and planning for college and career readiness.

Over the past two years, the Sherman County School District and its Board of Directors have focused on establishing an enhanced system of support for all of our students. We currently have expanded to a full-time certified K-12 Counselor/Qualified Mental Health Professional and added Student Success Support (fully funded through state-wide Measure 98 grant funds). We have also added an on-site Family Care Coordinator (fully funded through Mid-Columbia Center for Living). Though we have experienced recent turn-over in our Family Care Coordinator Position, this has led us to work collaboratively with Greater Oregon Behavioral Health, Inc., Mid-Columbia Center For Living, and local Juvenile Prevention Staff to potentially add an additional full-time Qualified Mental Health Professional that will be hired and supervised by the Sherman County School District. We strongly believe having this additional position, as part of our team, will lead to more efficient coordinated counseling services for our students and families. We are hopeful that this position (that will be fully funded by grants, with a small in-kind contribution) will begin by March of 2019. The following are brief descriptions to better familiarize our constituents with each position:

#### 1) K-12 School Counselor/Qualified Mental Health Professional - Ms. Jennifer Bomberger

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Individual Student Planning and Goal-Setting | College and Career Readiness | Academic Planning | Conflict Resolution Support | Social Emotional Learning | Family Support and Referrals to outside agencies | Responsive Services; Individual or group counseling | Threat Assessments | County Interdisciplinary Team | Behavior Plan Development.

#### 2) Measure 98/Student Success - Mrs. Gail Gunderson and Mrs. Jessianne Miller

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Career and Technical Education Program Development | College-Level Educational Opportunities Support | Dropout Prevention | Positive Behavior Intervention and Support | Attendance Monitoring | Tutoring and Academic Support.

#### 3) Qualified Mental Health Professional/Family Care Coordinator (TBA)

Community Engagement | Conflict Resolution | Social Emotional Support | Positive Behavior Intervention & Support | Skills Training | Parenting Support | Behavioral Assessments | Responsive Services.

We welcome parents, students or community members with specific questions regarding our school counseling program to contact us at your convenience. More general information can also be found on ASCA's website, [www.schoolcounselor.org](http://www.schoolcounselor.org).



**February 4-8, 2019**

### Safe Oregon Initiative

Creating a safe learning environment is also a critical part of helping each child achieve academic, social and emotional success. Two years ago, our District signed up with the Safe Oregon Tip Line. I would like to again share information regarding this additional resource for students, parents, and our communities to report safety threats.

How does the Safe Oregon Tip Line Work?



**SAFE OREGON**

Students can access the Safe Oregon system through a link on our District's website or they may go directly to the [www.safeoregon.com](http://www.safeoregon.com) website. Tips can be submitted through the web form on the Safe Oregon website, or by text, email, live call, or mobile app. Around the country, research shows that the number one reason why students do not report is the fear of retaliation from their peers. Again, the Safe Oregon Tip Line can be accessed from the privacy of a phone, home computer, or other internet equipped device, eliminating the possibility of being identified by another student and thus, decreasing the likelihood that a school safety threat would go unreported. I encourage you to learn more about the Safe Oregon Tip Line by visiting the Safe Oregon website at [www.safeoregon.com](http://www.safeoregon.com).

As always, I encourage your feedback and participation in the life of the Sherman County School District. I welcome your comments, feedback and questions. Please give me a call at Sherman County School at 541-565-3500 or send me an email at -- [wowens@sherman.k12.or.us](mailto:wowens@sherman.k12.or.us).

Sincerely,

Wes Owens  
Superintendent

## January: School Board Recognition Month



### Sherman School Board

**Back Row (l-r):**

**Bill Martin, Merrie von Borstel, Scott Susi**



**Front Row:**

**Chair, Kristie Coelsch; Vice-Chair Jesse Stutzman**

Showing appreciation should be a daily occurrence and happen whenever we see others from whom we gain inspiration or support. Our school board, like so many across the country, represent exactly that group of individuals who provide direction and oversight critical to the education of all students in Sherman County.

January is designated as School Board Appreciation Month by state and national governing authorities. The State of Oregon proclamation appears below right.

