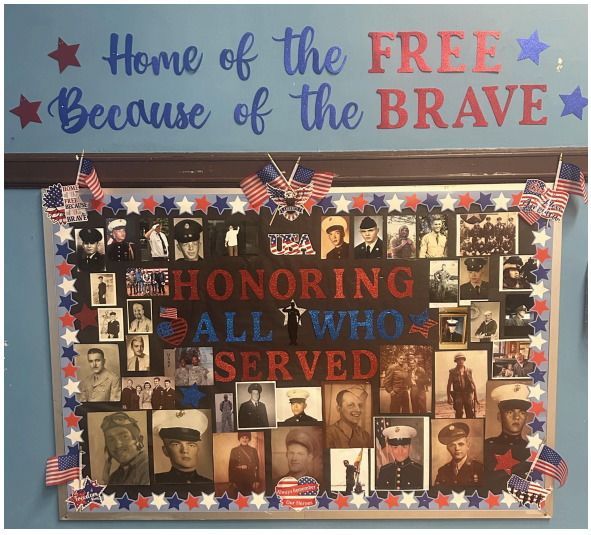
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Bake Sale for Charity: Former Sheridan Students and current High School students, **BPort United**, will be hosting a Bake Sale Fundraiser on Friday, November 20th after dismissal from around 2:35 to 3:35, or whenever they sell out. They will be set up after dismissal at the corner of Wallace and 27th Street. All proceeds made from this bake sale will be going towards our upcoming event, which is the Winter Wellness Workshop, where high school volunteers will assemble essential winter kits (hand warmers, socks, chapsticks, etc) to donate to our local Halsted Homeless Shelter (SPARC) to prepare to a long winter ahead. There will be cookies, brownies, and hot chocolate for all under $3. They will be able to take both cash and Apple Pay. Please consider donating to this good cause. There is a flyer attached with more information.

Call For Volunteer Science Fair Judges: We are currently recruiting judges for our 8th Grade Science Fair Competition, on Wednesday, December 2, from 8am-12pm. If you have a science background or interest, please let me know if you would like to volunteer as a judge! All judges must commit to attending a short orientation the week of the event and completing a 2 hour shift of judging projects on 12/2. Please email Mr Cawood at JFCawood@cps.edu if you are interested!



Veteran Day Hero Board: We are so grateful to those who sent photos for our Veteran Hero Board. It turned out beautifully and we deeply honor those who made the ultimate sacrifices for our country. *Their sacrifice shaped our today and protects our tomorrow. Their courage helped preserve the freedoms we hold dear. We remember with reverent hearts those who made the ultimate sacrifice, and we hope that they might find solace and support in the legacy of their loved ones' courage.*



Holiday Show Information: **Mark your calendars for this year's Holiday show which will be held in the 3rd Floor Gym on Thursday, December 17th. There will be two productions.**

8:00-9:00 AM	**105-K**	**106-I**	**104-2**	**203-3**	**204-4**	**201-5**
9:15- 10:15 AM	**107-K**	**108-1**	**103-2**	**208-3**	**209-4**	**206-5**

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Tardies: As we move into the colder season of winter, we have been seeing an increase in tardies. Please make sure that you are leaving home with enough time to get your child(ren) to school by 7:30 AM. It makes a significant difference in the day!

Get Protected this Respiratory Illness Season: COVID-19 and flu cases are increasing. The updated COVID-19 and flu vaccines are the best way to help protect yourself, your family, and our school community. A list of minimum health requirements is attached to this email. = You can also find a Health Center at findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov or contact Healthy CPS Hotline: 773-553-KIDS (5437) with any questions.

Key Reminders:

- Stay up to date on recommended and required vaccines.
- Get tested for COVID-19 before and after large gatherings and before returning to school after breaks.
- Wash hands often, cover coughs and sneezes, and stay home when sick.
- Consider wearing a mask if you have symptoms or are around medically vulnerable individuals.

