

Sherwood Middle School

Welcome Back Newsletter

July 28th, 2021

Welcome Back To School

The 2021-22 school year is quickly approaching. We are excited about the upcoming school year and look forward to working with our students, helping them to be literate lifelong learners.



We will have a new administrator as part of our Sherwood MS team again this year, as Ms. Elisa Tedona has taken a position at the high school level in another district. We are excited to have Mr. Sephan Frazier as our new assistant principal. He comes to us from Scottwood Elementary School by way of Scioto High School. We also have a new Safety and Security Officer for the building but not new to our Sherwood community. Mr. Thurman Walker served as one of our instructional assistants a few years ago. Mr. Walker is also our boys basketball coach. When you see them, please be sure to welcome both Mr. Frazier and Mr. Walker to our family.

To prepare for the upcoming year, below are some important dates to pay attention to:

August 17th: 2021-2022 School Year Meet & Greet at 6:00 pm, 6:45 pm, and 7:30 pm

August 26th: First day of School for all grade levels

Though we are starting the school year out 100% in person learning, we are still holding our welcome back Meet and Greet by conference call. You can find the link in this newsletter, as well as your parent portal and our school website. Preparing your student for a successful future is our singular focus. We hope that all of you are just as excited to be back as we are! On behalf of our entire Sherwood staff and the Columbus City Schools, thank you for choosing Sherwood Middle School. We look forward to serving your family!

Birds Fly - **Eagles S.O.A.R!**

Ms. Sheila A. Evans
Principal



Important News and Dates to Remember:

We will be having a few nights where students and parents can get information. We'll introduce staff, go over guidelines, as well as give additional information that will be helpful to all since we are starting the school year virtually. On the evening of **August 17th**, Sherwood staff will be holding a short Meet and Greet to discuss upcoming items/needs for the school year. The times are as follows: **6:00 pm** for 6th grade, **6:45 pm** for 7th grade, and **7:30 pm** for 8th grade. If you have a student in multiple grades, you only need to attend one session. Though the sessions are not required,

we encourage everyone to join us. You can find the conference call link below:

<https://ccsoh-us.zoom.us/j/87198430821>

School Lunch Program

All enrolled CCS students eat free for breakfast and lunch. Our school lunch menu is available on our district website at <http://www.ccssoh.us/FoodService.aspx>. Breakfast will be served starting at 6:55 am. Students arriving to school by car or walking must be in the building no later than 7:15 am if they plan to eat the school breakfast.

Is Your Student Registered for School?

All children new to Columbus City Schools, or those who are currently enrolled but are changing schools due to a change in their residence, **MUST** enroll through the Central Enrollment Center located at 430 Cleveland Avenue from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Students will not be permitted to enroll at the school site. All enrollments must be completed at Central Enrollment. For more information regarding enrollments, please visit our district's website at <http://ccsoh.us/Enrollment.aspx>

Student Schedules

Students and parents will be able to see their schedule through the student and/or parent portals. Hard copies of schedules *will not* be printed and mailed to families. If you have questions about a student's schedule, feel free to contact their listed homeroom teacher or an administrator by email. If you need information on how to set up a new parent portal or are having issues with an existing one, please visit the following site for more information: <https://www.ccssoh.us/Domain/188>.

Sherwood School Supply List

Let's start the school year off with each student prepared to do his or her best. Below is a list of some school supplies that will help your child be successful in the building and/or virtually.

- some type of computer (ex: chrome book, laptop, or desktop) *** Though it is possible for students to work by cell phone, we don't recommend it***
- at least 1 USB Flash Drive
- pencils and black or blue pens
- loose-leaf paper or spiral notebooks
- 5 2-pocket folder (one for each subject)

- 1 3-ring binder
- 1 pair of earbuds/headphones
- 1 small pencil sharpener
- 2 yellow highlighters

If there are any other supplies students need for the school year, teachers will give them that information in class when we return to the building.

****Address and Phone Number Updates**

Parents it is very important that you **update your phone number and address information**. Starting this school year, families *will be required* to update this information on the Parent Portal in Infinite Campus. Building secretaries no longer have access to make these changes. If you have not been receiving text messages, phone call messages, or emails this month this means some or all of your information is not correct in our information system. Please log onto the parent portal and update all important contact information. If you need additional assistance, you may contact our secretary, Kelly Daugherty at sherwoodms@columbus.k12.oh.us.

Title One Information

Sherwood Middle School is a Title One School. As a result, you have the right to know the following information:

1. Access to your child's individual performance levels on the statewide assessments.
2. Know if your child's school is making progress.
3. Know the qualifications of your child's teacher.
4. Be informed when and if your child is being taught by a substitute teacher or non-highly qualified teacher longer than four consecutive weeks.
5. Know that you may agree/disagree with the limited English Language Program participation of your child and to know his/her progress in Limited English Proficient (LEP) assessments.

Visitors

We are excited to welcome visitors back to the building this year. However, we are limiting our visitors to only parents/guardians and our district student support partners that have been cleared by the principal. All visitors will be required to wear face coverings whether or not they have been vaccinated. If families have questions about our visitor policy for the 2021-2022 school year, please call the main office and ask for an administrator.

