

SHERMAN COUNTY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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New Leadership added to Support Existing Experience

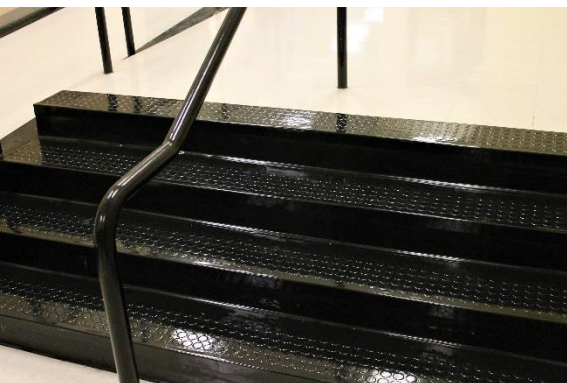


The ultimate leadership of any Oregon public school resides in its volunteer Board comprised of those who have been elected from the community. Sherman County is blessed with just such dedicated representation.

While we thank and recognize the dedication of departing members Merrie von Borstel and Bill Martin, we get the opportunity to welcome their respective and capable replacements: Jeremy Lanthorn of Grass Valley and Paul Bish of Wasco.

At the July 8th meeting, these two were sworn in, while the Board also chose to retain Kristie Coelsch as Chair and Jesse Stutzman as Vice-chair. The fifth member of the Board is Scott Susi.

In picture above, front row (l-r): Scott Susi and Jeremy Lanthorn. Back row (l-r): Kristie Coelsch, Paul Bish, and Jesse Stutzman.



Welcomed from the Superintendent, Mr. Owens

On behalf of the Sherman County School District Board of Directors, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone back to the 2019-20 school year! This includes the entire school community made up of our students, parents, families, staff, coaches, businesses, community agencies, Education Foundation, Athletic Foundation, PTO, Booster Club, faith organizations, and volunteers. Together we can all contribute to our collective success by continuing the important work of our school mission – “Working Together to Put Student Success First”.

Summer is always a busy time for Sherman County School. We are extremely fortunate to have a dedicated team of office and custodial/maintenance staff who work hard to prepare for the arrival of staff and students. Our office staff support parents/families by answering a myriad of questions and getting all the needed paperwork/supplies ready for the new school year. The custodial/maintenance staff perform a deep cleaning of our entire facility to ensure that it is looking its best when students walk in on the first day. When you see our school office and custodial/maintenance staff, please take a moment to thank them for their tremendous efforts (**see gleaming stairway to the office below left**). Our dedicated teaching and support staff pride themselves on working tirelessly to meet the individualized needs of all of our students with the goal of preparing them for life-long success. Many of our staff successfully completed college course work or professional development this past summer to expand their skills to work with all students. There was also a District focus for our staff on social-emotional learning to support the whole child. The entire staff is prepared and excited to work with your students. During the 2019-20 school year, we will maintain a focus on six Goals and Priorities that were developed during the 2018-19 school year through a collaborative Strategic Planning Process:

- 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 number 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;
- Promote a productive working and professional growth environment and activities which attracts, develops and retains high-quality staff;
- Continue the implementation of ORTIi (Oregon's academic intervention system) and PBIS (the school's behavioral expectations) to improve academic and behavioral outcomes for students;

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They're Back!!

Along with returning students and staff, there are a few other noteworthy returning entities to report. As seen above, the state championship banners on the HWY 97 side of the Event Center (Gym) are once again 'flying' in recognition of the effort and dedication that has gone before us.

Fall sports are once again in action. Girl's volleyball has already recorded two contests in losses to Cove and Central Christian.

After an abbreviated season a year ago, football returns, though as a six-man event, as a cooperative affair with Condon. See the sports calendar on the school website (transitioning to the OSAA at the end of the month) or in the High School Hallway.

