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SHS PARENT ASSOCIATION BULLETIN

April 25, 2012

Upcoming Calendar Items

- April 28 SHS Prom – [see letter from school](#) – see [info from planning committee](#)
- May 1 Deadline to submit tribute ads for AIDA program (see below for how to submit)
- May 7 – 11 Staff Appreciation Week – [Volunteers Needed](#)
- May 7-18 Advanced Placement Testing – [see schedule](#) – students must have pre-registered
- May 8 School Board Meeting – [agenda will be posted here](#)
- May 12 Student Council Run/Walk to Benefit Greyhound Pets. All (including dogs) are welcome
- May 11, 12, 13 [SHS Drama Presents: AIDA](#) - Tickets available [online here](#).
- May 15 AP Art Night – 5:30 – SHS Art Rooms and Hallway
- May 17, 18, 19 [SHS Drama Presents: AIDA](#) - Tickets available [online here](#).

Note from the Editor

While I do keep a file of what I've written in the past, I try not to recycle these notes from year to year. A few exceptions to that rule are due to positive feedback and/or popular demand – and the “pre-prom note” falls into that category. So... some of you have heard this one before, but some of you haven't, here it is for those that want to read or re-read.

A few years ago, when Jonathan and I returned home from chaperoning post-prom at sometime after 2:00 am, we saw several emergency vehicles all with flashing lights going, right at OUR corner. Talk about sinking hearts. Turns out – it was a young man, not a teen, not prom related – but apparently DUI, who had sideswiped our neighbors' tree then travelled well onto their impeccably manicured lawn. Luckily they have a large lot (by Shorewood standards), or the car would have been through the picture window! The next morning there were car parts strewn throughout the yard – nuts, bolts, glass, pieces of metal, etc – it was not a “little” accident. The driver must have been wearing his seat belt, because he was taken away with only an ankle injury. Even though it wasn't a prom related incident, it felt like a “close call”. And with this year's prom just a few days away, and memories of this “close call” on my mind, I feel compelled to get on my soap box again, and remind you of the parenting tips you already know. I'm thinking of prom as I write this, but obviously these tips apply to any time our teens are out and about.

If your child will be attending prom, please make sure you've read the [letter that was mailed home](#) regarding the logistics and timing of prom and post prom. Prom should be a memorable and SAFE evening for our teens. Help them to stay safe by making sure you know their plans for both before and after prom. They're good kids, and while any kid can make a mistake once (and most will) - they are less likely to do so when they know we are paying attention. Remind your kids to drive safely, (including not texting – EVER – while driving), to wear their seatbelts, to require their passengers to wear seatbelts, to refrain from distracting the driver if they are a passenger and to call you if they feel uncomfortable or unsafe – at ANY time during this or any other evening. Yeah... they'll roll their eyes at you, but deep down, they're listening. Network with other parents to ensure that all activities are being properly chaperoned. And keep in mind one of my favorite expressions for parents of teens - “trust but verify”.

That being said, if your child is attending prom – enjoy the moment, as you'll no doubt be thinking about how quickly they've grown from adorable infants to fine young adults.

Debbie Eder
SHS Parent Bulletin Editor

Bulletin Submissions

Bulletin submissions should be sent by Monday evenings for inclusion in that week's Wednesday bulletin. (Of course, you can send earlier, too!) Send submissions to news.shsparentassn@gmail.com or to Debbie@ederfamily.com.

News & Announcements

Parents Attending Grand March

- SHS asks that you please park on the street, in order to allow students to use the parking lot.
- Tickets Cost \$5. If you did not purchase yours in advance, bring exact change.
- Editor's Comments – based on questions I've been asked
 - Allow enough time to find parking.
 - No, you will not be the ONLY parent there. There will be 100's of parents, and really – what would be the point of having a march if no one watched it?
 - The venue is lovely, the kids look lovely – yes, in my opinion, this is well worth the \$5 admission fee
 - Yes, some people do bring grandparents or siblings
- Need more info re. timing, location, etc. – see the [letter that was mailed home from school](#). (The Monday “[prom information bulletin](#)”, implied that you should have already received it – in fact it was just sent this week. It should be in your mailbox today or tomorrow.)

Staff Appreciation Week: May 7-11 – Volunteers Needed

Staff Appreciation week is just around the corner and we need your help! We have lots of great things planned for our fabulous teachers and staff and need your help to pull it all off. If you like to bake, cook, purchase or help serve please contact Beth Tsuchiyama btsuch@mindspring.com or 414.967.9779.

