

# SHERMAN COUNTY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## Reminder that February is Still Winter



Back in November as the District looked into December, it seemed appropriate to provide a message regarding weather closure communication methods and practices. Little did we know that December would not produce images like the above in this edition's banner or mailbox-turned-icebox, but that rather it would be most of February that produced these images and days of closures. Of course, it reminds us that February is still a winter month and spring is still weeks away!

With several missed days of school, the School Board made initial calendar adjustments at their own makeup meeting of Thursday, February 21, to add back four half-days (noted in the excerpt from the Superintendent's letter below). However, with an additional four days missed, the Board will again be considering calendar adjustments at their meeting at 7 PM, March 11.

**Please be aware that the following previously scheduled half day Fridays are now full school days:**

- ✓ Friday, March 15
- ✓ Friday, April 12
- ✓ Friday, April 19
- ✓ Friday, May 3

**Rather than making up days at the end of the year or during spring break, this half day make up approach was chosen to provide more instructional support for all students.**

**In the event additional instruction time is added back at the conclusion of the winter season, I will communicate to you following the March 11, 2019 Board meeting. As always, our mission is to educate our children and prepare them for success in college, career and life. With that said, we are hoping for a mild finish to the winter and uninterrupted learning days.**

**Thank you for your understanding and continued support of our school. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at (541) 5565-3500 or [wowens@sherman.k12.or.us](mailto:wowens@sherman.k12.or.us).**

Sincerely,

## Thank You Classified Employees: from Wes Owens

Classified Employee Appreciation Week is annually designated during the first full week of March. A perfect time to thank our support personnel for the critical roles they play in the success of our district. Classified employees support the smooth operation of offices, the safety and maintenance of our beautiful facilities and property, healthy nutrition, business management, and direct instruction and supervision of students. They continually serve as role models and mentors of our students, while supporting the efforts of educators, parents, volunteers, business partners, and community members to promote the education of ALL students. They are the backbone of Sherman County School: not only during this special week, but throughout the entire school year. I want to recognize the outstanding classified employees and support staff for their diverse talents, true dedication, and years of service (as noted in parentheses after their names below) to our students.

Our Instructional Para-professionals are vital in providing a quality learning experience for our students. Debbie Bird (22), Betsy Casper (5), Tina Kaseberg (8), Tionie Kock (5), Kari Peters (1), and Amber Riley (1) perform a myriad of tasks over the course of a school day to support teachers and students. We could not function without them.

Our Public/School Library is managed by Deanna Christiansen (15) and Marylou Martin (5). Together with the caring Public School Library staff they professionally support our students, teachers, and the community on a daily basis.

We are fortunate to have an outstanding food service program in the Sherman County School District. Darcy Henry (7) and Sabrina Norris (2) do a fantastic job preparing nutritious breakfast and lunch meals for our students.

We have a custodial staff who takes pride and meticulously maintains our beautiful facility. The facility and grounds are the envy of schools around the State of Oregon. Garak Casper (2), Jack McAllister (5), and Craig Wood (13) simply do an amazing job. This team regularly receives compliments from community members, parents from other schools, and students about how clean our facility is on a daily basis.

Our Seasonal Groundskeepers, Bruce Olsen (6) and Synoma Olsen (4), work hard at keeping our district grounds - from the athletic fields to the landscape/lawns at Sherman County School - immaculate; their effort is truly appreciated.

Jennifer Berry (6) and Jeanie Pehlke (10) are the faces and voices of our school offices. They are professional, friendly, and helpful to everyone with whom they come in contact, answering questions and processing a remarkable amount of requests from parents, students, teachers, and administrators. They are the critical front line troopers.

Kim McKinney (15) is the Business Manager and works tirelessly in processing payroll and monitoring our school budget. Her commitment and conscientious approach to the school budget is noteworthy.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and certified staff, with much gratitude: Thank you classified staff for all that you do!

# K-6 Annual Talent Show

Photos by Daisy B



During the busy week of FFA recognition, SCS also hosted the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual K-6 Talent Show. The event is a non-competitive, entertainment focused event to allow students to showcase their skills over a wide range of performance styles as represented in our collage on this page. Beginning clockwise from top left: Mark S provides an oral interpretive reading; Kaileigh K, Emma G and Kiara P perform a Cheer routine; Adeline W and Bella W sing a song they composed, *Dragon Fly*; a 6<sup>th</sup> grade band ensemble of (l-r) Michael B, Tamika L, Codie Lee H, Nicole S, Vanessa A and Jamie P (continued below)



Continue clockwise at near right: Jacob L sings and dances to 'Rock Monster' from Veggie Tales; Marlie J performs a dance to 'This Feeling' by Chainsmokers; and lastly, Ethan S performs a series of Knock-Knock and riddle jokes with Emma S who served as the audience volunteer to provide the "Who's there?" or guess responses to his opening lines.





