

The Paw Print

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Playoffs Once Again



The Sherman offensive line lines up against the defensive line of Magnolia West in their first round match-up

Congratulations to our Sherman High Football team on back-to-back appearances in the UIL State Playoffs. The team traveled over 4.5 hours for their first round match-up against Magnolia West. The Bearcats were down 24-0 early in the 2nd Quarter before roaring back and responding with 24 unanswered points, led by Blaise Bentsen's two touchdown passes and a fumble returned for a touchdown, going into halftime.

After a touchdown by Magnolia West, the bearcats responded quickly with a rushing touchdown of their own from 10 yards out to tie the game at 31-31. Magnolia would score two touchdowns in the fourth quarter to put the game away. Sherman High is proud of our boys and cannot wait to see them again next year. Go Cats!



CHARGING INTO THE NEW YEAR



Dadrien Calhoun, junior, dribbles and facilitates the offense in a non-district match-up

SHS Basketball hitting the paint once again

Basketball season is underway and there is nothing but potential in this Sherman Bearcat team. The Bearcats have lost all five starters from the prior year, but with new coach Jordan Marks the young team is looking for another playoff appearance.

"We are just trying to get the young guys ready for district so we can make playoffs " said Junior Shooting Guard Gage Smith "but, with new teams in our district like Lovejoy and Princeton it is not going to be easy."

The Bearcats won their season opener against Krum High school 66-63.

SPOTLIGHT PLAYER: Gage Smith

Grade: 10th

Lays flavor: Sour Cream & Onion

Go-to gas station snack: Peanut Butter M&Ms

Favorite brand: Nike

Favorite movie: CHIPS

Favorite Sherman donut shop: Momo's

If he could turn into any animal, he would be a sea turtle

Hype song: "Going Bad"- Meek Mill feat. Drake

On-Court Achievements: Defensive specialist last year



VOLLEYBALL

SPOTLIGHT PLAYER: Cameron Wecker

Position: Libero

Grade: 12th

Hype Song: Sicko Mode

Hidden talent:

Can cross only one eye
while keeping the other
Straight.

Go-to gas station snack:
SweeTarts

Celebrity Crush: Ryan Gosling

Favorite show to binge watch: The Office

If she could be any animal, she would be a tiger.

On-Court Achievements: Varsity starter since
freshman year, 1st Team All-District, All-Texomaland
selection, Academic All District junior and senior year



FOOTBALL

SPOTLIGHT PLAYER: Blaise Bentsen

Position: Quarterback

Grade: 12th

Favorite school subject:
History

Celebrity crush:
Jennifer Aniston

Favorite Music Artist:
Drake

Gatorade color: Pink

Favorite movie: Remember the Titans

If he could be any person for a day, he would be Post
Malone, "because he just has a lit life and he's always
happy."

On-Field Achievements: 2nd Team All-District in 2017,
Threw for over 4,000 yards and 36 TD's in two years at
Sherman, Academic All State, and led the team to back-
to-back playoff appearances



TENNIS

SPOTLIGHT PLAYER: Cade Cole



Grade: 11th

Celebrity crush: A\$AP Rocky

Favorite Gatorade flavor:

Lemon-Lime

Lays Flavor: Sour Cream and
Onion

M&M's or Skittles: M&M's

Animal: Cats

Favorite soda: All of Them

If he could be a celebrity for a day, he would be Selena Gomez "because she's fine".

