

SHERWOOD HIGH SCHOOL PTSA ON POINT – February 2020

Welcome to On Point, the Sherwood High School Parent Teacher Student Association news briefing. In addition to this bulletin, your PTSA stands ready to provide information or assist in any way. We are “One Sherwood!”

PTSA GENERAL MEETINGS

SHS PTSA General Meetings are held the third Tuesday every month in the Media Center beginning at 7:15PM. Presentations will be at the front-end of the meetings, with PTSA business handled afterwards.

November 2019 SHS PTSA GENERAL MEETING NOTES

Mr. Danny Goldman with Revolution Prep joined us to present “ACT vs. SAT: Which test is best for my student.” Key points presented were:

- All colleges accept the ACT and SAT. Students only need to take one
- Most students score similarly on both exams
- Students only need to prepare for one exam
- Don’t start focusing on the ACT and SAT until the summer before Junior year

[Mr. Goldman’s presentation](#) is available on the SHS PTSA website.

UPCOMING PTSA GENERAL MEETINGS:

February 18, 2020: 7.15pm in the Media Center

The February meeting will feature Dr. Minus, [State of SHS](#) and Elizabeth Giffen, [Signs of Suicide](#). Connect to the meeting remotely and attend the meeting virtually via Facebook @SherwoodPTSA. We will send a link and login instructions in advance of the meeting for those that would like to attend remotely. Please note you will need to attend in person to vote on any motions.

March 17, 2020: 7.15pm in the Media Center

Finances for teens (What you wish you knew, and actually followed at 18, that you then regret at 50) with Ms. Meagan Sexton, Financial Advisor

CHAT AND CHEW: JANUARY 17

On 17 Jan 2020, Dr. Eric Minus (SHS Principal) and staff members met with parents to discuss [Supporting Students in AP Level Courses](#). AP NSL Gov. Teacher Ms. Michelle Games spoke to keeping your student motivated, while also providing a socially/emotionally safe environment while taking AP courses. She noted the importance of reading fluency to increase the likelihood of success in AP. She strongly encouraged as much reading as possible during the ES and MS grades. She also noted there is an expectation of independence, especially once students reach 11th & 12th grade. But there are a lot of support mechanisms for students in AP (and in general for all students). Ms. Games also noted pursuing AP classes where there is an intrinsic interest will facilitate independence and success. A full summary of the second is available with this [link](#). Please mark your calendar; **the next Chat and Chew will be Friday, March 27, 2020, at 9:15 a.m.**

[School Year 2019-20 Calendar](#)

February Key School Dates (Check the school website for additional information):

4 (Tue)	Report Cards Distribution
17 (Mon)	President’s Day (Office and School Closed)
	PTSA Scholarship Applications Due
28 (Fri)	Early Release

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

World Languages Dept. is sponsoring a one week exchange program for 25 students visiting from France. Three more host families are needed. Please contact [Mr. John Falls](#) if you are interested in sharing this wonderful opportunity with the visiting student and your family.

2020.21 PTSA BOARD

We have been lucky to have great boards over the years, with many board members serving 3-4 years. However, many of our current board members will not be returning, and we will have many vacancies to fill for the coming school year. For the 2020.21 school year, we will be looking to fill:

• President	• Listserv Moderator
• Communications VP	• WebMaster
• Treasurer	• Membership Co-chair
	• Prom & Graduation Bus Coordinator

Please consider joining the PTSA board team and be part of making a difference at SHS and the greater Olney, Sandy Spring, Brookville community. Please contact Jeff Baum (jbaum21@verizon.net) or Randall MacGill (rmacgill@verizon.net) if you are interested.

SPRING COMMITTEES

Several PTSA committees will need help this coming spring. We will need help with:

- After Prom
- Nominating Committee
- Memberhub transition team
- Teacher + Staff awards review

CONNECT WITH US

Please visit us at www.sherwoodpts.org for information on connecting to our [listserv](#) and social media feeds.

DIRECTORY

Thank you all for your patience as we once again need to transition to a new directory system (every year the past 4 years). The 2019.20 directory will (likely) come online this month. Please join the PTSA listserv for fastest notification when this comes available.

Local grocery stores -In addition, please link your Harris Teeter VIC and Giant++ rewards cards to Sherwood High School. Our school's code at Harris Teeter is 1032 (go to Together in Education link); at Giant, the code is 00846. The cards have to be relinked each school year.

Links

[Join the PTSA](#). It is never too late to join.

[Amazon Smile](#). support the PTSA while buying the items you would purchase anyway. Please select **Sherwood HS Parent Teacher Assoc.** as your charity.

SHS PTSA on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), & [Instagram](#)