

SHERMAN COUNTY SCHOOL NEW SLETTER

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We Need and Appreciate Your Input

With one-third of the school year behind us, I want to thank all the parents and guardians who attended conferences this month. We greatly appreciated your presence and engagement toward student academic and social growth. During conferences many parents/guardians/community members responded to a survey regarding the Student Success Act. This feedback is vital for informing our plan to invest these new funds. The survey is still open for the opportunity to share input on the future of SCS at <https://shermancountyschooldistrict.weebly.com/> and it is a highlighted link on the front page of our District Website. This survey will close on December 4th.

One of the most important indicators of student success is consistent daily attendance. It should be a goal for your student(s) each school year. Below is important information related to school attendance in Oregon:

- Children chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade are much less likely to read at grade level by the end of 3rd grade.
- By 6th grade, chronic absence is a proven early warning sign for students at risk for dropping out of school.
- By 9th grade good attendance can predict graduation rates even better than 8th grade test scores.
- Among students in the 12th grade in Oregon, those with attendance rates of 90 percent or above had a graduation rate of 91 percent. For those with attendance rates below 90 percent, the rate is 75 percent, a difference of 16 percentage points.
- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful, and on track to graduation.

Please remember ParentVUE is an important tool to track attendance/ absences/ tardies and grades. If you need support with your ParentVUE account, please contact Sherman County School at 541-565-3500.

With the reports of possible snow showers as early as Thanksgiving Eve, I want to remind everyone of Board Policy (EBCD) regarding ½ Day Friday Schedules and emergency closures. If the District closes for a full day due to inclement weather or other emergencies, the ½ Day Friday at the end of that week will automatically become a full day Friday unless there is a school closure on that particular Friday. When there is a 2-hour delay, the ½ Day Friday at the end of the week will not be altered. This policy exists because the Board believes students are better served by being in school as much as possible during the entire school year.

Finally, as the holiday season nears, we want to thank our entire school community for your support; we appreciate you, and we hope that each of you have the opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends during this special time of year.

Sincerely,



*Banner and photos courtesy of
Jeremy Lanthorn; story
contributed by Ms. Jones*

Fourth Annual Fifth-Grade Hatchery Field Trip



It was a while back now, but on Tuesday, Oct. 8, the 5th-graders enjoyed their fourth annual field trip to the Oaks Springs Fish Hatchery that supports the fishery on the lower Deschutes River north of Maupin. This program is made possible by the Sherman County Soil and Water Conservation District along with the chaperone assistance of parents and bus driving support of Jeremy Lanthorn. Students were split into two groups to both assist personnel with cutthroat trout spawning and learn about the life cycles of fish that comprise our local waterways.



Learning About Government and the Law



On Wednesday, Nov. 6, the SCS American Government class was *put on trial*. By invitation of Judge Joe Dabulskis (center in photo at right), they had the opportunity to test how their expectations of county government matched what they actually could see with their own eyes. County government operations, policy-making, the nature of problems or concerns that are dealt with and how laws are executed in Sherman County proved rather enlightening for them. As the facilities are brand new, a common response for students involved the nicenes and the comfort of the seating and surroundings.

Major surprises, however, involved the nature of the issues or problems that local governments have to deal with. One cited by several students was the concern over the level of paper debris and trash that collects in Biggs and what tools were available for the County to deal with it. The other involved the issue of an abandoned property in Rufus and the temptation it poses for illegal or unsightly usages.

The Sheriff's Office was also available to lead a tour of the lock-up and interigation facilities, which generally produced the desired response among students: never do something that would put you there!

Top to bottom:
Sheriff Lohrey asking an ice-breaker 'selfie' question, and you can see the hands raised.
The County Court in session.
Sophomore Gill W in the Judge's chair with Senior Catherine R in the witness seat.
The remainder of the class is in the jury's box.



Photos courtesy of
Mr. Stuart; story
contribution from
Catherine R, Alyssa H
and Emma R

Events in Dec 2 - Jan 6

Dec 2 – FFA Meeting, 6:15 PM

4-H Sewing, Home Ec Rm, 3:30 -5*

Gaming Club, Rm 12, 3:30-5*

Youth Basketball 1st-4th Gr, 3:30-5 PM**

Dec 3 – SKORE, 3:15-5*

7-12 Cooking, Home Ec, 3:30-5*

4th Grade Read n' Record, 6-7

Dec 5 – PTO Family Literacy Night, 6-7 PM

Dec 6 – 1/2 Day/5-7/PE

Sherman Invitational Basketball Tournament

Dec 7 – Sherman Invite Continues

FFA Christmas Tree Sale

Dec 9 – School Board, Library Program Rm, 6-8 PM

Dec 12 – Winter Concert, Event Center, 6 PM

Dec 13 – 1/2 Day/1-4/Music

Dec 20 – 1/2 Day/5-7/PE

Last day of school for the 2019 Year!

