

SHERMAN COUNTY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Spring Administration Message Mr. Wes Owens

There are many exciting happenings occurring in April, May and June at Sherman County School. To start, Administrative Professionals Day was April 24, 2019. It was a special time to celebrate and acknowledge the treasured work of our Administrative Professionals Jen Berry and Jeanie Pehlke. They both hold critical responsibilities and are crucial to the efficient functioning of the day-to-day operations of our school. The week of May 6-10 is National Teachers Appreciation Week. This is a perfect opportunity to recognize the outstanding certified employees who work at Sherman County School. Our entire certified staff is dedicated and committed to preparing all of our students for life-long success. Across all grade levels K-12 and subject matter they do a fabulous job educating and supporting each and every student at our school.

In addition to the regularly scheduled co-curricular/athletic events/classroom field trips, there are a few key dates to remember as we near the end of the school year and our graduation ceremony on June 1st at 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Husky will take place on April 30th at 7:00 p.m.;

the Spring Music Program will be performed on May 2nd at 6:00 p.m.;

our District Budget Meeting will be held on May 6th at 7:00 p.m.;

the FFA Banquet will be on May 9th at 7:00 p.m.;

6th Grade Outdoor School is from May 6-10;

the National Honor Society will hold their spring induction ceremony at 6:30 p.m. on May 13th;

Kindergarten Round-up is scheduled for May 21st at 6:00 p.m.;

7-12 Academic/Athletic Awards Program will take place on May 28th at 6:00 p.m.; and, we will be honoring our Seniors at **the Scholarship Program** on May 30th at 7:00 p.m.

We hope that you can plan on attending these special events. Throughout the spring students at Sherman County School will be completing state assessments (SBAC – Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium). These tests are the statewide assessments that students across Oregon take to measure academic progress in the core subject areas of math, reading, science, social studies, and writing. The results of these assessments provide an indication of a student's progress towards state learning goals. Additionally, these results are a large part of what the State of Oregon and the federal government use to evaluate and determine the quality of our school's teaching and learning. It is important that students approach these tests seriously and strive to do their best. (Group social science, English 7 and 11 testing is completed, with other English (ELA) levels and Math tests ready during the next two weeks.)

The following are some tips for parents to assist their students in doing their best on each test:

- A good night's sleep prior to taking each test.
- A healthy breakfast each morning before school.
- Excellent attendance. Students who are absent the day of a test must later be pulled out of class to take the test, which can be a major disruption to their learning.
- Discuss the tests with your student and share encouragement and support.
- Ask your student when they will be testing and invite them to report how they performed to you.

As always, I encourage your feedback and participation in the life of our school. I welcome your comments and questions. You can reach me at 541-565-3500 or wowens@sherman.k12.or.us.

Sincerely,



April Does Bring a Bit of Spring, Wind and Showers



Spring sports activities did proceed on in April, but with some weather related adjustments. Above (l-r), Aurora B, Alyssa H, Valeria A and Michaela N wait for their tennis matches bundled against the cold and wind. One baseball game, see page 4, had to be picked up and moved to The Dalles in the fifth inning of a doubleheader on account of rain showers.

Prom: A Night in Hollywood

Photos by Jessie Bailey Photography or Jaelyn J



The traditional Prom Night was celebrated on Saturday, April 20th, conjoined with South Wasco High School and held at The Dalles Civic Auditorium. The night's theme was Hollywood and guests passed a 'thrang of silhouetted paparazzi' as they entered the 'ballroom' for their night of socializing and dancing. Junior Class President Alyssa H led the Sherman Prom efforts. She is pictured second from left in photo with her date, Senior Prince Trenton M, at her left, and Senior Princess, Ariel V, at her right, with her date Zion I.

At top, couples or groups were able to get photos in front of the Hollywood theme backdrop as evidenced by a group of SCS seniors (l-r) Gavenn L, Maddi B, Zoie S (front), Laura C (Condon student), and her date Nate R.

Immediately above, a group of SCS underclass ladies enjoyed a pre-dance photo above the gorge: (l-r) Jaelyn J, Makayla M, Ellie S and Lindsey J. The sunny skies in the north of the county and in The Dalles that night masked the reality of the downpour in the lower county that sent the last innings of the baseball game that started in Moro to Wahtonka Field in The Dalles.

At top right, ASB President and Senior Princess Desiree W sits with her date Senior Prince Luke M, who as evidenced in the photo beneath it was crowned SCS Prom King along with Queen Emma S.