## March Events Calendar

Obviously the main events for March include spring sport's seasons starting and Spring Break. However, there are also a host of other school activities as well. Find below Sherman's March events calendar.

- Mar. 1 - Full Day, snow day makeup
- Mar. 4 - Classified Appreciation Week  
K-6 Dr. Seuss Week
- Mar. 5 - SCHolaRs 2-3 PM\*  
SKORE and Gaming Club 3:30\*  
Wrestling Club, 5-8 PM\*
- Mar. 6 - Art Club, 3:30\*
- Mar. 8 - PTO Carnival 6-8 PM
- Mar. 9 - SAT Testing, Rooms 7 & 8 7:30 AM
- Mar.10 - **Daylight Savings Time Begins**
- Mar.11 - Missoula Children's Theatre,  
Peter and Wendy  
School Board, Library Program Rm,  
7-9 PM
- Mar.12 - 4-H Sewing, Home Ec. Rm, 3:30
- Mar.14 - Booster Cub Meeting, 6-7 PM
- Mar.15 - Full Day, snow day makeup  
HS Tennis vs. Riverside, 4 PM  
Missoula Theatre, Cafeteria, 7 PM
- Mar.18 - Dental Screening, 9-10 AM  
BB vs The Dalles JV, 4 PM
- Mar.19 - Tennis @White Salmon, 3:30 PM
- Mar.20 - Adulting Returns\*  
5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Fair,  
Elementary Gym  
Smokey the Bear and Sparky visit  
Grades 1 & 2, 1 PM
- Mar.21 - **End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter**  
Tennis @ Arlington 4 PM
- Mar.22 - No School Students, Teacher Work/  
Planning Day  
State FFA Convention Begins,  
Redmond  
BB @ Umatilla 1 PM
- Mar.25-29 - Spring Break, No School**
- April 1 - No Fooling, Back to School!**

### \*Regular Weekly Event

S.K.O.R.E. an afterschool program for K-6 meets every regular-school Tuesday thru Thursday and includes a Cheer Club with a Wrestling Club that meets after the general activity on Tuesdays and Wednesdays;  
OSU Adulting program for 7-12, providing lessons over a range of life skills usually meets on regular-school Wednesdays, but will not resume until March 20<sup>th</sup> currently.  
Gaming Club meets every regular after school, Tuesday and Wednesday unless otherwise notified;

## Students of Quarter – Honor Roll & Honorable Huskies

by Valeria A

In conjunction with the District PBIS emphasis on developing a safe, respectful and responsible culture, the District recognizes a student of the quarter. This recognition begins with classroom teachers nominating students they observe doing the right things to promote learning in the classroom. Once nominated, the rest of the staff for that grade-level division vote final approval. Below are grade-level selectees and nominators for the second quarter of 2018-19.

(Photos courtesy of Lifetouch)

### Elementary, Clay S; Ms. Hare, 1<sup>st</sup> Gr



### Elementary, Emma G, Ms. Jones, 5<sup>th</sup> Gr



### MS

### Luke F, Mr. Z, English 7



### HS, Aurora B

### Mr. Z, English 9 & Media



### HS, Jeremy B, Mr. Dearborn,

### Science, TA



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Honor Roll, MS

### 3.5-3.99

Maddie B, Courtney C, Luke F, Morgan G, Stielh G, Sophie H, Kole M, Natalie M, Henry P, Cadence S, Pyeper W, and Tyler W-B.

### Honorable Mention – 3.0-3.49

Sawyer B, Emily L, and Kaelex Peters.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Semester Honor Roll, HS

### 4.0

Jordan B, Owen C, Darian D, CJ J, Samie L, Luke M, Emma S, Desiree W, and Emma W.

### 3.5-3.99

Aurora B, Koby B, Jonathan B, Keenan C, Jed H, Alyssa H, Tyler J, Jaelyn J, Isaak M, Savannah M, Izzy M, Catherine R, Nick R, Emma R, Ellie S, and Gill W.