~Thank you - Dawn Gardner Kasper and Beth Tsuchiyama – Staff Appreciation Co-Chairs

SHS Drama Presents: AIDA – May 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19

Join SHS Drama for this contemporary, musical take on the grand classic tale of the timeless love between an enslaved Nubian princess and an Egyptian soldier. As their forbidden love blossoms, the young couple is forced to face death or part ways forever. Together, they set a shining example of true devotion that ultimately transcends the vast cultural differences between their warring nations, heralding a time of unprecedented peace and prosperity.

Elton John and Tim Rice collaborated on this modern musical that is filled with stirring ballads and rousing choral numbers. Join us for this entertaining musical!

- May 11, 12, 17, 18 and 19 at 7:30 PM
- May 13 – Mothers Day Matinee at 2:00
- Ticket prices: \$16, \$12 for seniors and students
- Order tickets now online: www.shorewooddrama.org or at Box Office Week of Show
- Something new: tickets online and in person are the same price. There is no penalty for purchasing them now - get the best seat selections.

AP Art Night – May 15

SHS Students' Advanced Placement Artwork will be on display for all to view on Tuesday, May 15 in the art rooms and the art hallway. The event begins at 5:30, there will be a slide show at 6:30 and cake will follow. All are welcome to view these fabulous works and celebrate the efforts of these hard working art students.

Shorewood Run/Walk – Sponsored by Student Council – May 12

SHS Student Council will be hosting a 5k Run/Walk to benefit the SHS Charity of the Year – the Greyhound Pets of America. Sign up in the SHS Office, the Fitness Center or Recreation Department. All are welcome (including dogs!) for this non-competitive run/walk. There is no entrance fee, but donations are welcome!

Tribute Ads for Cast and Crew of Aida – Deadline May 1

Following a wonderful Shorewood tradition, families or groups are encouraged to send cast and crew members, and in this special case, Barbara Gensler herself (she intends for this to be her last BIG show!), a fun tribute in the program. Past tributes and "shout-outs" have included endearing photographs of the stars on stage and in crew as young children. Others are text only. All are appreciated by the students. Family/Friend tributes:

- 1/8 Page: \$30
- 1/4 Page: \$50

- 1/2 Page: \$75
- Full Page: \$150

Submit your ads by email to jenny.heyden@gmail.com. Submit payment and/or drop off hard copy ads (scannable content) to Jenny Heyden's mailbox in the SHS office, or to her home mailbox at 3945 N. Prospect.

Business Ad sales are also still available - please direct business interest to

Contact: Jenny Heyden, SHS Drama Box Office Manager, 414-963-6940, jenny.heyden@gmail.com.

Summer Jobs

Need a babysitter, lawn mower, pet sitter, music tutor (foreign language, music, academic), etc. this summer? Check out the list of [SHS students and recent graduates who are seeking employment!](#)

Youth Risk Behavior Survey

In December, SHS students were offered the opportunity to participate in a Risk Behavior Survey. The results of the survey and an analysis of results were presented to the School Board on March 27. If you'd like to view what was presented to the School Board, you may use these links:

- [Summary of the Survey, Important Findings, Priorities and Actions to be Taken](#)
- [Selected Data from SHS, comparison to 2009 SHS results, and to Wisconsin and National Results](#)

A Week of Change at SHS

Last week, SHS held a "week of change" series of events. You should have received an email from "Alert Now" regarding the specifics of this week of positive activities. [You may view the text of the email here](#). Congratulations and Bravo to the SHS students who planned and led these events to work to make their school a better place!

Grade Point Averages – Clarification re. Colleges

Previous emails included a link as to [how to calculate semester and cumulative GPA's](#). Please note, that if you are comparing your child's GPA to those reported by various colleges' data about admitted students – colleges often recalculate GPA's. Those that adjust the gpa from what is shown on the high school transcript may omit certain classes, or they may omit all or part of freshman year grades, they may ignore weighted grades and recalculate all classes as though they are on a 4.0 scale, or they may assign a higher weight to certain classes or to junior year classes. The formula that SHS uses is the one that will appear on your child's transcript that is sent to colleges, but may or may not be what the college considers the gpa to be when comparing them to other applicants.

From The SHS Daily Announcements

This is a sampling, (by no means all), of some of the morning announcements the students hear each day at school. Look at the exciting things going on at SHS:

- Seniors – if you did not pick up your cap and gown yet, do so ASAP in Ms. Croix's room.
- Basketball – open gym
- Will Johnson won the Stone Creek Competition – his design will now be on the Milwaukee Blend. Congrats!
- Join the chain reaction – help us make a paper chain to represent people who have been silenced.
- Group will be volunteering at Holten Youth and Family Center – all are welcome.
- Outdoors club is tutoring at Clark Street School – all are welcome.
- As always, numerous Club and Group Meetings including: Ignatus, Bible Study, Art Café, Stock Club, Science Club, NHS, and AFS.