Students of the 3rd Quarter and Honorable Huskies

What makes a Student of the Quarter? The noun *student* comes from the verb *study*. So, a noteworthy student is someone that is doing the behaviors that promote learning and, ultimately, the habits of good citizenship. 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 third quarter of 2018-19.

(Photos courtesy of Lifetouch)

Elementary, Cael B, Ms. Slay



Elementary, Audrey P, Mobley & King



7-8, Harmany B, Mrs. Dumolt, English 8



High School, Isaak M Mr. Stuart, Social Studies;



High School, Desiree W Mr. Z, English 12



What makes for an Honorable Husky? The word 'honorable' is an adjective that refers to that 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 honorable. Honorable Huskies for third quarter are in alphabetical order –

Isaac A
Aurora B
Necia B
Jordan B
Maddie B
Daisy B
Jonathan B
Owen C
Keenan C
Rose C
Christian D
Sophie H
Lindsey J
Jaelyn J
Hunter K
Allie M
Luke M
Natalie M
Trenton M
Isaak M
Savannah M
Michaela N
Henry P
Joey R
Emma R
Dillan S
Emma S
Pyeper W
Emma W
Gill W

3rd Quarter Honor Roll, MS*

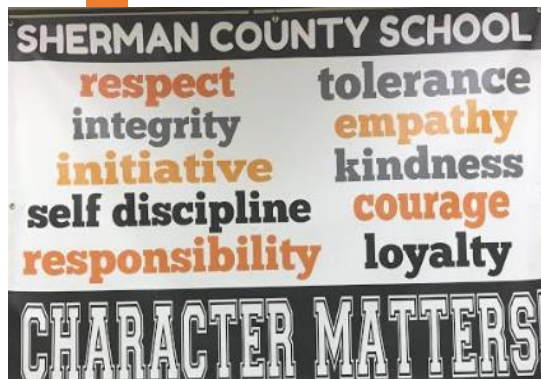
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Madalyn B, Courtney C, Luke F, Morgan G, Stiehl G, Kole M, Kaelex P, Henry P, Pyeper W and Tyler W-B,

Honorable Mention – 3.0-3.49

Sawyer B, Harmany B, Emily L, and Cadence S.

*High School Honor Roll is recorded by Semester and not by Quarter



Spring Sports: What Took So Long to Start is Almost Over!

Story by Will J & Dillan S

BASEBALL

Pictured top to bottom all from home victory over Stanfield, April 23rd: Luke S. about to make contact. He sent the ball into left-field producing a run. Wade F throwing from 3rd for a putout at first and then scores a run to knot the game at that point after stealing both 2nd and 3rd.

At bottom right: Will J sends a low delivery back up the middle.



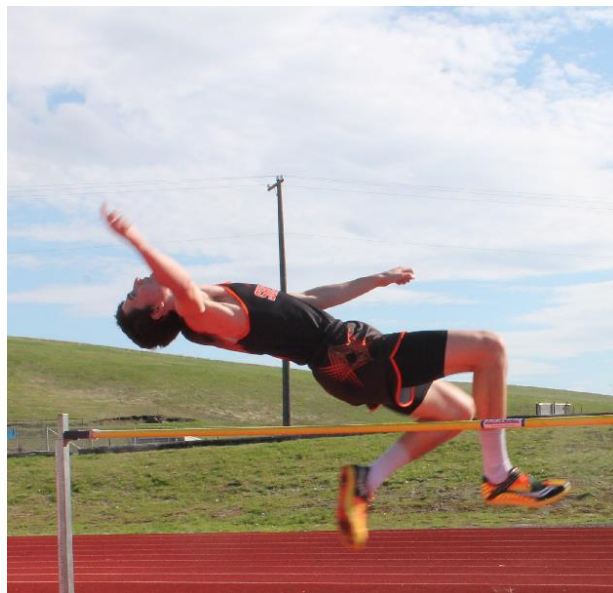
With green grass and sunny skies, Sherman got their baseball season off in mostly dominate fashion, cruising through the start of non-conference season at 6-0. League play has produced some rough 'sailing,' more literally in some cases than figuratively. On the Saturday of Prom, April 20th, and the opener in the books in a 4-1 victory, Sherman was leading 1-0 in the fifth when a rainstorm drove them off their home field and all the way to Wahtonka Field in The Dalles. Bases had to be pulled up and the borrowed field's lines chalked before the final innings could be completed. A contest that ended up going two extra innings before lost on a passed ball in the ninth inning. The one bright spot as Coach Justesen noted, "We produced our first triple play in my 13 years of coaching here." Currently the team stands overall at 9-6 and 4-5, fourth, in conference play with five league contests remaining. Grant Union leads the league at 8-0, Pilot Rock is 7-2 and Dufur 5-3.