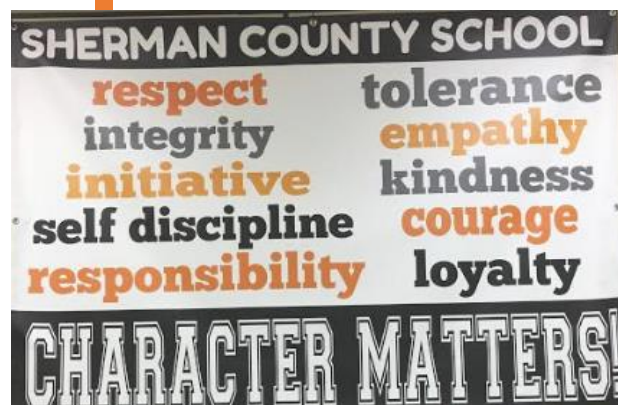
### Honorable Mention – 3.0-3.49

Isaac A, Valeria A, Necia B, Jeremy B, Daisy B, Christian D, Caleb F, Cali J, Lindsey J, Hunter K, Morgan L, Gavenn L, Makayla M, Allie M, Trenton M, Michaela N, Bailee O, Joseph R, Gaby R, Dillan S, and Brett W.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Honorable Huskies

The word 'honorable' is an adjective that refers to that which is deserving of highest esteem, of adherence to the highest standards, or of fulfilling one's obligation or duty above and beyond what was required. Honorable Huskies are, therefore, those students who possessed no unexcused absences or tardies, no referrals, and who all staff agree meet the definition of most deserving because they met their obligations to the fullest degree possible. Honorable Huskies for first quarter are in alphabetical order –

Valeria A	Allie M
Aurora B	Luke M
Koby B	Savannah M
Jonathan B	Henry P
Keenan C	Emma R
Christian D	Emma S
CJ J	Brett W
Sammie L	Desiree W
Morgan L	Emma W



## HUSKY BOYS 2018-19

Perhaps to the surprise of many Big Sky prognosticators, but not to themselves, the Husky men ground their way through conference play a perfect 15-0, highlighted by an overtime win at Condon and a double digit win on the road against league runner-up Horizon Christian. Unfortunately, almost a week of lost school and going without practice left them rusty as they fell to Horizon in the District Championship final. As men, however, they quickly regrouped and focused their energies on the next goal: state tournament qualifying. This they accomplished with back-to-back 20+ point victories over North Clackamas Christian and Siletz Valley, with the seniors winning the honor of being part of a program to earn a trip to Baker City in each year of their high school careers – an amazing legacy! Their final push for a State title came to an end with a 4-point loss against Prairie City in a tight back-and-forth contest. The Huskies finished with a 31-point win over Horizon in the Consolation Semifinal before falling to Damascus Christian in the Consolation final to finish 6<sup>th</sup> in State. Despite falling short on half of the season's goals, a number of individuals were recognized at District and State. Luke M earned Big Sky Player of the Year and was named 2<sup>nd</sup> Team State Tourney, he along with Keenan C were named to the conference First Team. Caleb F was a Second Team honoree, and Tyler J received Conference honorable mention.

### FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

Feb 1 – South Wasco	W, 67-37	
Feb 2 – @Dufur	W, 52-32	
Feb 6 – @Horizon	W, 50-34	
Feb 8 – Arlington	W, 67-34	
Feb 9 – @Spray/Wheeler	Cancelled	
District Tournament		
Feb 15 – Dufur	W, 38-30	
Feb 16 – Horizon	L, 35-45	
State Qualifying		
Feb 19 – North Clackamas		
Christian	W, 66-44	
Feb 22 – Siletz Valley	W, 62-41	
Feb 27 – Prairie City	L, 48-52	State Quarterfinal
Feb 28 – Horizon	W, 59-28	Consolation Semifinal
Mar 2 – Damascus Chr.	L, 52-59	Consolation Final

Photos: Beginning top clockwise – Caleb F puts up mid-key jumper against North Clackamas (NCC) in first state qualifying game; Keenan scoops a rebound in the same game; sophomore, Wade F hit a number of key jumpers against NCC; and, your 2019 6<sup>th</sup> Place Trophy recipients below (photo courtesy of Tamar F).





## HUSKY GIRLS PERSEVERE TO THE END Photos by Jacob W



Before Senior Night and what turned out to be the Lady Huskies' last game of 2018-19, they gathered together for a final team photo at left: L-R: Mercedes C, Daisy B, Cali J, Allie M, CJ J, Emma S, Desiree W, Sammie L, Taylor H, Shelby R, and Makayla M.

