

May School Council/Association Meeting –Principal Report

Thank you to our School Council and parent community for your continued support of Sherwood School. As we move into the final stretch of the school year, there are many exciting initiatives, celebrations, and preparations happening throughout the building.



Staffing and Organization Update

As we begin planning for the 2026–2027 school year, we are currently projecting the following classroom organization:

- **2 Grade 4 classes**
- **3 Grade 5/6 classes**
- **3 Grade 7 classes**
- **3 Grade 8 classes**
- **2 Grade 9 classes**

In addition, the Hull STAR program will continue to be housed within our building next year. We continue to value the positive relationships and collaboration between Sherwood staff and the Hull STAR team as we work together to support students.

While enrolment and staffing can still shift over the spring and summer months, this is our current projected structure based on enrolment numbers and staffing allocations.

Learning Lab and Literacy Intervention

Our schoolwide Learning Lab literacy intervention continues to be a major focus at Sherwood. Staff have been working incredibly hard to support students through targeted reading instruction, fluency development, comprehension strategies, vocabulary building, and writing support.

We continue to use assessment data such as:

- Words Their Way
- MAZE comprehension assessments
- CBM Writing
- Classroom evidence and teacher observations

One of the most exciting aspects of this work has been seeing students build confidence and engagement in reading while also strengthening relationships across grade levels through mixed-group learning opportunities.

Student Learning and School Culture

Over the past several months, students have participated in a variety of engaging learning opportunities including:

- Land-based and Indigenous learning experiences
- Fine arts projects
- Sports and extracurricular activities
- Leadership opportunities
- Wellness and SEL activities

Our staff continue to focus on creating supportive classroom environments that promote belonging, high expectations, and student success.

Spring Showcase

We are very excited for our upcoming Spring Showcase on Thursday, which will highlight:

- Grade 4–6 performances
- Grade 7–9 band performances
- Drama productions
- Fine arts displays throughout the hallways
- Grade 9 fundraising initiatives

This event is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the creativity, talent, and hard work of our students and staff.

Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs)

PAT season has started for our Grade 6 and Grade 9 students. Staff are continuing to support students through review, preparation, and strong instructional practices leading into June.

We continue to emphasize that learning remains ongoing throughout the entire month of June, even after PATs and final exams are completed.

Student Well-Being and Support

Sherwood continues to prioritize student wellness and support systems. Staff are actively engaged in:

- Relationship mapping
- Classroom wellness strategies
- Behaviour and regulation supports
- Attendance interventions
- Small group and individualized student support planning

Our goal remains to ensure every student has trusted adults, meaningful connections, and access to supports when needed.

Looking Ahead

We are already beginning preparations for:

- Sherwood's upcoming 70th Anniversary planning
- Track and Field Day
- Swimming

We are excited about the continued growth of our school community and deeply appreciate the partnership between home and school.