

Shelby High School

Parent's Newsletter

February 2012

Principal's Piece:

Even though it is the shortest month of the year, February is still quite busy. We will begin our 2012-2013 scheduling meetings later this month. There are also plenty of sporting events taking place in February as we begin to wind down the winter sports season. Seniors will be getting more information about the local scholarships that are available to our graduates. Keep up with your child's grades and activities and as always feel free to call me if you have any questions or concerns. Thanks for helping to make Shelby High School a great place.

Go Whippets!
Principal John Gies



OGT Week

We will be administering the Ohio Graduation Test the week of March 12th. This is a required test for all students in Ohio to pass in order to earn a diploma. The high school **ONLY** will operate on a 2 hour late start schedule that week. The other buildings in the district will operate on a normal schedule. There will be more information about times and schedules in the March newsletter. There is a link to the Ohio Department of Education's testing site on our school district website. Parents and students can see past test questions and even answer questions. You can go to www.shelbyk12.org. Under the Parent Resource tab click on Ohio's Statewide Testing, then click on OGT. You will see a parent and a student portal, both choices will guide you through the testing site. We highly encourage all sophomores especially to look at this site before test week.



Class Rings

Our Josten's representative, Todd Depperschmidt, met with the freshmen on January 27th to go over ordering class rings. Your son or daughter should have brought home a packet of information for you to review. As was stated in the meeting, you do not have to buy a ring and the ring you pick out does not need to be anything fancy. We will have a Family Ring Night on Thursday, February 2nd, from 5:00-7:00 pm in the commons for parents to come in and meet with Mr. Depperschmidt and to order their rings. Students can also order rings on Friday, February 3rd, during all lunch periods.



After Prom

The junior parents are continuing to work on planning this year's After Prom. A freewill soup and wrap dinner will be held before the boy's basketball game on Saturday, February 4th, starting at 4:40 pm in the commons. Come enjoy some good homemade soup and a turkey wrap before going into the gym to watch the Whippets beat Tiffin.

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Interim Grades

Interim Reports will be distributed on Thursday, February 16th, during homerooms. You can always keep up with your child's grades using the Parent Access feature of ProgressBook. The next Parent-Teacher Conferences will not be held until March 21st. If your child is struggling early in this semester please make contact with their teacher.



Hoops for Hope

The February 4th boy's basketball game with Tiffin Columbian has been designated as *Hoops for Hope*. Hoops for Hope is an event to create awareness for cancer research. During the junior varsity half-time the varsity basketball team members will be honoring and recognizing Shelby City School staff members who have battled this horrible disease known as cancer.

The fans are being asked to participate in a Miracle Minute during the half-time of the varsity game. For one minute the cheerleaders from both Shelby and Tiffin will be collecting monetary donations to be given to cancer research. We want to beat Tiffin on the basketball court and during the Miracle Minute! More importantly we all want to beat Cancer so make plans to be at the game on Feb. 4th! The Hoops for Hope event is being sponsored by the Shelby High School FCCLA Chapter. Go Whippets!



March Dates - Take Notice!

12 th -16 th	OGT Testing Week (2 hour late start for 11 th & 12 th grades)
16 th	End of 3 rd Nine Wks
19 th	FFA Meeting
21 st	Parent/Teacher Conferences (3-7:45 pm)
23 rd	Grade Cards distributed



Saving Lives

Students and staff have donated over 120 units of blood so far this school year, enabling the Red Cross to save up to 360 lives from the blood we have supplied. Every two seconds someone in America has a blood transfusion, and five million patients will need blood this year. The Shelby Key Club has sponsored three blood drives so far and has two more scheduled before the school year is done. These drives are open to anyone in our community by calling 419-342-5065 and setting up an appointment. Our next blood drive is scheduled for March 22nd, and our final drive is on May 18th. "I have been so pleased by the willingness of our students to give of themselves to help others. That is the essence of what Key Club stands for and reminds me that often students can be shining examples for adults in how to sacrifice and put others' needs before our own comfort," remarked Mr. Andrew Quertler, Key Club Advisor.

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DVDs of Saturday's
matinee & evening
performances are now
available!!

\$15/DVD & \$5/Photo DVD

Contact Brian Nabors at
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Or Shelly Kurtzman at
Kurtzman.shelly@shelbyk12.org

(Make checks payable to Shelby Choir Parents)

Pittsburgh Art Trip

This trip gives our students a chance to experience a city bursting with culture and art. What better way to enrich our students in the area of art and have fun at the same time?

There are five interested art students at this time and I hope to increase this number to 35-40. Some of these students are going for a second time as they enjoyed themselves so much on our trip in 2010.