K-6 Winter Celebration

Winter Break Begins!

Jan 6 – First Day of School 2020 Year

***S.K.O.R.E.** is an afterschool program beginning for K-6 students focusing on arts/crafts, Cheer Club, Wrestling, and other activities or skills that are fun or fun to learn.

OSU Sewing and Cooking takes place on regular school weeks Monday and Wednesday, respectively.

Gaming Club on regular school days Mon-Wed, 3:30 – 5 PM in Mr. Dearborn's room.

** Youth Basketball for grades 1-4 Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 5-6:30 PM until the end of February.

Annual Holiday Tree Sale

Sophomores will once again be holding their annual holiday tree sale on Saturday, December 7, in the school parking lot. They will have Douglas Firs in sizes 5 feet to 10 feet starting at 8 AM. Look for fliers around school and around town as seen below.



Halloween Parade and Pageant



If October is not enough to allow students to demonstrate their creativity in attire only through Homecoming, there is always Halloween to throw into the mix. For about two decades, the elementary grades have been celebrating All Hallows' Eve with a costume parade and pageant. The extravaganza this year can be seen here and is continued on page 7. At top left, the Pre-K princesses lead the way from their wing through the HS main hall to the Event Center to the cheers of the upper grades. They are followed by the Kindergarteners-with Unicorn! In photo above right, Will O. as Easy Mac-n-Cheese was the Kindergarten and overall costume winner. First grade winner was Piper vB as Wednesday Adams, 3rd Grade winner was Chloe S; the 4th winner was Jacob L as Tin Man, seen at immediate left; the 5th winner was Rhyder S as 'Whack-a-Rhy; and, 6th grade co-winners were Bailey R, as series character Dipper, and Renan C as the shower curtain from Karate Kid, seen in photo far left.

Photos courtesy of Jeremy Lanthorn

NOVEMBER FOOTBALL

While there was no OSAA official post season playoffs for a champion in 1A six-man, there was the cross-over showcases that occurred October 25/26 in Moro and Nov. 1 at Madras HS. The Sherman County/Condon squad dominated the action in both of their cross-over opportunities: downing Gilchrist at home 67-19 on Oct 26 and Dayville-Monument 62-12 in Madras on Nov. 1.

High School November Schedule

11/1 - @ Madras, 6-Man Crossover v. Dayville/Monument W, 62-12



Pictures courtesy of
Jeremy Lanthorn

At left, freshman Kole M breaks a tackle in the season finale. Below: a combined team photo of the final contest of both Sherman and Dayville-Monument athletes



NOVEMBER BASKETBALL



November has yet to bring the chill of winter, but it has ushered in a new basketball season. The Huskies turn to a new group of seniors to lead the way in 2019-20: Jeremy B, Owen C, Darian D, Nick R, and Luke S. Juniors with varsity experience from a year ago include Wade F and Jed H; those expected to step up from the JV level from a year ago are Will J and Patrick R. The JV will be comprised of sophomores Austin O, Dillan S, Nate W and Gill W along with freshmen Josiah C, Ajani F, Kole M, Cade vB, Eduardo R, Tyler W. Returning as Husky head coach is Gary L assisted by Bill M and Ethan M. Pictured above is the team awaiting to run their 'mistake' sprints on the second day of practice. At top right, senior Owen C works out junior Jed H's defensive closeout skill. At right, senior Nick R tests the defensive skills of junior Patrick R.

High School Schedule

Dec. 6/7 Sherman Invite Central Christian, Culver, Stanfield
Dec. 10 @Damascus Christian, JV 4:30; V 7:30; Bus Departs 1:15 PM
Dec. 11 @Lyle, JV 4; V 7; Bus Departs at 2 PM
Dec.13/14@Hosanna Tourney, Klamath Falls V only 7:30 and 1:30 PM.
Dec. 20 v Prairie City, JV 3 and V 6 PM
Dec. 21 v Joseph, JV Noon and V 1:30 PM
Jan. 3 @Condon/Wheeler, JV 4:30 and V 7:30 PM, Bus Departs 2:30*

*League contest



NOVEMBER BASKETBALL



Just two seniors lead this year's Lady Huskies: Jaelyn J back from her knee injury of almost a year ago (far left above) and Makayla M (middle above). They will receive support from juniors Mercedez C and Grace P along with sophomores Daisy B, Cali J and Allie M. Morgan G (far right), Natalie M and Cadence S (second from left and second from right, respectively). There is no JV team.

At right (l-r) Grace P participates in layin drill and Mercedez C works on her jump shot versus a closeout.

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Dec.13/14@Hosanna Tourney, Klamath Falls 6 PM and noon

Dec. 20 v Prairie City, 4:30 PM

Jan. 3 @Condon/Wheeler, 6 PM (starts league play)



Middle School Basketball

Both genders have 20 or more out and will field A and B



Above 8th graders Sawyer B and Luke F practice layins versus defense, while at right a combined group of 7th and 8th graders practice ball movement and defensive position.

