

# SHS PARENT ASSOCIATION

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

January 14, 2015

### Mark Your Calendars

- Jan 15-17 [SHS Drama Presents RUMORS](#)
- Jan 19 No School
- Jan 21-23 [Final Exams](#)
- Jan 26 [Parent Forum – Tech Talk with Teens](#) (& Mr. Patek too!)
- Jan 27 School Board Meeting - [agenda will be posted here](#)
- Jan 30 [Deadline for Senior Scholarship & Award applications](#)
- Feb 4 [Post Prom Planning Committee Meeting](#)

[Full Year District Calendar](#) – pdf version – subject to changes

[Online Calendar](#) – customizable

[Daily Bell Schedule](#)

### Note from Mr. Kenney

Packer Mania is certainly sweeping the state of Wisconsin again as we look forward to the NFC Championship Game this coming Sunday. Interestingly, 4 months ago, we fans were nearly suffering an emotional crisis when the Packers lost to the Detroit Lions. That was when Aaron Rodgers delivered his famous R-E-L-A-X speech, calling on people not to panic or get discouraged, since one game does not make or break a body of work.

Football fan or not, a person can see how this translates to the current time of year in which we find ourselves; final exams. While exams can elicit a range of stress and anxiety, it is very important to keep everything in perspective and to not let one test dictate the definition of student success. This is not to say that students should not try their best. We expect that each individual will certainly do so, but consistent reminders to maintain perspective coupled with steady encouragement and support can go a long way to help diminish the stress of this time. One test does not determine whether or not an individual has succeeded during the first semester of the 2014-15 school year. We are here to support your students and we appreciate your support as well. Please let us know if there is anything that we can do to assist your children during this time, or at anytime throughout the school year.

Take care,  
Tim Kenney, SHS Principal

## SHS News & Announcements

### Final Exams – January 21-23

Last week, Mr. Kenney included information about final exams in the weekly bulletin.

[Click here to review his note from last week.](#)

[Click here for a detailed final exam schedule.](#)

### Exam Exemptions

(from the [Daily Announcements](#))

Attention Students: Beginning January 14 exam exemptions are available to you. Exam exemptions are due back in the main office NO LATER THAN 1:00 PM on Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>.

In order to qualify for an exam exemption, students can not have any "unexcused" or "unverified" absences, students can not be suspended from school, and students can not have any outstanding registration, textbook, or library fees.

Classroom teacher's prerogative will prevail in deciding whether a student can exempt an exam or not. Please remember that you must have earned at least an "A-" or "A" in a course prior to the exam to be considered eligible to exempt and cannot have more than two tardies in the class.

If you did not earn an exam exemption and wish to appeal, please stop in the attendance office to sign up for an appeal appointment. There will be no appeals after 4:00 PM on Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>.

Please see Mr. Patek with any questions!

### **SHS Drama Presents *RUMORS* – January 15, 16, 17**

At a large, tastefully appointed townhouse upstate, the Deputy Mayor of New York has just accidentally shot himself. Though only a flesh wound, four couples are about to experience a severe attack of Farce. Gathering for their tenth wedding anniversary, the host lies bleeding in the other room and his wife is nowhere in sight. His lawyer, Ken and wife Chris, must get "the story" straight before the other guests arrive. As the confusions and mis-communications mount, the evening spins off into classic farcical hilarity. Audiences will enjoy trying to keep up with the shenanigans. *Rumors* is Neil Simon at his best! Please note – *RUMORS* contains profanity. [Reserve your tickets online.](#)

### **Course Selection for 2015-2016 School Year**

The counselors will be visiting Lifetime Activities and Team Concepts classrooms on Thursday and Friday of this week to discuss course selection for the 2015-2016 school year with sophomores and juniors. If you have a **10th or 11th grader who is currently enrolled in Lifetime Activities or Team Concepts**, please ask to see their course selection form at the end of this week.

Counselors will be facilitating course selection for **current freshmen, as well as sophomores and juniors enrolled in Team Concepts and Lifetime Activities during 2nd semester**, within the coming weeks.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's counselor at 414-963-6942

### **Senior Scholarships and Awards – Applications due January 30**

Attention seniors and families of seniors: Please continue your work on Senior Scholarship and Award applications! All applications are due in hard copy form to room 308 SHS by Friday, January 30th at 3:30 pm. If you have any questions, or if you missed the homeroom meeting on December 17th, please see Profe Anton. You can see her in room 308 SHS, or e-mail her at [santon@shorewood.k12.wi.us](mailto:santon@shorewood.k12.wi.us). Thank you!