On-Court Achievements: Varsity player since
Sophomore year, 1st team All-District last year, 2nd team
All-District this year, Played #1 Doubles

GIRL'S BASKETBALL

SPOTLIGHT PLAYER: Libby Ticknor



Grade: 12th

Favorite movie:
The Help

Celebrity crush:
Tom Brady

Go-to gas station snack:
Kettle-cooked jalapeno chips

Netflix show: Breaking Bad

Hype song: "Drip Too Hard"- Lil Baby & Gunna

Hidden Talent: "I'm really good at half-court shots"



ALL SHOOK UP PREVIEW

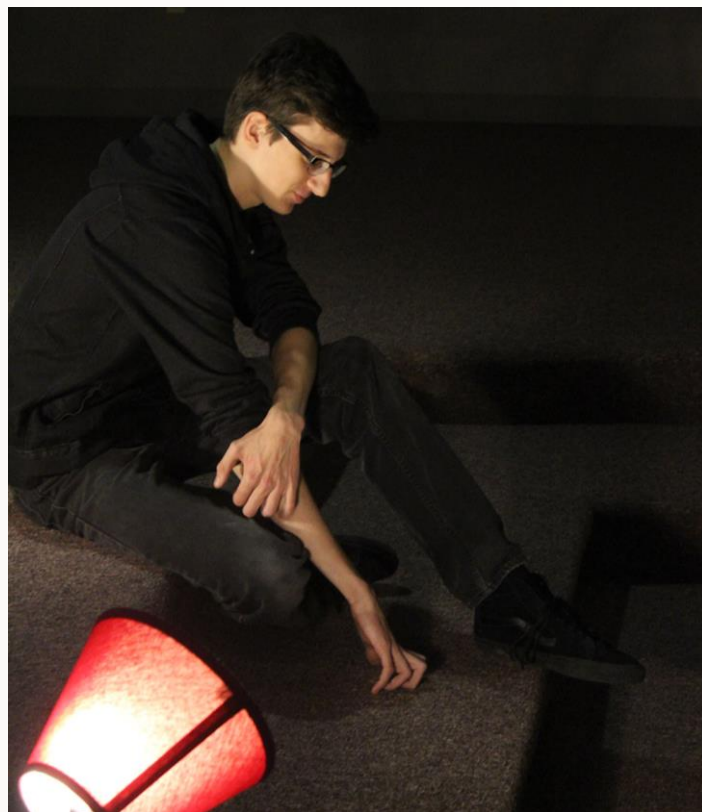
Coming soon to the theatre in your school, the Sherman High Theatre program will be showing the play All Shook Up. The plot incorporates many Elvis songs, each song with many meanings.

“Love triangles abound in this play,” says theatre teacher Mr. George, “and the reason for that is, because of UIL, we always do a Shakespearean play.”

All Shook Up is based on the Shakespearean play Twelfth Night. The play takes place in a small Midwestern town where the people are not allowed to sing or dance. That is until Chad rides in.

“It’s got hijinks, it’s kind of silly, there’s some very heartfelt moment to the show and it’s all done to Elvis music” says Mr. George.

The play will be showing on January 18, 19, and 20 in the main auditorium. The plays will start at 7pm on the 18th and 19th and on the 20th there will be two shows at 2pm and 7pm. Each play will run two to two and a half hours. Admission will be \$10 for students and \$15 for parents and other family members.



Matthew Michael McMenamy, who portrayed the character of Denton, during last year’s performance of “The Language of Trees” (photo by Anthony Pena)



BEARCAT GAMING

Super Smash Bros. Ultimate

Developed by Bandai Namco and Sora Ltd., Nintendo published and announced Super Smash Bros. Ultimate, the fifth Super Smash Bros. series, for the Nintendo Switch and was released in December 7, 2018. Of course the hyped game since E3 will be exclusive to the Nintendo Switch. New characters, maps, and game modes will be added to the game along with the new “spirits”.

Ever since the first Super Smash Bros., more characters and maps have been added to the game, but in this game, a lot has changed. With the recently announced Ken from Street Fighter and Inconeroar from Pokémon, there are 74 confirmed characters on the roster excluding the 5 unconfirmed characters in the DLC. All the characters in previous games will be in Super Smash Bros. Ultimate. If one pre-orders the game, the consumer will receive Phiranha Plant, a completely new fighter in the game. Masahiro Sakurai, the creator and director of the Super Smash Bros. series, is pleased with his work. Unlike previous games, each character’s final smash are straight to the point making the game flow smoother, and a gauge will show below the character’s icon ant the bottom of the screen. Echo fighters are also included to show the counter-part of the character in the roster and currently there are 6. The game will offer 12 characters from the original Super Smash Bros. in the roster and the rest of the characters will have to be unlocked.