MS Schedule:

Dec. 5 @Condon, A teams at 4 PM

Dec. 10 v. St. Mary's, B teams at 4 PM

Dec. 13 v. S. Wasco, B boys and A Girls at 4 PM

Dec. 16 @ Dufur, B teams at 4 PM

Dec. 17 @ Lone, B boys and A Girls at 4 PM

Dec. 19 v. Arlington, B boys and A Girls at 4 PM

Above: Sophie H keeps the ball from Bailey C with Addison S (center) and Codie Lee H (far right) guarding the passing lanes under the supervision of Coach Payne.

More Pageant Winners



Photos at left (l-r): Bailey R as Dipper Pines of the Disney Channel's Gravity Falls; Piper vB as Wednesday Adams from the Addams Family. Rhyder S as Whack-a-Rhy alongside Drake D who is on the shoulders of a gorilla, indeed!

Photos courtesy of Jeremy Lanthorn

Veteran's Recognition

On Wednesday, Nov. 13, the elementary school hosted an afternoon assembly to honor our own local veterans of military service. The Kindergarten opened the event with an appreciation song, the student council performed a thank you presentation through posters they had made, and then the veterans were introduced by their student representatives.

Clockwise starting at right: Rhyder S introduced his grandfather Ray S; Gage and Chloe S introduced their grandfather Rich S; Cohen and Joni B introduced their father James B, Emma S introduced her grandfather Mark R and Skyler A introduced her father Ryan A. In addition to showing appreciation, part of the assembly was to emphasize awareness of the psychological health issues of military service personnel and how we should all get involved more to support them as friends and neighbors daily. The event was supported by the Veteran's Suicide Prevention Grant of the Sherman County Prevention Office coordinated by Amy Asher and Cindie King.



Story and photos by David R



States and Capitals Payday



Photos by
David R

Mr. Stuart's 7th-grade Geography class finished their states and capitals unit with a financial payday. Those scoring 100 percent earned the right to split a pot of quarters that he and his wife donated for the event. But these were not just any quarters. With the assistance of Samantha Allen, of Bank of Eastern Oregon, these were state and territory quarters.



Splitting the pot were at top (l-r)
Lexi H, Michael B, Josh W, Antone A, Lexi C-L, Codie Lee H,
Nicole S and Taylor P.
Not pictured as she was gone that day is Trystyn F.



The Elementary Scoop :} PTO Canned Food Drive



Story by Madison C

The canned food drive, sponsored by the Sherman PTO, took place from November 4th to November 8th. Those involved in this event included Kindergarten through sixth grade. Each class collected canned food, and the class with the most pounds of food could win a class movie party.

Four hundred and ninety pounds were collected in all. The kindergarten class (pictured above) was the winner with one hundred and sixty-seven pounds. Coming in second place was the first grade with ninety pounds.

All the food that was donated will be given to both the Wasco and Rufus food banks. Thank you to all who participated. You were very kind to do so, and it was a great success. (Photo courtesy of Mrs. Debbie B)

Students of Quarter/Honorable Huskies



Clockwise from below:
Daisy B, Koby B,
Sophie H, Brogan C
and Lily W.

Photos courtesy of
Lifetouch



Every quarter SCS recognize students of the quarter. These individuals have been nominated by classroom teachers and approved by vote of the rest of the faculty and administration to insure they exhibited a consistency in SRR over each day and throughout the quarter. Additionally, students without unexcused absences or tardies are also eligible for recognition as Honorable Huskies if they also receive a unanimous vote of the faculty for consistently high SRR behaviors throughout the quarter. Those receiving this honor were 7th graders Michael B, Elizabeth B, Bailey C, Codie Lee H, and Nicole S; 8th grades Maddie B, Kaelex P, and Pyeper W; sophomore Koby B and Sadie M; and, senior Valeria A.



Sherman School Board

**Back Row: Chair, Kristie Coelsch,
Paul Bish, V-Chair, Jesse Stutzman**



Front Row: Scott Susi; Jeremy Lanthorn

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FFA Ag Sales Team

This year's District Ag Sales competition was held in Prineville on Wednesday, Nov. 13. Sherman's team was comprised of the above students: (near front l-r) sophomores Joseph R, Clayton R, Cali J and Aurora B; (back l-r) junior Jed H, freshman Cadence S and senior Catherine R.

While the Advisor Mr. Swenson felt as individuals and as teams they competed well, their scores just missed bringing home any banners. "It's a bummer deal that these contests only occur once per year because each member felt that they learned so much about what was needed to do better and were excited about being better prepared for the next opportunity," he reported. Fortunately, with the team losing only one senior member, they should be able to make a big improvement next year.

Photo and story contributed by Mr. Swenson

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