MSA Attendance: Our current Attendance Rate this week as a WHOLE school is 97.10%, which is a bit under last week's attendance. Our goal is to keep our attendance rate above 98%. Please make sure to prioritize your child being at school every day and on-time! We can do even better with everyone's support. Please see the guide below for when you should keep your child home.

Student Fees: Please make sure to pay your $125 student fee by **November 13th** through Aspen. If you need additional information, there is guidance attached to this email. If you are new to the Aspen Parent Portal or need technical support, please contact **Ms. Christy Zhang** in the Main Office at **LZhang10@cps.edu.**

After-School Care: **Apollo Afterschool:** For families seeking after-school care, Apollo Afterschool provides fantastic on-site care for Sheridan students.

Registration: You can register your child directly through the Apollo Afterschool Registration Portal.

Questions? Please visit their website at www.apolloafterschool.com or call their main office at 1-855-543-7277

Please see the attached flyer for information on the Xilin Association/St. Anthony Community Center's Annual Thanksgiving Senior Luncheon which will be held on November 23rd.

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Key Transportation Reminders:

Please adhere to these guidelines in the interest of SAFETY.

Please do not double-park when dropping off or picking up your child. Also, do not let students out of the vehicle on the street side. This is dangerous and may result in a serious injury.

Drop-off & Pick-up: Doors open at 7:30. We do provide supervision after 7:15 AM. Please review the below information and our arrival map [link] to help traffic flow safely. VERY IMPORTANT: Please do not park in handicapped spots, as these spaces are reserved for those with accessibility needs.

Morning Drop-Off

- Student Morning Drop-off is one-way on 27th Street going East.
- Pull up your vehicle as far as possible to the person stopped before you.
- Be fully stopped before your child(ren) exits the vehicle.
- We will have Student Ambassadors helping us with this starting next week.
- Always use the crosswalk when crossing the street (students & parents).
- Cars may not be double-parked in the street. You may be ticketed.
- Never leave your child or vehicle unattended.
- You may not exit your vehicle in the pick-up line or during the dismissal window.
- Note that U-turns are both illegal and very dangerous.

Car Drop-Off & Pick-up Route/Map

Dismissal Procedures: Please be considerate and follow these procedures faithfully. Failure to do so will create a traffic backup that poses a potential danger.

27th Street is a One Way STREET going East during the dismissal window of 2:15-3:00 PM.

- Dismissal for non-bussed students begins at 2:35 PM.
- Pick-Up Line: The only entrance for the pick-up line is from Wallace onto 27th Street.
- Arrive at your designated pickup time & do not cross in front of buses.
    - Vehicle Pick-up for Families is at 2:30 PM
- Pull to the curb and behind the vehicle in front of you.
- At approximately 2:45 PM, after the car pick-up line has cleared, the vans and buses going to after-school program locations will be allowed to move through the same pick-up line.
- Make sure your child can identify your car.
- Be courteous to other drivers when entering and exiting the pick-up line.
- For your safety, please use the crosswalk at all times.

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General Reminders:

- There is a CPS Parent Tech Support Hotline available to parents Monday-Friday from 7:30 AM- 4:30 PM. They can be reached at 773-417-1060.
- **Family Handbook & Website:** Please review the attached Student & Family Handbook, which serves as your comprehensive guide to being an active part of our school community. This handbook should be your go-to resource for school policies and information throughout the year. You can also visit our official school website anytime at www.sheridan.cps.edu.



Mark your Calendars!

Dates	Event
November 23rd-27th	Thanksgiving Break
Friday, November 20th	PAC Meeting
Tuesday, December 2nd	8th Grade Science Fair Demonstrations
Friday, December 11th	Progress Reports go home
Wednesday, December 16th	Student Shows
Thursday, December 17th	Holiday Shows (8AM & 9:15 AM); LSC Meeting
December 19th- January 3rd	Winter Break (Students Return January 4th!)