School board members spend countless hours of unpaid time attending meetings, researching issues and listening to constituents in order to make decisions that promote the optimum common good for all students in the county. For these efforts, we too often give little thought or attention, but they spend uncountable hours of stressful decision-making on our behalf nonetheless. In what is only a very small gesture, we wish to use this space in the January edition of the Husky newsletter to express our gratitude and appreciation for Kristie Coelsch (Chair), Jesse Stutzman (Vice-Chair), Bill Martin, Merrie von Borstel and Scott Susi for their faithfulness in leading and managing Sherman County School.

May our gratitude become more mindful and consistent on every occasion we see you throughout the year!

**GO HUSKIES!**





## February Events

- Feb 1 – Half Day/1-4/Music  
Varsity Basketball, 5 PM v. S. Wasco
- Feb 2 – Basketball @ Dufur, 2:30 PM JV  
Bus Depart 12:30
- Feb 5 – Freshman Valentine Cookie Sale  
Gaming Club, S.K.O.R.E. 3:30 PM\*  
Wrestling Club, 5 PM  
Movie – First Man, Library, 6 PM
- Feb 6 – Dental Screening, 9 AM  
Art Club, Library, 3:30 PM\*  
Movie – First Man, Library, 6 PM
- Feb 7 – K-6 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Awards, 2 PM
- Feb 8 – Half Day/5-7/PE  
Basketball v. Arlington, JV 4:30 PM,  
High School dance, 8:30 PM
- Feb 9 – HS Basketball at Mitchell/Spray  
Bus Departs 11:30 AM, JV 2:30 PM
- Feb 11 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Read-In 6 PM  
Board Meeting, Conference Rm, 7 PM
- Feb 14 – Valentine's Day PTO 6 PM  
Half Day/1-4/Music
- Feb 15/  
16 – District Basketball, Madras TBA
- Feb 18 – No School, President's Day  
Start of National FFA Week
- Feb 19 – K-6 Talent Show, 1:30 PM
- Feb 20 – **Immunization Exclusion**
- Feb 21 – Book Club Meeting, 'Us Against You,  
Library, 6 PM
- Feb 22 – Full Day  
K-6 Talent Show 9 AM  
Gr. 4-12 Assembly 1 PM  
Missoula Singers
- Feb 25 – Start of Artist in Residence, K-6  
FFA Leadership, Sectionals
- Mar 1 – Half Day/5-7/PE

## Weekly Events

### \*Regular Weekly Event

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

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

**OSU Adulting** program for 7-12, providing lessons over a range of life skills meets every regular Wednesday with the current focus on sewing skills;

## Pep Band Rocks the Gym

by Zoie S

At Right, Mr. G leads the pep band as Isaac, guitar, and Gill, drums, follow along. Below, the remainder of the band inspiring the crowd at the Horizon game..

Photos by Cali J.



## Drumroll, please . . .

The return to school from Winter Break also meant the return to the upper stands of the Husky Pep Band under the direction of Mr. John G. Not only has the band added its own 'pop' to exciting games of basketball but has thrilled sports fans with its rousing rendition of the National Anthem. There is nothing quite so right about a high school sports contest as having its very own band play the anthem.

Of course, it is not just the *Star Spangled Banner* that they play well, but the school's fight song, *Notre Dame Victory March*, and a variety of other peppy tunes ranging from Ozzy Osborne's *Crazy Train*, Europe's *Final Countdown*, Journey's *Don't Stop Believin'*, to The White Stripes *Seven Nation Army*.

There are only a handful of home games remaining in the season, so come enjoy the games and the band while you can.

# BOYS BASKETBALL

Photos by Desire W and Jacob W

## Varsity

After stumbling on a long road trip to Prairie City over Winter Break, the Husky men are a perfect 12-0, with eleven of those in league action. Their performance has earned them sole possession of first place in the conference and a second place standing in the OSAA 1A Rankings. The biggest victory in the conference race occurred this past Tuesday evening against another league unbeaten going into the contest, Horizon Christian. The Huskies showed all of their weapons with all five starters – Tyler, Keenan, Caleb, Luke M., and Wade -- in double figure scoring on a 20-point night by Tyler J. Other high-point contributors in the current run have been Keenan and Luke M, with the latter reaching 20-or more in four of those contests. Bench play has also made their contributions felt. In the buzzer beater loss at Prairie City, Owen C. poured in 16 points and later scored 13 at home against Echo in league action. Byran M. hit all three of his triples and ended in double figures in the team's road win over Echo.