This team battled several injuries, losing Jaelyn J to knee injury in preseason along with Taylor H with ankle issues and Mercedes C out briefly with a finger laceration. Yet, every game and all through the season they battled and inspired fellow student-athletes, Sammie L, Emma S, and, eventually senior but first-timer, Shelby R to come join them in their efforts.

They were led throughout by senior point, Desiree W, who earned Second Team All-League honors, seen in photo with parents below.



Photo quartet above, starting at top clockwise: Shelby R applies on-ball defense in first half of Senior Night game, while Sammie and Emma defend passing lanes; Desiree W and parents during Senior Night introductions; Taylor H with father during introductions; and CJ J and sister Cali with parents during introductions.

### FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

Feb 1 – South Wasco	L, 30-53
Feb 2 - @Dufur	L, 26-47
Feb 8 – Arlington	L, 67-34
Feb 9 - @Spray/Wheeler	Cancelled



## Umpqua Singers

Photos by Cali J and Aurora B



Thanks to some historical connections with Umpqua Community College and Sherman's own music teacher, Mr. John G, a choral group from UCC stopped by to provide a musical assembly for grades 4-12 on Friday, Feb. 22. Top left the group performs their finale, covering the Beatles "Hey Jude." At far left, you see that Mr. G provided accompaniment for several of their songs. Perhaps the best loved song from the student perspective was the group's performance of "I Like Socks" with Margo, at left, performing as lead singer.



## Classified Employees: Mentor, Support and Care

Photos by Aurora B, Cali J, Nick R and Valeria A



In honor of Classified Staff for their week of recognition March 4-8, clockwise from top left we found several doing their work that serves the students and our community so well: Kari P assisting in freshmen level class; Garak C keeping the halls spotless; and Betsy C providing some math tutoring for Quinton B.

## FFA Recognition Week

Photos by Cali J, Valeria A and Aurora B

Despite the fact that the week of February 18<sup>th</sup> began without school, recognizing President's Day, it was also in the middle of National FFA Week. A week the FFA uses to promote Ag - education and careers - and to recognize the importance of agriculture to civilization and society.

The Sherman Chapter used dress-up days and competitions to promote Ag. awareness at SCS on days we actually went to school in February!

Tuesday was dress like a farmer, Wednesday was dress like an executive, Thursday were the FFA colors or attire, and Friday was farm related head wear, as seen below (l-r) Koby B, Mrs. G, and Clayton R.



The two competitions sponsored by the FFA for their week were "Country Car Show" and "Horse." Deah B won the best looking rig with her PT Cruiser, Marcus H won most likely to break down with his '94 Honda Civic, and Erynn W won Oldest Still Running with her '92 Toyota Camry. Fourteen basketball sharp shooters signed up for the Horse competition in a single elimination tournament that owing to numbers and days missed currently has seen Nick R cruise past Will J to win the overall championship while Jed H and Patrick R are still in the middle of the consolation final.

School days were not the only casualty of inclement weather this February. The Sherman Chapter team that took first place in the District competition had the Sectional competition set for Monday, February 25, cancelled because of the adverse weather of that weekend which dumped inches and even feet of snow across the Central Oregon region. "The cancellation of the contest was disappointing," Chapter Advisor Mr. Swenson reported, "but a good call due to the weather conditions."

"Fortunately," he added, "as it affected the whole region, the contest will be rescheduled, though a new date has not been set yet"

He concluded that the good news involved the fact that the team now had more time to practice procedure skills and to research debate topics.





## Current Calendar Revision

March, 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

April, 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

May, 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

The District calendar at left reflects the adding what is currently 5 full-day Fridays in place of half-days as shown by the blue circles enclosing March 1 and 15, April 12 and 19, and May 3. However, at the next meeting of March 11, the Board will again consider adjustments to the calendar due to the lost days during the final week of February.

Safe, Respectful, Responsible and Fun in Action



Illustrating the many roles played by our classified staff; clockwise from top left: Amber R and Tionie K perform a 'blind tasting' talent in support of the K-6 Talent Show; Deanna C helping students in the library, though she also helps in the hallways and classrooms as well; Kim M at her desk faithfully keeping bills and payroll accounted for; and, Mrs. K wrapping up a successful day with teacher Ms. Shown.

The Husky Staff recognizes that we have only managed a sample of our Classified staff in photos and refer the reader back to Mr. Owens' thank you note on page 1 for a full listing of our outstanding Classified Employees.



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