Sherwood Middle School Uniform Dress Code Policy 2021-2022

All Sherwood students will be expected to be in *full uniform dress code* daily. We believe the **Sherwood Uniform Policy** would accomplish the following:

1. Foster a sense of school identity and community.
2. Prepare scholars for the expectation related to professional attire that future organizations, institutions of higher learning, and employers will have.
3. Ensure that our scholars focus on learning instead of clothing.
4. Increase school safety and security by making the presence of visitors/outside immediately apparent.
5. Reduce the cost of clothing for families.

As always, we ask your support in making our school a model school where learning is our students' primary purpose. The expectations of teachers will be to check all students during HOMEROOM and send uniform violators to the office. Together we can create the Sherwood Learning Zone!

Our school dress code is listed below:

Shirts—Shirts must be collared, appropriately sized, worn tucked in, and a solid color. Approved colors are white, navy blue or black. Solid colored sweaters/crew neck sweatshirts may be worn in cooler weather. Sherwood spirit shirts are also permitted. Hooded sweatshirts and sleeveless shirts are not permitted.

Pants/Slacks —Pants must be appropriately sized and worn with a belt (if there are belt loops on the pants). Solid colors of black, navy blue, or khaki are permitted. Blue Jeans **are not permitted**. Sagging is not allowed in school.

Knee-Length Skirts – Skirts must not be shorter than mid-thigh. Solid colors of black, navy blue, or khaki are permitted. In cooler weather, tights/leggings may be worn under skirts that are not shorter than mid-thigh. Jean skirts are not permitted.

Capris & Shorts – Walking shorts (boys) and knee-length walking shorts/ capris (girls) are to be knee length in solid colors of black, navy blue, or khaki and are permitted.

Shoes/Boots —Shoes must be closed toe and attached/closed at the heel. Rubber soled shoes are preferred. High heeled shoes/boots are not permitted. Heels should be 1 inch or less.

Personal Hygiene – Students are expected to take care of their personal hygiene needs in an appropriate manner at home. The spraying of Axe, perfumes, etc. is not appropriate in the halls or classrooms. If needed, the nurse can assist with hygiene emergencies during the school day.

- Clothing may not be tight or form-fitting.
- Clothing may not be see-through.
- Outdoor apparel is **not to be worn** in the building. This includes hats, gloves, scarves, coats, jackets, fleece jackets, and sunglasses, etc.

For families who may need assistance in purchasing uniforms, **Charity Newsies of Columbus** is a great resource. You can reach them by calling 614-263-4300 for more information, hours of operation, and eligibility requirements. Online applications for assistance started on July 26th. To complete an application, go to <http://www.charitynewsies.org/>, as this may be faster than calling. Just tell them the school name and they will have our uniform information.



School Nurse News

Seventh Grade Health News

Ohio law regarding required immunizations needed to enter grade seven now include a booster dose of Tdap vaccine. This vaccine helps protect seventh grade students from tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis. If your student needs the required immunizations, please plan ahead to avoid missing any scheduled school days and valuable learning time upon our return to the building. To receive the required Tdap vaccinations, parents may:

1. Visit your family physician.
2. Call the Health Department at 614-645-7417
3. Visit the National Children's Hospital Mobile Unit at one of the locations from 8:00-3:00 pm at all locations; Tuesdays - South HS; Wednesdays - East HS and Woodward Park MS; Thursdays - West HS.

Parents must bring in proof of the completed immunization (official immunization record, or a signed statement from the clinic) on a physician letterhead. If you have questions about immunizations, please contact our school nurse, Mrs. Colombo, at 614-365-5393 or by email at mcolombo@columbus.k12.oh.us.

Did you get the Sunday Night Call/Email?

Each Sunday evening by 6:30 p.m. our Principal, Ms. Evans calls every Sherwood family and shares information about upcoming events for the week. If you have not received this call or email, please call the school office at 614-365-5393 or by emailing our secretary, Ms. Daughtery, at sherwoodms@columbus.k12.oh.us to verify your home phone number, and other important contact information. You can also download a copy of the weekly updates by visiting our school's website at <http://sherwoodms.ccsok.us/Default.aspx>

Fall Athletics

All sports will be back in action this fall. We offer co-ed soccer and volleyball. All 7th and 8th grade students looking to participate must have earned at least a 2.0 during the last grading period of last school year to be eligible, as well as have an up to date physical. For co-ed soccer information, please contact Mr. Weaver at rweaver2831@columbus.k12.oh.us. For volleyball, please contact Ms. Nguyen at dnguyen@columbus.k12.oh.us.

School Website

Please visit our school website regularly for news and updates at <https://www.ccsok.us/SherwoodMS>. You can also download our district's app to your phone. This app will allow you to get all new for Sherwood and our district directly on your phone. Also connect with us on social media. We are on instagram <http://sherwoodms.ccsok.us/>.

Have A Question:

If you have questions, here are the names of staff members who can assist you prior to the start of school

Enrollment Questions

Ms. Walker:

jwalker@columbus.k12.oh.us

Address/Phone Change

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Scheduling

Ms. Evans:

sevans4412@columbus.k12.oh.us