

SHS PARENT ASSOCIATION BULLETIN

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Newsletter Notes

- Font, formatting and/or link troubles with the bulletin – read the attached pdf file, rather than the email version
- Newsletter Submissions, ideas and comments – send them to us by replying to this email
- Add an additional email address – reply to this email with your name, child's name and grade
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A Note from the Editor.... **NEW WEBSITE...check it out!** www.shsparentassn.com

Those of you who have been reading this bulletin since the beginning (Fall of 2009), might recall my notes about learning how to send an e-bulletin, how to add links, and how to win battles with my computer, the listserve provider, and any other technology that tried to get in my way – (and there were plenty of them!). The learning curve was steep and I enjoyed it. I still enjoy putting the bulletin together, but there isn't too much else to figure out about it these days. (Yes, I am furiously knocking on wood as I type!)

So.... lest boredom set in, I needed to do something new. Last week I decided to tinker around and see how hard it would be to build a website. Turns out it isn't that hard. So, as of this week, the parent association has a website! It's not the most elaborate site you'll find, but it does what we need it to do.

My primary motivation for making a website was that I wanted a place to put the attachments that go along with the bulletins. Now, if you want to review something that was attached to a previous bulletin, you won't have to wade through multiple emails trying to find it. Eventually, I hope to get away from email attachments, and get all documents accessible with links to our new website. For now though, we'll "run parallel", using both attachments to the email and links to the parent association website for various documents.

When you go to the website, you'll find these pages to look at:

- Documents - a list of items that were attached to or linked from prior bulletins
- Bulletin Archive –an archive of past bulletins
- Links – Has the same links that you find at the bottom of this bulletin

By now, you are asking yourself – “where IS this new website?”, and “HOW can I check it out?” Well – wait no longer, It is up and running and ready for your review at www.shsparentassn.com. Take a peek. Enjoy! And keep in mind, it's still new – I guess we could call it a “beta” version – expect it to evolve, at least a little, in the coming weeks. (Note, my two vocabulary words of the week – parallel and beta. I'm beginning to sound more technologically knowledgeable than I actually am!)

Debbie Eder
SHS Parent Bulletin Editor

P.S. I've been thinking about doing this for a long time, but was moved to action after the **booster club unveiled their new website**. So, if you like having the parent association one available, thank Amy Miller of the booster club. I didn't want to be shown up by them, so I made it happen! Plus, Amy encouraged me and told me that I *would* be able to figure it out. She was right. Thanks Amy! Check out the Booster Club website at <http://tinyurl.com/SBCAthletics>.

CALENDAR

- Jan 17 No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
- Jan 19 Town Hall Meeting re. [2011-2012 Budget Process](#)... also offered Jan 26 & Jan 31
- Jan 19-21 Final Exams – see schedule in the “School Bulletin” section of [powerschool](#)
- Jan 25 School Board Meeting – agenda will be posted [here](#)
- Jan 25 [Eat at Noodles](#) (or carry out) – 25% of proceeds goes to SHS gymnastics – 5-9 pm.
- Jan 26 [AFS Presentation](#) and Dessert Night
- Jan 26 Town Hall Meeting re. [2011-2012 Budget Process](#)... also offered Jan 10 & Jan 19

- Jan 28 [Senior Yearbook Ads Due](#) (messages from parents for graduating seniors)
- Jan 31 Town Hall Meeting re. [2011-2012 Budget Process](#)... also offered Jan 19 & Jan 26
- Jan 31 [Shaw Scholarship](#) Applications Due

ACTION ITEMS, UPCOMING EVENTS & “LAST CHANCE” REMINDERS

Shaw Scholarships

Parents of seniors received an email last week that included information about the Shaw Scholarship application process. If you missed it, see the reminders section, below, or the documents section of the NEW SHS Parent Association Website – www.shsparentassn.com. (Applications are due January 31.)

Dine Out to Support SHS Gymnastics – Tuesday, January 25

Please dine in or carry-out at Noodles restaurant (Oakland Avenue near UWM) on Tuesday evening, January 25th between 5 and 9 pm., and 25% of the sale will go to the high school gymnastics team! Just bring in the flyer ([click here](#)) or mention the fundraiser. The team will use the funds for much needed new equipment. Hope to see you there, and thank you in advance for your support.

Upcoming Bulletin Deadlines

- Submissions for the late January bulletin should be sent by January 24.
- Submissions for the early February bulletin should be sent by February 3
- Submissions to the bulletin should be sent to news.shsparentassn@gmail.com or debbie@ederfamily.com.

LOOKING AHEAD & GENERAL INFORMATION

New Booster Club Website

The Shorewood Booster Club is pleased to unveil their new website. Please, check it out, they've done a great job and their efforts spurred me to create a Parent Association site. So give it a look-see. Go to <http://tinyurl.com/SBCAthletics>

Scholarship Opportunity – Information from Student Support Services -

Best Buy is awarding up to 1200 scholarships of \$1000 each to students in grades 9-12. Students need solid grades plus community service or work experience. Apply online at https://www.at15.com/contests_scholarships/at15_scholarship or www.bestbuy.communityrelations.com. Applications are due February 16. Look for additional scholarship opportunities in the daily bulletin section of powerschool.

