

Sherman County School District



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WORKING TOGETHER TO PUT STUDENT SUCCESS FIRST

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On behalf of the Sherman County School District Board of Directors and Staff, I welcome all of you to the 2018-19 school year. This past week, Sherman County School opened its doors to 273 enthusiastic students in grades K-12. This is up 23 students which corresponds to a 9.2% increase. We are thrilled to experience this student population growth and we are looking forward to assisting each and every student achieve academic success.

This is a perfect time to thank our teachers and staff with appreciation and praise. On a daily basis, they go above and beyond to ensure that every student has a safe, supportive, and successful learning experience. They are also all proud to work in a county that so openly and passionately supports education and their daily work.

Our top priority is to support the academic, social, and emotional needs of our students while maintaining a safe and orderly learning environment for all. We will again be focusing on our Positive Behavior Intervention and Support Program this year. PBIS is a school wide approach for creating a safer and more effective school by considering the following three phrases as important Life Rules: Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible. Throughout the past three years, the District Administration, Sheriff's Office and Multi-Agency Safety Committee have also implemented robust and proactive safety measures to ensure student/staff safety. During the month of September, we will be conducting practice fire, lockdown and bus evacuation drills, which will include classroom visits by law enforcement and fire personnel to answer student questions.

We are looking forward to the 3rd Annual Hall of Honor Induction Ceremony on September 28, 2018. We will celebrate the induction of four individuals and one foundation during half-time of the home football game against Enterprise High School. The public is welcome to join the celebration at a pre-event reception that will take place prior to the game at 5:30 p.m. in the Event Center. At the reception, designated speakers will share memories of each honoree and the Booster Club will be offering a fundraiser tri-tip dinner for anyone interested for \$10.

The 2018 inductees include the generous and dedicated Sherman County Athletic Foundation, Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame Member Mike Beers, Businesswoman, Farmer and Artist Karla (von Borstel) Chambers, United States Navy Executive Officer Don Helyer (posthumously), and long-time Sherman County Superintendent Wily Knighten (posthumously).

Sherman County School truly appreciates the amazing support we receive from all of our constituents and families. We cherish this partnership as we work together to put student success first.

As always, I encourage your participation in the life of Sherman County School. I welcome your comments, feedback and questions. Please give me a call at Sherman County School at 541-565-3500 or send me an email at wowens@sherman.k12.or.us. Best wishes for a wonderful school year!

Sincerely,

Wes Owens
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