[Click here for application materials and additional information.](#)

### **Prom Planning has Begun!**

Please refer to the [post prom planning email](#) that was sent earlier this week, to learn how you can:

- Join the Parent Post Prom Planning Committee – Junior Parents
- Chaperone during Prom and Post Prom – Junior Parents
- Offer Financial Support – every little bit helps – All Parents and businesses

### **ACT/SAT Test Prep Courses**

If you are considering a test prep course, Kaplan Test Prep is offering up to \$300 off all of their SAT and ACT test prep courses and tutoring through January 30th. To learn more, visit [kaptest.com/collegeawaits](http://kaptest.com/collegeawaits) or call [1-800-527-8378](tel:1-800-527-8378).

Additionally, the Shorewood Recreation Department is offering two ACT workshop sessions for students grades 11-12. See [www.shorewoodrecreation.org](http://www.shorewoodrecreation.org) for more information.

## **Athletics in the News**

Swim Team has Two Strong Showings – [Shorewood NOW](#)

## **Daily Announcements**

Check the [daily announcement page](#) from time to time to keep up with some of the opportunities our teens have. Some recent daily announcements have included information about Key Club, Feminism Matters, Intramural Dodgeball, Chess Club, Physics Club, Baseball Open Gym, Model UN, The Men's Room, Anime Club, Gay-Straight Alliance, Club RAK (random acts of kindness),, Guatemala Club, Science Club, Knitting Club, Empire Game Club, Programming Club, YouthHaiti, Grey Matter and more!

## **Congratulations, Kudo's and Thank You's**

### **SHS Freshman is Runner Up in MYSO Philharmonia Concerto Competition**

2014 Sinfonia Concerto Competition Winner Maya Lawnicki (Freshman) was awarded Runner Up in MYSO's 2015 Philharmonia Concerto Competition. She performed the Bruch concerto #1 in G minor. Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra (MYSO) is one of the most successful and respected youth orchestra programs in the nation, regularly recognized regionally, nationally and internationally for its artistic excellence. With 1,000 young musicians ages 8-18 from as many as 14 counties, 60 communities and 200 schools throughout southeastern Wisconsin and northern Illinois participating in MYSO's many music training programs, it has become one of the largest organizations of its kind in the United States. Maya Lawnicki has been a member of MYSO for the last 5 years. Congratulations, Maya!

### **SHS Graduate Featured in UC Irvine Athletics Website**

Recent Shorewood graduate, Karl Apfelbach ('14), currently has his profile featured on the University of California-Irvine Athletics website for his position on the Men's Volleyball team this year. In a section titled "Meet The Newcomers," Karl is front and center. Among Karl's list of volleyball accomplishments, he was an AVCA High School All-American (Top 20) in 2014 and was also named to the Volleyball Magazine "Fab 50" list in 2014. Congratulations to Karl for this nice feature, and we wish him good luck as he continues his college volleyball career. [You can read his profile here.](#)

*(Editor's Note – in his profile, when asked who his most admired person is and why, Karl answered “Kevin Gemignani, my first volleyball coach, because he taught me everything I know about the game and gave advice on how to be a better man”. What a tribute to one of our Shorewood Educators!)*

### **SHS Ironman Alumnus is Finalist to Win new Competition Suit**

VOTE FOR 2012 SHS alum, and Ironman competitor, Peter Morris . Peter is a top 5 finalist out of 200 , to win a new tech competition suit . Peter is shown here competing at IronMan Wisconsin and recently competed at the Triathlon World Championship. Vote by clicking on this link and scrolling down to Peter, a photo to vote. thank you Shorewood alums and families!! <http://a.pgtb.me/QdNTfj>

### **Know Students, Staff, SHS Clubs, etc. Who Deserve Recognition?**

Please let us know of an SHS student, staff member or school group who deserves recognition, whether your own child, a friend, a 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](mailto:shsparentasn@gmail.com).

## **District & Community Announcements**

### **2015 School Board Election Candidates**

We have three candidates running for one school board seat (no incumbents) which creates the need for a primary election. The primary election will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2015. The three candidates are:

1. Nathaniel Cade, Jr. 4411 N. Ardmore Ave. [414.405.7801](tel:414.405.7801) [nate@cade-law.com](mailto:nate@cade-law.com)
2. Rodney Cain 3965 N. Harcourt Pl. [414.434.0401](tel:414.434.0401) [rodney@ursid.com](mailto:rodney@ursid.com)
3. Gregg Davis: 1901 E. Lake Bluff Blvd. [773.398.9460](tel:773.398.9460) [gregg.davis@bmo.com](mailto:gregg.davis@bmo.com)

### **Harris Fundraiser at North Star American Bistro**

Join North Star American Bistro (4518 N. Oakland Ave.) on Saturday, Jan. 24, as they host a fundraiser to raise money for the family of Mark Harris. Dinner will be served from 5-10 p.m. and the bar will be open until 12 a.m. Thirty-five percent of sales that evening will go towards the Harris Family fund. To make reservations, call 414-964-4663 or visit [northstarbistro.com](http://northstarbistro.com).

