



Welcome, we appreciate your interest in Sherwood Charter School. SCS is a K-8 school of choice, providing a rigorous academic experience through integrated curriculum and instruction. SCS maintains a nurturing environment with small class sizes and an emphasis on practical application of what is learned. Our mission is proudly posted in every classroom and is something that we live by every day.

Our academic programs cultivate a strong love of learning and the ability to apply knowledge in a meaningful way. Class sizes are kept at an ideal level for fostering a personal level of interaction between students and teachers. Our curriculum is creative and rigorous at the same time. We blend the most innovative, integrated studies with classic Core Knowledge. Instead of just aligning our curriculum with only Common Core State Standards, we have raised the bar by including Core Knowledge, Next Generation Science Standards, and the Oregon State Standards.

As principal, I love the warm, family culture of our school. Because we are a small school, with a student population capped at 225 students, we get to know each other and celebrate each other's successes. Visitors to our school immediately recognize each classroom is a "class family."

At SCS, we believe in cultivating students' hearts as well as their minds to foster academic excellence, improve school climate, and reduce discipline referrals. Our character development program, HEART—an acronym for honor, empathy, accountability, respect and teamwork—is woven into everything we do. Instead of focusing on students doing something wrong, we are recognizing students acting with HEART on a daily basis.

Nowhere have these skills been more evident than in our Leadership Academy in our Middle School, a gem in the Sherwood Community. Imagine a middle school where teamwork is the motto and students respect and support each other. That is what you will find here. Our middle school of only seventy-five students has what I call a "bubble of innocence." No one is concerned about a popular group, because as one student puts it, "Everyone is friends with everyone else, and no one bullies." We don't have loud halls where masses of middle school students move from class to class or have a focus on boy-girl issues. Our middle school students are like brothers and sisters who look out for each other. Our curriculum is designed with the middle school students in mind and focuses on what they really care about, such as "Iron Chef" and "Sports Statistics" electives.

Another key component to the success of our school is that parents are encouraged to participate. We want parents in our classrooms and involved in activities that support our school. Our wonderful, qualified teachers partner with parents to ensure the success of their children. We invite you to come and see our incredible school in action during one of our monthly tours; these tours are typically held the third Tuesday of each month, but please call for confirmation. We look forward to meeting you!

Sincerely,

Joy Raboli, Principal
Sherwood Charter School