Acting Workshop

The recreation department is offering a three session acting workshop for grades 4-10 on Saturdays from Jan 22- Feb 5. This is a great course to enroll in prior to the Acting Workshop – Shorewood Drama Jr. Sign up with friends or by yourself – we'll work as a group and take time for individual opportunities. Each participant will receive a complimentary ticket to SHS Drama's production of "Shout" the musical scheduled for Feb 11-13. For more information contact the recreation department at 963-6913 or visit their website at www.shorewoodrecreation.org.

A New Source for Local News

There is a new online source for local news! It includes both school and village news. To get directly to the school news, [click here](#). To get directly to sports, [click here](#). But don't skip the home page, where you can navigate to all kinds of interesting stories – you can find it all at <http://shorewood.patch.com/>.

Referendum Advisory Committee

Read about the District's Referendum Advisory Committee on Shorewood Now – [click here](#). Or on Shorewood Patch – [here](#).

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:

- There will be a brief meeting on Tuesday, January 18 for those who may be interested in studying in France for a quarter of a school year.
- Free yoga class on Sunday
- Summer Guatemala trip registration deadline has been extended – there are only 6 spots available
- Quidditch games at lunch
- Donate shoes to help others in need. Collection boxes in front hall.
- Ripples Photographers meeting
- Overdue library books are due... a list of students with books out is posted
- Seniors – drop off your “Teacher Superlative Sheets”
- French without borders is selling crepes to benefit Youth Haiti
- As always, numerous club and group meetings including: Airsoft, Roots & Shoots, Stock Club, Film Club and Robotics Club.

CONGRATULATIONS, KUDOS AND THANK YOU’S

***** 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.shsparentasn@gmail.com.

ATHLETIC NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS

Athletic Highlights

Boys Basketball – The boys varsity basketball team won 67-54 over Cudahy, and now has a 3-3 conference record. Leading scorers of the game were Aaron B. with 20 points and Deion J-B with 19. Read more about the game [here](#).

Girls Gymnastics – Lost to Whitefish Bay, but bettered their scores impressively. Varsity had an almost 20 point improvement while JV improved by 40 points. The girls performed well, Asia C had the highest score on floor and Erin Valusek had a personal best on beam. Gabby C-S. placed second on floor and Caitlin Nadar made her season debut and competed in all 4 events!

Boys Swimming – Won the 13 team Bulldog Invitational in Cedarburg, by an impressive 59 points over the second place team. The team scored in all 6 relays and 19 individual events. Highlights included wins by Kasmir B. in the 50 freestyle and the 100 freestyle, by Jay T in the 100 butterfly, and relay wins by the 200 medley relay team of Derek L., Jay T., Kasmir B. & Andrew E. and the 400 freestyle relay team of Jay T, Isaac F-M, Kirill K and Kasmir B. Read more about the meet [here](#).

Swimmer Kasmir B was named the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel “Swimmer of the Week” last week.

More Results: For more complete information about athletic results, check out the [athletic director's page](#) of the Booster Club website

Athletic Schedules

- To see detail schedules on a weekly basis, check out the [athletic director's page](#) of the Booster Club website.
- To view schedules for SHS 2010-2011 winter sports, see the document that was attached to the Nov 30/Dec 1 bulletin. Or look for it on the NEW Parent Association Website – www.shsparentassn.com.
- Schedules for **conference games/meets** have also been posted online. To view them as well as the list of locations and venues for Woodland Conference away games, [click here](#).

NOTE: NON-CONFERENCE GAMES/MEETS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE ON-LINE SCHEDULES.

REMINDERS FROM PRIOR WEEKS

YOU CAN STOP READING NOW IF YOU AREN'T INTERESTED IN REPEATS

Seriously – you can, no one's feelings will be hurt. If this information is redundant, you need not read it!

But if you missed a bulletin, or want a memory refresher – it's here for you. ☺☺☺☺☺

The 2011-2012 School District Budget Development Process – Learn and Become Involved

The School District budget development process for the 2011-2012 school year has begun. Be informed, share your priorities & participate in the process: attend a **Town Hall Meeting**. Superintendent Blane McCann and Business Manager Mark Boehlke will explain the 2011-2012 budget building process, share information on the development of the 2011-2016 District Goals & Vision and solicit your input. All parents and Shorewood residents are welcome to attend any of the Town Hall meetings. The meetings scheduled to date are:

- ~~January 10:~~ 2011-2012 School District Budget Workshop, 6:30 p.m., LB Library – rescheduled
- **January 19:** 2011-2012 School District Budget Workshop, 6:30 p.m., SHS Library
- **January 26:** 2011-2012 School District Budget Workshop, 8:30 a.m., Atwater Early Elementary Bldg – SW Corner
- **January 31:** 2011-2012 School District Budget Workshop, 6:30 p.m., Lake Bluff Library

Please see the [attached flyer](#) for additional information or view it in the documents section of the the NEW SHS Parent Association website – www.shsparentassn.com.