The trip is a three day excursion and the exact dates will be announced next fall. We try to pick a date in middle to late March so it does not interfere with any winter or spring sports. The cost of the trip will be approximately \$350-\$400, depending on the price of gas (hopefully, we can keep it closer to \$350). We will need chaperones so I would like to encourage our parents, grandparents, etc. to consider coming along with us. It makes for a great bonding experience for you and your son, daughter, grandchild, etc.

We will be selling the Olde Whaler candles through the B 'n R Company on Rt. 39 here in Shelby in December 2012. These candles are extremely easy to sell and will be delivered before Christmas. Please email Ann, Coward at coward.ann@shelbyk12.org if you have any questions.

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Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	Jan	30	31	1	Feb	2	3
		Sophomore PLAN & Planning Meeting (DJLT- 6:30pm)	Swim vs Ontario & Norwalk GBK @ Lex	EARLY DISMISSAL WR @ Crestview	Josten's Family Ring Night 5-7 pm	GBK @ Sandusky Josten's Ring Orders during Lunches	Swim @ Margaretta JVWR @ Edison BBK vs Columbian FCCLA Dance after BB game Jr. Class pre-game Soup & Sand. Hoops for Hope FCCLA Cancer Event (all day)
5				8		10	11
			BBK @ Galion		GBK vs Galion 9BBK @ Willard	BBK @ Sandusky	BBK vs Clyde NOL WR @ Sandusky GBK @ Bellevue
12		13	14	15	16	17	18
			GBK @ Madison Valentine's Day		Interims Distributed	BBK @ Bellevue Sectional Wrestling (H)	GBK vs Willard Sectional Wrestling (H)
19		20	21	22	23	24	25
		Presidents' Day NO SCHOOL!	PSEOP Meeting 6:30pm 8th Grd Parents 8pm	Ash Wednesday	FCCLA Chef Event 4-7pm	BBk vs Willard	Farm Bureau Breakfast 7-10:30
26		27	28	29	1	Mar	2
		FFA Meeting 7:30pm					3

Positive School Climate

Providing a safe place to learn remains a priority at Shelby High School. While promoting a Positive School Climate, we understand students may develop conflicts. One of our jobs as educators is teaching students how to handle situations in an appropriate way. An appropriate way is one in which the student does not put him/herself in harms way or face the possibility of being disciplined.

Bullying is defined as aggressive behavior that intends to cause harm or distress. It is **repeated over a period of time**, causes humiliation and occurs in a relationship where there is an imbalance of power or strength.

An important word to understand is **CONTROL**. When a student is a victim of a bully situation, the bully has control over the victim. The biggest mistake made by the victim is silence.

The victim needs to understand the Bully and his/her behavior is the problem. No one deserves to be bullied. While the Bully does not want any adult to know what is going on, he/she thrives on peers knowing they have control over someone. Bullying is not permanent, it may feel this is not the case. Learning how to handle the situation will greatly impact the duration. Bullying is most prevalent in students from grade 6 through grade 10.

The victim needs to get control. How is this done? It is important for the victim to tell a school official. School officials will be able to assist with "gaining back control" as well as attempting to change negative behavior. Confide in a close friend, or family member, it is important to talk about the situation. Talking with others eases these negative feelings and allows the victim to express the anger and hurt building up inside. The victim may feel embarrassment, shame and fear; when confronted, do not get emotional. When the Bully receives a reaction, the negative behavior will continue. In "Bullying in Schools: What You Need to Know" written by Paul Langan, victims should:

- 1) Laugh along. Bullies want to upset you and if you laugh along, you take away some of their power. Also, you show that behavior doesn't bother you.
- 2) Roll with the punch. When the Bully teases the victim, agree with what was said. The idea is to take away power from the Bully.
- 3) Change the Subject. Once a Bully makes a comment, point out something that distracts from the comment. One example may be, "The teacher is watching" or "What is he doing over there?"
- 4) Verbal Defense. Do not get into a shouting match or insults. You should have a response that shows you are keeping control. ("Bullying in Schools..." page 49)

The victim may address the Bully's attack directly by using a **loud** voice, look the Bully in the eye, call his/her name and say leave me alone...ie; "Betty, I am not a _____ leave me alone!", or "Betty, I am tired of you harassing me, leave me alone!" and walk away. This should be done loud enough that anyone near the confrontation will know what is going on. The Bully is identified publicly. The victim should not engage in a verbal confrontation. If the Bully replies with inappropriate comments just stick to the plan of telling him/her to leave me alone and walking away.

There is no one strategy that works in all situations. Each individual has to find what works best for him/her. We all need to help our students handle situations in a positive way, ***the worst possible action is to take no action!***

Please contact your child's building Principal with any questions, comments or concerns.