Did you see the photo of the shiny clean stairs on page 1? This is evidence that Mr. Woods did another outstanding job of leading his crew of Garak C. and sophomore Isaac A. in a very productive summer of resurfacing interior floors of hallways, classrooms, and cafeteria.

Speaking of new floors - the Administration put some thought into a design and hired a contractor to execute a complete resurfacing of the Event Center Gym and it is fantastic. You must come to the Sept. 17 volleyball game to check it out. Go Huskies!



The 2019 Husky Volleyball team huddled around Coach Gorham during a home contest versus Cove of Aug. 29.

She's Back!!

After suffering blown knee ligaments playing in a basketball tournament last December, there has been only one thing on Jaelyn J's mind: getting her knee ready so as not to miss her senior season of volleyball. The proof is evident at right, as she elevated to pound a winner against Cove in a contest Thursday, Aug. 29



Photos: Court floor courtesy of Nick R; other photos by Mike D.



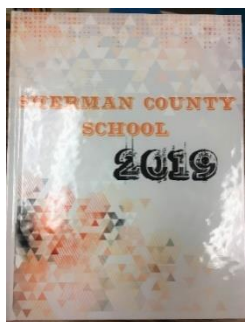
2019 Yearbook Available and 2020's 15% Off until Sept 30th

It is not too late to purchase your Husky Yearbook re-cording 2019 events. From the summer fires of 2018, the snowy late winter, and all the way to graduation June 1, it is all covered in full-color photos and stories over its 82 pages.

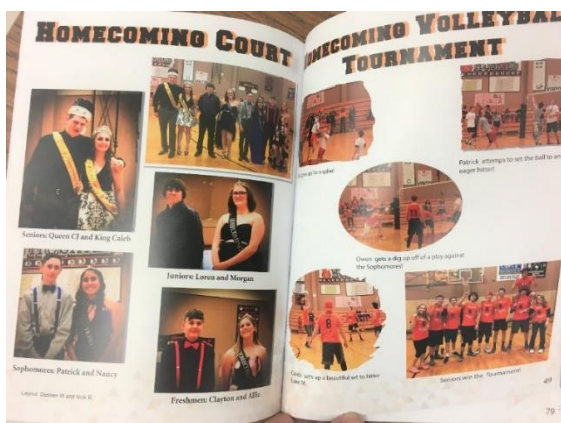
To order: go to treering.com, click the buy tab, type in the very long school code – 101367259899339, and continue through the name, address payment forms directed by the website. Yearbooks are \$40 plus \$5 shipping.

As you prepare for the coming year, look for saving's deadlines. Use the code above to order by Sept. 30th and save 15%!

Those who ordered before the end of last school year, should have received notification that their Yearbook is in the office for pickup. If you have not received your notification or Yearbook, please contact the office for assistance.



2019 Yearbook Cover and Homecoming events pages (78-79) illustrated at left and below.



The current Media/Yearbook staff is limited to a pair of enrolled students – Mike DePaepe and Jonathan Burgess - and a few volunteers. Therefore, we invite all of you as constituents of Sherman County School to partner with us in sending us photos and/or story information you feel are worthy of coverage either in the monthly Husky Newsletter or the 2020 Yearbook. It will be greatly appreciated!



New Staff and Other Adjustments for 2020

SCS enjoyed tremendous stability in its staffing situation in transitioning from 2019 to the 2020 year. Virtually all custodial, support and teaching staff are returning. Departing instructional staff occurred by way of the North Central Educational Service District. The ESD replaced these departures with the additions of Carissa Huva-Bellamy and (the county's own) Jessica Kaseberg-Ball. Ms. Huva-Bellamy can be seen in the bottom-left photo providing instruction in the Elementary support room. As Jessica is making the transition from Washington D.C. back to Sherman County, she will not be physically joining the staff until the second week of September. Additionally, Mrs. R-Smith has been moved to a special assignment instructional coach and PBIS coordinator position which has brought in Ashley Macnab to lead the Kindergarten classroom. This year's Kindergarten class appears below in their introduction to the new Husky mascot in pursuit of a new name for him/her. The support staff has also added Jessica Flynn as a Para-Professional Assistant at the elementary level, while Tionie Kock and Kari Peters have added an official Academic Secretary half-time function to their Elementary Assistant jobs. Finally, Dean Dark has been added to the custodial and maintenance staff.