AFS Presentation & Dessert Night – Wednesday January 26 – 7 pm – Shorewood Village Hall – Lower Level

Interested in an AFS program for a year, semester, or summer break? This is the opportunity to talk with our AFS students about their home lives and cultures.

Fatima from Ghana, Jom from Thailand and Kim from Germany will present and discuss their experiences. Come with your questions. This is a great opportunity for those considering being a host family as well as potential student travelers. International Dessert Night is an opportunity for all to bring out that exotic family recipe and share a dessert! Drinks provided. Questions? Please call Ravenna Helson at 414-332-7020

Parents of Seniors – Senior Ads – Due January 28

Parents of Seniors, you should have received a mailing about “Senior Ads” – a section of the yearbook which is devoted to congratulatory messages to the class of 2011. If you are interested in purchasing an ad, the information and order form (same as what you received in the mail) was attached to the December 20 bulletin. If you aren't sure what these ads are, or want to see examples from prior years – take a peek at your child's yearbook from previous years.

Shaw Scholarship Information – Application Due January 31

Robert Shaw, Shorewood High School graduate of 1935, has given our school community the opportunity to assist students in pursuing higher education. **Students named Shaw Scholars are awarded a substantial renewable scholarship for each of their first four college years** provided they maintain a B grade point average and remain a full-time student in

good standing. Students considered for this award will be evaluated based on scholarship, leadership, service, character and financial need.

- For more information see the [attached document](#) or [click here](#).
- For the required forms, (application, teacher recommendation & financial aid forms), [click here](#).
- All of these documents can also be found by following the links on the SHS homepage – http://www.shorewoodschools.org/main/our_schools/hs.cfm
- Applications are due January 31

Save the Date – Getting Ready for College – Program for Parents and Teens Grades 8-11 February 13

The choices made during High School can affect college acceptance, placement, financial aid and more. All are welcome to attend this free program at the Harry & Rose Samson Family Jewish Community Center on Feb 13 at 7pm. For more information, see the flyer that was attached to the December 20 bulletin.

Parents of Seniors - Assistance with FAFSA - College Financial Aid Form – February 19 & 20 – 2 pm

College Goal Sunday (and Saturday) is a free event to assist high school seniors and their families with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which is the essential first step to receiving financial aid for college. See the document attached to the January 4 bulletin for locations in Wisconsin. For more information, go to <http://www.collegegoalsunday.org/information.html>.

A Word about Semester Exams

I've received a few questions from parents of new students asking about midterms vs. finals. Both the exams in January and the exams in June are final exams. Official transcripts will show final grades for each semester of each year of high school. Year-long classes are listed on transcripts twice, with final grades reported in each of the semesters of the year the class is taken.

Ripples – Student Newspaper

The most recent issue of Ripples was published on Dec 22. If you did not subscribe for home delivery, be sure to ask your student to share their copy with you or look for articles online at www.shorewoodripples.org. This issue includes articles, features and opinions/editorials about a variety of items, including: grade reorganization, D2D, Preparing for College Interviews, High Speed Rail, North and South Korea, Teacher Features, SHS Sports, and more. Check it out!

Donate your Used Books!

Don't forget to donate your used books for the Spring Book Sale to be held on May 21. A Collection box is in the SHS office.

LOOKING FOR MORE DISTRICT NEWS?

- Sign up for the district e-newsletter. (This is bulletin from the district is separate from the email you are reading, which is published by the parent association.) Look for the "sign up" link at the bottom of the left hand column on the [School District's home web page](#).
- Follow the District on Twitter. <http://twitter.com/shorewoodlearns>.

RENTAL SPACE

Looking for space for your next meeting or performance? SDS has a beautiful theater, arena and other spaces for rent. Contact our Rec. Dept. at 414.963.6913 ext. 4 for more info.

HELPFUL LINKS

District Information

[Shorewood School District](#)

[School Board Agendas](#)

[Shorewood School District on Twitter](#)

[Staff Directory](#)

SHS Information

- [SHS Homepage](#)
- [Student & Parent Handbook](#)
- [Curriculum Handbook](#)
- [Activity Code of Conduct](#)
- [Student Support Services](#) (formerly guidance)
- [Staff Directory](#)

Parent & Student Organizations

- [SHS Parent Association](#)
- [Shorewood Booster Club](#)
- [SAFE – Shorewood Action For Education](#)
- [Shorewood SEED Foundation](#)
- [Shorewood Orchestra Website](#)
- [Ripples](#) – Student Newspaper

Current Grades & Attendance and College & Career Information

- [Powerschool](#)
- [Wiscareers](#)

Athletic Information

- [Athletic Schedules](#) – (conference meets/games only)
- [WIAA](#) – Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association – dates, rules, etc. for all high school athletics
- [WIAA 3 year calendar](#) – all sports, all seasons
- [Shorewood Booster Club](#)

Community Pages

- [Shorewood Patch](#) – Community e-newspaper
- [ShorewoodNOW](#)
- [Shorewood Today Magazine](#)
- [Shorewood Village](#) (page says to login, you can skip that by clicking on home)
- [Shorewood Business Improvement District](#)
- [Public Library](#)

Alumni Pages

- [SHS Alumni Association website](#)