District, Village & Community Announcements

A Few Bleacher Seats Still Available – Good Graduation Gift Idea!

Looking for a graduation gift that will be meaningful, last for decades, and make your grad really proud? How about an engraved seat in the SHS bleachers! The D2D is making one last push to raise money through bleacher seat sponsorship; there are 45 seats in the last two rows of the new bleachers that have been left deliberately free, and for \$500 you can

sponsor a seat engraved with 22 characters of your choosing. Anyone interested can go to www.drivetodistinction.org or email Laura Gough at lgough@rwbaird.com with questions.

Every Child Deserves the Chance to Play Baseball – Opportunities for Teen Volunteers and Players

The Miracle League of Milwaukee and the YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee are partners in a new program to give kids ages 4-19 with physical or cognitive challenges the opportunity to play baseball on the only universally-accessible baseball diamond in the Milwaukee area. The program is recruiting players and volunteers for the inaugural season this summer. Volunteers, aka Miracle League Buddies, range from age 12 and up who assist players on the field (batting, running bases, fielding, building social relationships, stealing bases, etc.). Buddies are assigned a player with special needs for the entire season after an orientation meeting about expectations and regulations. The eight week season runs from June 9th to August 4th (Opening Day thru Season Celebration). Games will be played on Tuesday or Thursday evenings at 5:30 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. at the John C. Cudahy YMCA Field on Swan Road. For more information, visit the [Miracle League of Milwaukee website](#) or contact the inclusive recreation director for the YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee at (414) 357-1913. For volunteer or player applications, contact Julie Sperry, PT (414) 963-6972 x4220.

SHS Students Help Make Shorewood Connects Yard Clean Up a Grand Success!

Many thanks to the volunteers who helped clean up the yards of 23 older residents on Saturday, April 21st. The largest group of volunteers: SHS students. They raked leaves, weeded gardens and presented each household with a basil plant - nice connections were made throughout the Village. For those looking for other volunteer opportunities, Fall Yard Clean-Up is always the first Saturday in November, so mark your calendars for November 3rd!

North Shore Parent Network – May 15

Parents and others interested in the special educational needs of students, are welcome to attend this month's panel discussion titled "Self Advocacy, Employment & College" at St. Francis Children's Center. [For details, view the flyer.](#)

Conservation Fair – May 5

Atwater Parking Lot (8:00-noon, Atwater Elementary School parking lot. Rain location Atwater School Cafetorium)

We will again be collecting shredding materials, batteries, compact fluorescent light bulbs, corks, old tennis shoes and more. Goodwill will be collecting reusable household items. New this year Action Metals will be collecting metal items which the village gets a percentage of the profits. Midwest Electronics will be collecting electronic items that are illegal to put in landfill. In addition, we will have information on local conservation issues. If you belong to a group that might be interested in having a table, please contact Lisa Noble at macnoble@sbcglobal.net. More details to come.

Rain Garden/Rain Barrel Workshop: May 19th 10 am -11:30– (Lower Level Conference Room, Village library)

Learn about the benefits of residential rain garden and rain barrel use and installation. Learn how you can collect and use rainwater to beautify your lawn and garden, save on watering costs, and help improve the quality of our lake and river. Reduce water pollution and lower your water costs by capturing water from your roof's downspout in a rain barrel or into a rain garden.

Athletic News & Highlights

View Spring Athletic Schedules at:

http://www.shsparentassn.com/uploads/6/1/2/5/6125612/2012_shs_spring_schedules.pdf.

Boys Tennis Team Wins Tournament

Congratulations to the SHS Boys Tennis Team which won the 8 school Delevan-Darian tournament last weekend. It has been several years since SHS has won a boy's tennis tournament, so this was a thrilling victory for the boys and their fans. Congratulations!

Justin Rabon Breaks School Record

Congratulations to Justin Rabon who set a new school record in the 400 meter dash with a time of 50.06!

Athletic Results

View upcoming athletic events and results of recent athletic events on the Shorewood [Booster Club's Athletic Director page](#).

Boys Baseball – Begins May 15 – Players should register with the athletic office.

Congratulations, Kudos & Thank You's

SHS Student Photography Shown at Artasia Gallery

Ben Pagenkopf's photography has once again been noticed by the artistic community. His work was shown at Gallery Night this past weekend at Artasia Gallery. If you missed it this week, his it's still there and will be shown for 4 weeks. Stop in and see it! Artasia is located east of Water Street on Broadway in the Third Ward.

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SHS Orchestra Returns from Italy

By all accounts the SHS orchestra trip was a grand success. The students and chaperoned returned happy and tired, after touring the a beautiful country and playing beautiful music. [View one of their performances here](#).