## JV

The JV squad has done their best to keep pace with the varsity with only a half-court heave at the buzzer on the part of Dufur keeping them from having an undefeated stretch since Winter Break as well. Their success has come largely on the defensive end where they have held all but one opponent below 40 points. Sophomore post, Will J., has led the scoring in five of those contests averaging a little over 16-points per game with a high of 21 against Echo. His game-high 14 powered the latest victory that avenged the earlier loss to Dufur. Junior Jeremy B has twice led the team in scoring and Freshman Remington A.-S. poured in a game and team season-high 24 in the home win over Mitchell/Spray.

**Below:** Luke M. lofts a floater over the Horizon defense with Keenan and Owen looking for a rebound that was not needed.



**Above** varsity team poses at the Moda Center (l-r): (front) Tyler, Wade, Jeremy, Nick, Hunter, Luke S., Brian; (back) Owen, Caleb, Jed, Luke M. **Below** Luke M. runs the offense from the high post against St. Paul, while Caleb drops to the low post and Keenan flashes wing on ball side.



## SCORES:

## Varsity

## JV

Dec 20 - @ Ione	W, 73-35	
Dec 21 - Condon	W, 66-60	
Dec 27 - @ Prairie City,	L 52-54	W, 59-49
Jan 4 - @ S. Wasco	W, 66-41	
Jan 5 - Dufur	W, 62-43	L, 42-44
Jan 9 -@ Moda Center		
St. Paul	W, 52-42	
Jan 11 -@ Arlington	W, 54-48	W, 44-34
Jan 12 - Mitchell/Spray	W, 74-32	W, 73-6
Jan 18 -@ Echo	W, 61-29	W, 27-11, 2 Qtrs
Jan 19 - Ione	W, 79-28	W, 78-22
Jan 25 - @Condon	W, 76-62 OT	
Jan 26 - Echo	W, 62-38	W, 69-38
Jan 29 - Horizon	W, 70-56	W, 60-37
Feb 1 - S. Wasco	W, 67-37	
Feb2 - @Dufur	W, 52-32	W, 43-36





# GIRLS BASKETBALL

Adversity has become the name of the game for the Lady Huskies this season as All-League post Jaelyn J fell victim to a knee injury at the Hosanna Tournament over Winter Break. More recently, Mercedes C, experienced a hyper-extension of a finger at Condon that resulted in a laceration that took five stitches to close.

On the positive side, Junior Makayla M. is back and Senior Shelby R. volunteered to come out to add numbers and maturity to the young squad.

Senior Desiree W. has been the most consistent scoring threat with double figures in several contests including a season high 16 in the team's lone win over Mitchell/Spray on her home court on January 12. Freshman, Allie M. has grown in her ability to gain low post position and finish at the rim which produced 14 points in the win over the Eagle-Loggers. Sammie L. also reached double-figures with 11 in the contest. In Desiree's absence for a college visitation, Emma S. stepped up to lead the Huskies with 10 points in a close first half on the road against Condon/Wheeler.



Photos by Jacob W



Photos: Top Right (l-r): Sammie and Allie battle for the rebound; Above, Makayla provides on-ball pressure as Daisy B and Desiree pressure the passing lanes; Above Right, Allie sets a screen to free Cali J; and, Below, CJ pressures the ball as Sammie takes away the post entry and Allie supports in help-side.

## HIGH SCHOOL SCORES:

Dec 20 - @ Lone	L, 20-51
Dec 21 - Condon	L, 37-39
Jan 4 - @ S. Wasco	L, 32-47
Jan 5 - Dufur	L, 27-50
Jan 11 - @ Arlington	L, 31-35
Jan 12 - Mitchell/Spray	W, 64-28
Jan 18 - @ Echo	L, 25-49
Jan 19 - Lone	L, 19-36
Jan 25 - @ Condon	L, 31-49
Feb 1 - S. Wasco	L, 30-53
Feb 2 - @ Dufur	L, 26-47



## Middle School Girls A

Jan 10 - Dufur,	W, 23 - 21
Jan 24 - @Arlington,	L, 19 - 20
Jan 28 - Condon,	W, 32 - 12
Jan 31 - @ Dufur:	L, 20 - 32



## More Basketball: Middle School, JV and Senior Fans

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Girls A team, showing its defense at right, was 2-2 in January, with both losses on the road. The B team lower right has yet to break into the win column.