September Events

- Sept. 9 – School Board, Library Programs Rm, 6 PM
- Sept. 10 – Gaming Club, Rm 12, 3:30-5 PM*
Booster Club, Lounge 5:30-6:30,
VB @ S. Wasco, 5PM
- Sept. 13 – 1/2 Day 1-4/Music
MSVB, VB & FB @ Prairie City, 3, 5 & 7 PM
- Sept. 16 – MSVB @ Condon, 4:30 PM
- Sept. 17 – VB v. Dufur, 5 PM
MSFB @ Condon, 4 PM
- Sept. 18 – MSVB @ S. Wasco, 4, 5 & 6 PM
- Sept. 20 – 1/2 Day 5-7/PE
FB & VB @ Mitchell, 1 PM & 1:30 PM
- Sept. 21 – VB in Bend, 1:30 PM, Depart 10 AM
- Sept. 23 – MSVB @ Dufur, 4, 5 & 6 PM
- Sept 24 – VB @ Echo, 4:30 PM
OSU Extension, 7-12 Cooking, 3:30, HmEc Rm
MSFB v. Dufur, 4 PM
MSVB B & C v. Dufur, 4 & 5 PM
- Sept. 26 – VB v. Condon, 5 PM
- Sept. 27 – 1/2 Day 1-4/Music
VB & FB v. Echo, 4:30 & 7 PM
MSFB v. Echo, 2 PM
MSVB v. Edcho, 2, 3 & 4 PM
- Sept. 29 – MSVB B & C v. St. Mary's, 4 & 5 PM
- Oct. 1 – VB v. Lone, 5 PM
MSFB @ Arlington, 4 PM; Depart 2:15

***Is a weekly Tuesday-Wednesday after-school event**

(Superintendent Welcome from page 1)

- In partnership with the Sherman County Sheriff's Office and the Multi-Agency Safety Committee, we will continue the implementation of the Board-adopted safety measures which will ensure a safe and orderly school environment that meets current and future needs of students, staff, and the community;
- Continue to foster a welcoming environment for parents/families/guardians and invite them to participate as partners in the education of their students.

During the past four years, we have been working to place a Chromebook in the hands of each student K-12, during the school day, to enhance the education of all students at Sherman County School. I am pleased to announce that during the 2019-20 school year this goal will come true. With this opportunity comes a responsibility of each student to be respectful of this valuable equipment. We are confident that all of our students will use the Chromebooks to enrich their educational experience.

This school year we are thrilled to make a shift from School Master to a new program called Synergy (School Information System). For parents/guardians this means FamilyLink will be replaced with ParentVUE. This program will be much more convenient and easy to manage your students' academics, attendance and school information. If you have any questions or need help with this new program, please don't hesitate to call the school. Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful 2019-20 school year and thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



The Elementary Scoop :}

Cabbage Patch Success!

The Class of 2028 is planning on becoming the best farmers of the 21st Century. The first step of their agricultural greatness journey began last spring with their participation in "The Bonnie's 3rd Grade Cabbage Project." Ms. Slay and her students spent a day at Happy Day Ranch with Mark and Susan Mobley. In addition to potting up cabbage plants to bring to their own houses, students planted a large cabbage patch. The students also helped the Mobleys plant onions, cucumbers and potatoes in the garden. Many kids also helped trim strawberry plants, flowers, and move plants in the greenhouses. Their efforts and favorable weather resulted in such a splendid quantity and quality of cabbage that they are being utilized in the school's cafeteria in student lunches this fall. The pictures on this page illustrate this event. (Photos and story: Mrs. Mobley and Nick R)

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