SHS Alumnus Shares National Track Title with his Shorewood-Greyhound Family

Congratulations to Matt Hillard who runs for Bowdin College, where he anchored the distance medley to an NCAA Division III Indoor Track Championship in record setting time. Read about the Matt, and how he shared his success with the SHS track team! <http://www.shorewoodnow.com/sports/hillard-shares-national-track-title-with-his-shorewood-family-oh51ler-147831965.html>.

Do you know students, staff, school clubs, etc. who deserve recognition?

Please let us know if you know of an SHS student or staff member or school group who deserves recognition – whether your own child, a friend, neighbor, teacher, coach, mentor, co-worker, etc. We are thrilled to use this space to share student and staff achievements, but we can only do so when someone tells us about them! Send your submissions to news.shsparentassn@gmail.com.

*******Reminders from Prior Weeks*******

Boston Store Community Days Coupon Books – Save Money and Support the Boys Basketball Team

The Shorewood boys basketball program is selling Boston Store community days coupon books for April 27 and 28. For \$5 (all goes towards boys basketball program), you receive a coupon booklet valuing up to \$225. You receive a coupon for \$10 off a regular or sale price item priced over \$10. There are many other coupons in the booklet. To purchase, contact any of the boys basketball players.

Summer Enrichment Activities

Advanced Learning Coordinator, Jennifer Cosgrove has compiled a list of summer enrichment activities to compliment those compiled earlier by the SHS Parent Association. [View the list of additional activities here](#). (The list compiled by the Parent Association was sent as an attachment to previous emails.)

School Board Documents

Note that you may use the link provided above to view the budget recommendations made at the school board meeting. School Board documents are always available by going to <https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicHome.aspx?ak=1000450>, clicking on the meeting for which you are interested and then clicking on the agenda packet for that meeting.

Recreation Department Summer Bulletin is Available

View the Recreation and Community Services Summer Bulletin at www.shorewoodrecreation.org. Online registration begins for residents on April 16 and for non-residents on April 20. Paper and Phone registration begins on April 30 for residents and May 2 for non-residents.

Wish List Items

Swing with Shorewood was a wonderful success on March 10th raising more than \$88,000 to support our schools. If you were unable to attend but would still like to help, here is the principal's "Wish List" by school. If you would like to donate and make some principals' "dreams come true" please send a check made out to SEED in any amount to 2618 E. Shorewood Blvd. In the memo section of your check, please notate what school or schools' wish list you are supporting. [To view each school's wish list, click here.](#)

College Planning Information

We've revised the SHS Parent Association's Guide to College Planning. We know that at this time of year many juniors (and their parents) are beginning the search in earnest and that many sophomores (and their parents) are beginning to think about what they will need to do next year to prepare for the college search and application process. [View the revised guide here.](#)

Hershey Track Meet

Coed, Age 9 – 14

Local Qualifying Meet for District Hershey Meet for ages 9-14 will be held on the SHS track at 4:00 pm on Friday, May 11. To register, return the 2012 Hershey Track & Field form to the Shorewood Recreation Department by Monday, May 7 at Noon. Event options are determined by age division. The Recreation Department must verify your child's date of birth from your child's ORIGINAL birth certificate at the office. No copies of the birth certificate will be accepted. For more information contact the [shorewood recreation department](#).

Travel Release Form

Parents of athletes – please remember that student athletes are expected to ride the bus back to school with the team after each away game/meet. Each time that you will be transporting your child on your own, you will need to complete a [travel release form](#). (Some parents like to keep a copy in their cars – in case they forget to have one with them.)

Summer Athletic Opportunities from the Recreation Department

The Shorewood Recreation Department will be offering the following this summer

- Fastpitch (Girls) Softball teams that will play at least 15 games both in Shorewood and in around the North Shore. Practices will begin mid to late may and the season will go until the end of July. (Ages 10-14) Also, there is a Fastpitch Clinic for grades 3-8.
- Youth Basketball Summer League for grades 5-9. Starting this summer, the Shorewood Basketball Association (SBA) will be under the supervision of the Shorewood Recreation Department. These summer basketball leagues are being run as a feeder program to further prepare our youth for basketball when entering high school. Depending on enrollment, we may need to hold evaluation practices to determine player skill level and what basketball league or setting is most appropriate for each participant. This program will require travel to Cedarburg for league games. The earliest game time is 5:30 pm. Each team will play 2 games per night.

For more information on either program visit the [Shorewood Recreation Department website](#).

Raise Money for SEED while You Shop Online

- Use GoodSearch.com when doing your online shopping and a money will be donated to the Shorewood SEED Foundation each time you search!
- Use GoodShop.com when you do your online shopping and a percentage of each purchase will go to the Shorewood SEED Foundation
- To get started, register and select Shorewood SEED Foundation as your charity of choice

- [View the flyer here.](#)