Record

Mar. 22: @Umatilla,	W, 14-2 (5 innings)
	W, 20-7 (5)
Mar. 25: @Weston-McEwen	W, 12-3
	W, 15-3 (7 innings)
Apr. 2: @The Dalles JV	W, 18-3 (6)
Apr. 4: @Stanfield*	W, 3-0 (5)
Apr. 6: @Irrigon	L, 5-15 (5)
Apr. 13: Union/Cove*	L, 7-8
	W, 16-2 (7)
Apr 16: Dufur*	L, 5-6
Apr 20: Pilot Rock*	W, 4-1
	L, 1-2 (9)
Apr 23: Stanfield*	W, 16-6 (5)
Apr 27 @Grant Union	L, 3-7
*Designates Conference Games	L, 2-9

TRACK Photos by Nick R.



At top, Luke M clears the high jump bar with inches to spare.

Below, Isaac A at the apex of his long jump attempt, with (l-r) Owen C and Jed H looking on.

At right, Mercedes C sails clear of the high jump bar.

Coach Somnis reports that all Track and Field athletes have produced at least one personal best for the year over the several competitions of the month of April. This leaves athletes with just over a week to get ready for District and their final efforts at state qualification times, heights and distances.

Senior leaders include Luke M who set a school record and second fastest 1A time for this year with a 53.0, 400 meters, at the Husky Twilight event of April 18th. Luke's time currently leads District 3, while he sits 5th in both the 800 and 1500 meters. He also is tied for 1st in District high jump at 5' 10".

He was also a member of the 4 X 100 Relay team that included Owen C, Jeremy B and Keenan C that have an 8th best on the year in 1A at 46.76, 3rd best in District 3

Fellow senior, Tyler J currently holds the 4th best Shot Put throw in 1A at 40'6" and 8th in the Discus at 117' 9". Tyler sits in 2nd and 3rd position in the District in those events.

Junior Owen C leads 1A in the Long Jump with a PR of 21' 4.25" he earned at Husky Twilight and he also sits 4th in the Triple Jump at 41' even. These marks are 1st in District for both events.

Several other athletes sit in District top ten: Keenan is 7th in the 100 at 12.05; Gill W sits 4th in the 300 Hurdles and 9th in the 1500. Gill is also a member of the 4 X 400 relay team, along with Jed H, Jeremy B and Luke M, that sits 3rd in District times.

Jeremy B sits 4th among District Javelin distances while Tyler J is 7th best. Jeremy is also 5th in the long jump, while Gill W is tied for 10th in the high jump and sits 5th in the pole vault.

On the women's side, senior Desiree W sits tied for 2nd best Pole Vault in 1A at 8' 6", while Mercedes C is tied for 10th in 1A in the High Jump at 4' 10", both PRs for these ladies.

In District placing, Mercedes currently sits 1st in the 100 meters, while Desiree is at 5th and 10th in the 1500. Freshman Daisy B sits 4th in the 400 meters. Desiree, Mercedes and Daisy are joined by Melanie P for 3rd in District in the 4 X 100 relay and the same group is 5th in the 4 X 400. Melanie is also 3rd in the long jump, with a 2nd longest triple jump behind Desiree who leads District 3 at 29' 11".



TENNIS

Story by Valeria A



After the opening month of being kept off their court owing to snow coverage, the Tennis team has gotten onto the court to either learn the game or perfect their skill for a District title effort. Senior leaders include Savannah M, playing number 1 singles (below left), and Cj J and Gaby R, teaming up at number 1 doubles (posing at right). These ladies earned both championship titles at the Helix Invite Saturday, April 27. Their efforts combined with the other Husky ladies earned the tournament championship. Coach von Borstehl reported that all eight Huskies participating in the Helix tournament scored at least one match victory.



Top to bottom clockwise for photos not already identified:: top left, Caleb F prepares to hit a serve in a singles match versus an Arlington opponent; Cj J attacks the net in doubles action; at right above, Jordan B is in the middle of her backswing for a volley return; and, above left, Michaela N returning a ground stroke.