The Boys A Team has only lost to Dufur, while the B team is also 2-2 for the month



At left in JV action, Jeremy B scores a lay-in off transition fast-break in the win over Horizon. At bottom left, Jed H challenges a shot by an Echo player while Will J and Nick R look to coral the rebound.

At right and below, Husky Seniors sport blackout attire in support of their team going for the league lead over Horizon.





## “Be a Champion” Assembly



'Be a Champion in Life' was the title of the assembly brought to the school by the Sherman County Prevention Coalition. The program was presented by Richard Jensen a nearly life-long resident of the greater Portland metropolitan area. The program is his story of slipping into alcohol and drug addiction after high school that led to criminal activity and incarceration in the Oregon State Penitentiary for much of his early adult life. But as the “champion” in the program’s name implies, his life did not end down-and-out. Following the death of his mother during his last incarceration and the realization that relationships with his children were also at risk of ending, he determined to change his life around.

From his treatment program he became aware that the surest way to defeat bad urges and habits was to replace them with success-producing behaviors. In his case, he found those new habits by returning to community college to learn a new skill and to pick back up on an old one – wrestling. He joined the Clackamas Community College wrestling team and by his second year was able to make it to the national finals. After college, he continued to pursue that elusive championship by competing in a variety of national senior-level programs. Despite consistently placing in the top five between 2009-14, he would not quit until he claimed a championship, which he finally did at the 2016 National Folk Style wrestling tournament. Prior to that in 2009, his getting clean through his collegiate competition while in his late 30's was picked up by ESPN's Outside the Lines series and his episode won the national sports story Emmy for that year.

As he began to receive responses of how his story was inspiring others, he became inspired to develop the “Be a Champion for Life” program with its theme of inspiring others to be a part of a daily effort to live the life of a striving champion.



Photos: Top, from <http://beachampioninlife.com/> Mr. Jensen at an assembly in a New York state district school.

Middle and Above Left, Mr. Jensen addressing the Sherman student body including his video presentation (Photos by Melanie P and Tayler C.)

Above and Left, the two sides of the bracelets Jensen invited students to take as a reminder of his organization's principles: 1) temptation happens to everyone, but 2) there is an alternative choice every time as well, with the effect on others to consider as equal to your own person consequences.

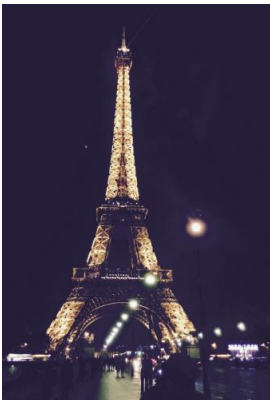
## FFA Scores District Parli-Pro First Place

Parliamentary Procedures is a leadership competition in FFA where members are tested on their knowledge and ability in the procedures of handling official business-meeting techniques. Sherman entered its team of six in the recent District FFA Leadership competition at the Redmond Expo Center and came away with the first place banner. Competing members were Secretary, Desi W., Savannah M, Gill W, Joseph R, Gavenn L, and Chair, Isaak M. The team is shown consulting at the competition at right and with banner in the classroom at bottom right. Below includes other FFA members competing in other events at the District Leadership Conference, (l-r) Jordan B, Alyssa H, Savannah, Isaak, Gavenn, and Gabby R.

Senior Savannah M also earned third place in Extemporaneous Speaking, which is the first banner in this category for the Sherman Chapter. She also was selected as a candidate for State Office in the coming year and will be going through the additional interviewing and voting process at the State Convention during Spring Break.



## Night in Paris Dance



The winter high school dance themed after a night in Paris will take place Friday, February 8, following the home basketball games versus Arlington until 11 PM.

The ASB is hosting the dance and is promoting it as a semi-formal Sadie Hawkins affair. That means – ladies – that you all are supposed to sweat out the anxiety of asking the guys. The dance will take place in the Cafeteria. There is no charge and light snacks will be provided by ASB. Go Huskies and be there!

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