Trophies are replaced by “spirits” due to the hard development in the previous games, but a new function is now available. Each player can now equip a main spirit to help them in their battles. The Spirit can also have sub-spirits equipped to it, so the spirit and the fighter can become more powerful. The ranks categorizing the spirits are ‘Novice’, ‘Advanced’, ‘Aces’, and ‘Legends’. There are three known different types of spirits; attack, grab, or shield, each having their own strength and weaknesses. A player can obtain spirits by completing challenges and can be leveled up, just like the characters in the roster. A new story campaign, or adventure mode, will be added called “The World of Light”, with the lore of the creation of “spirits”. With Kirby only surviving the beams of light, the fluffy pink ball must revive his friends by capturing their spirits to defeat the ‘ultimate’ villain, Galeen. The player must travel through the campaign’s map to unlock more of the map until the final stage.

Additionally, there are 103 confirmed stages in the game. A player can choose the ‘map’ before their fighters to better prepare for the fight. Now, there is an option where a player can select stages multiple stages in a match and can change the time when the stages “morph”. With the “my Music” feature, the player can listen to over 800 tracks in the game, although of course it needs to be unlocked. Super Smash Bros is enjoyed by many people and this game might be the pinnacle of the franchise itself. This would probably be the most successful Super Smash Bros. game that Sakurai has created, just in time for it to be one of the presents, under the Christmas-tree.

MAROON MUSIC

RAP ALBUM OF THE YEAR?

This year of new music has involved albums by some of rap's biggest stars, from Travis Scott to Lil Wayne. "ASTROWORLD" was Travis Scott's third studio album that has spent 19 weeks in the top 10 of Billboard's Top 100 albums. Tracks like "Sicko Mode" and "Stargazing" stand out as Travis' typical hype songs, however, tracks like "Skeletons" and "Coffee Bean" show a more vulnerable side of Travis Scott that is new to fans. The album also provided listeners with a fresh list of features including, Frank Ocean on "Carousel", Gunna on "Yosemite", and one with up and coming artist, Don Toliver on "Can't Say". Don Toliver was arguably the best feature on the project as his voice took over the song and kept the upbeat energy throughout his two verses on the track. Overall "ASTROWORLD" is arguably Travis Scott's best album yet competing with Rodeo and a contender for album of the year.



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"Honesty" – Pink Sweat\$

"MIA" – Bad Bunny ft. Drake

"What About Me" – Lil Wayne ft. Post Malone

"East Atlanta Love Letter" – 6lack ft. Future

"Sunflower"- Post Malone & Swae Lee

"SLOW DANCING IN THE DARK" - Joji

"I Don't Know About You" – Chris Lane

"monster"- 21 Savage ft. Childish Gambino

SONG OF THE MONTH

"Dreamcatcher" – Metro Boomin
ft. Travis Scott, & Swae Lee

ASTROWORLD

STARGAZING
CAROUSEL
SICKO MODE
R.I.P. SCREW
STOP TRYING TO BE GOD
NO BYSTANDERS
SKELETONS
WAKE UP
5% TINT
NC-17
ASTROTHUNDER
YOSEMITE
CAN'T SAY
WHO? WHAT!
BUTTERFLY EFFECT
HOUSTONFORNICATION
COFFEE BEAN

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



The Sherman High School Band marching, while playing in the annual Christmas parade

The Paw Print staff would like to wish everyone a safe Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! Enjoy our list of the Top 5 Christmas songs!

- All I Want for Christmas is You- Maiah Carrey
- Mistletoe- Justin Bieber
- Merry Christmas Darling- The Carpenters
- Cold December Night- Michael Bublé
- Please Come Home for Christmas- Eagles

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