May/June Events Calendar

- May 1** – CGCC Speech Class Field Trip*
5-6th Grade Math State Testing Begins
Gaming Club/SKORE/ Adulthood/Cheer and Wrestling* beginning after school
Booster Club Meeting, Student Lounge, 6 PM
- May 2 – Senior Scholarship Interviews, 8 AM
K-12 Spring Concert, Event Center, 6 PM
- May 3 – Full Day
FFA to State CDE Days, OSU (return on 6th)
- Mon 6 – **Teacher Appreciation Week**
6th Grade Outdoor School begins
2nd Grade to Sherman County Museum,
1:30 - 2:30 PM
4th Grade Math Testing Begins
- Thurs 9 – **FFA Banquet, Cafeteria, 7 PM**
- Fri 10 – Full Day
- Mon 13 – **School Board, Public Library Program Room, 7 PM**
- Wed 15 – Sherman County Scholarship Assoc. Mtng,
Library Program Room, 5:30 PM
- Fri 17 – Full Day
Band Trip to Seattle, 8 AM
Kinder Museum Field Trip, 12-2 PM
- Tues 21 – Schoolwide Spelling Bee, Event Center,
12:45 – 3 PM
Kindergarten Roundup, 6 PM
- Wed 22 – 5th Grade Zoo Fieldtrip
- Thurs 23 – K-6 Artist in Residence begins
Preschool Graduation, 5-7 PM
Jr./Sr. High Sports Awards,
- Fri 24 – Full Day
- Mon 27 – **NO School, Memorial Day**
- Wed 29 – FFA to Redmond, Shop Skills
- Fri 31 – Full Day
K-6 Fire ,
- June 1 – GRADUATION, Event Center, 11 AM
- *Regular Weekly Events**

CCGC – Columbia Gorge Community College partners with SCS to provide a range of Dual Credit courses online and on campus. One such course is the Speech where students travel to The Dalles on Wednesdays.

S.K.O.R.E., an afterschool program for K-6 meets every regular-school Tuesday thru Thursday, including a concurrent Cheer Club and 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 usually meets on regular-school Wednesdays,.

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

SCS Students Donate Their Blood

Photos by Nick R



To open the month of April there was no fooling around by the SCS ASB. The student government sponsored a Blood Drive that day that collected over two dozen donations, meeting the drive quota. President Desiree W headed the drive (pictured in bottom photo left) and was assisted by Savannah M (seated at right) Above, Senior Deah B is in the process of donating, while (bottom left) Junior Owen C is still waiting for the application of the 'dreaded' needle.

Sports Schedules

Baseball:

- May 4 – v. Heppner, Double Header (DH), 11 AM
May 7 - @Dufur, 4 PM, Depart 2:15 PM
May 10 - @Weston-McEwen (DH), Athena, 2 PM, Depart 10 AM

Tennis:

- May 3/4 - Tennis Sub-District @Kennewick, WA, Depart 6:15 AM
May 10/11 – Tennis District @Kennewick, WA, Depart 6:15 AM

Track and Field:

- May 3 – MS Track @Arlington, 1 PM, Bus Depart 11 AM
HS Track @Madras Invite, 11 AM, Depart
May 10 – MS Track @Condon, 11 AM, Depart 9:30 AM
May 11 – HS, 1A-3 Special District Championships, Moro, 10:30 AM
May 16 – HS, State Track Meet begins at U of O, Eugene
May 23 – MS Meet of Champions @ Corvallis HS, 10 AM





At left (l-r) Necia B reminds Aedan P that cell phone use of any kind beyond the threshold of the classroom door is prohibited by the school handbook and is not conducive for best learning practice. As a disclaimer, this just appears to be what Necia and Aedan are doing. This is actually Aedan trying to play a video game on a handheld device during Gaming Club. But, with springtime upon us and end of school year around the corner, it is natural to experience the impulse to ease up on our rules and regulations. Let Necia's 'hand signal' here, however, be a lesson to all that what was expected the first week of September will be doubly expected all the way through the first weeks of June owing to the reality that we should know them and have practiced them so much better by now.

The Elementary Scoop :}

The Newsletter has added a new feature article section to its regular lineup this month: 'The Elementary Scoop.' So named by 5th Grader Maddie C (pictured at left with her partner, 6th Grader Pamela S, as she inquired of the Husky staff in regard to getting articles into the newsletter from an elementary perspective. The staff here agreed that it was a great idea and has notified all K-6 classrooms to encourage student submissions. In addition to suggesting and naming this section, Maddie's and Pamela's first submission was an interview with Instructional Aide, Tionie K. Tionie is one of many Instructional Aides, or Para-professionals in our school. She tutors students and fills in as Office Secretary for lunches and leaves. In her spare time she likes to eat chocolate, spend time with family and take her kids on adventures. The students' overwhelming love having her at school and want to express their thanks and appreciation.



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