**Unable to attend?** You can still participate:

**Raffle:** 50/50 raffle tickets are being sold and you don't need to be present to win. Contact Tami Vincent at [tvincent2@wi.rr.com](mailto:tvincent2@wi.rr.com).

**Gift Card:** 25% of all North Star gift card sales (now through Jan. 24) will go to the Harris Family Fundraiser. To purchase, call 414-964-4663 or visit [northstarbistro.com](http://northstarbistro.com).

**Donate Direct:** Send a check made out to Mark Harris Family Fund & send to Mark Harris Family Fund, in care of Chase Bank, 111 E. Wisconsin Ave., 2nd Fl., Milwaukee, WI 53202.

### **REDgen Book Club – February 22**

On Sunday, February 22, REDgen will be hosting a book club. This month's selection is "Brainstorm: The Power and Purpose of the Teenage Brain" by Daniel J. Siegel, MD. The group will meet at 4:00 at Colectivo on Prospect. All are welcome. [Click here for more information and to register.](#)

### **Zoo Volunteer Opportunity for Students**

(from the [daily announcements](#))

Are you looking for volunteer hours and love working with animals? The Milwaukee Zoo is looking for students aged 15-18 to assist with summer camps. See Student Support Services for more info about this totally majestic opportunity!

### **Calling all STEM Enthusiasts!**

Marquette University's Opus College of Engineering has announced its Spring 2015 engineering opportunities. Many classes are offered on Saturdays and are open to K-12 students and adults. [Click here for class descriptions.](#) Then visit [Marquette's K-12 Engineering Academies](http://www.marquette.edu/engineering/k12-outreach/academies.php) page at <http://www.marquette.edu/engineering/k12-outreach/academies.php> for more information or to register.

### **Calling all ADULTS.**

You are invited to participate in MakeShift--a monthly series of evening events in the maker space at the Betty Brinn Children's Museum. January 14<sup>th</sup>'s MakeShift session will be an open house with 3D printers, laser cutter, and other equipment running, technology demos and more. The monthly open sessions that begin Thurs. Feb. 5 will provide access to tools and equipment, all kinds of hands-on projects – from traditional crafts to electronics – and guest makers who will share their knowledge and skill. [Click here for more information and to purchase tickets.](#)

## **Bulletin Submissions and Sign Up Forms**

### **Need an Email Address Added to this List?**

- Current parents and parents of alumni should [use this form](#)
- Community members and staff should [use this form](#)

### **Past Bulletins and Documents**

To view past bulletins and related documents – visit the parent association website at [www.shsparentassn.com](http://www.shsparentassn.com).

### **Bulletin Submissions**

Send your bulletin submissions to [news.shsparentassn@gmail.com](mailto:news.shsparentassn@gmail.com) or to [Debbie@ederfamily.com](mailto:Debbie@ederfamily.com). Submissions are due Monday evening for inclusion in that week's bulletin.

## **\*\*\*\*\*Reminders from Prior Weeks\*\*\*\*\***

### **Tech Talk with Teens – FORUM – January 26**

#### **Learn about Teen use of technology and meet Mr. Patek too!**

Join the SHS Parent Association for an interesting discussion about teen cell phone use at school and the applications/Apps that have replaced voice and Facebook as the preferred methods to communicate. Just when parents have become their children's best friend on Facebook, they again find themselves figurative generations behind in the quickly changing tech world of Social Media. Cell phones, long silenced in Intermediate School backpacks for risk of confiscation, are now mostly tolerated by teachers and openly used in our SHS high school classrooms.

Mr. Patek and his student experts will brief us on the new favorite Apps and the impact they have on learning. This is also a wonderful opportunity to meet Mr. Patek and discover for yourselves why our students respect and like him as much as they do!

The forum will take place on Monday, January 26 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the SHS Library. Mark your calendars now.

### **Inclement Weather Closing Procedures**

[Click here to read about the district's inclement weather closing procedures.](#)

### **Recreation Department – Featured Program**

#### **Dance for Musical Theater - Grades 6 – 9**

In this class, students will learn and study a wide vocabulary of dance terminology encompassed in the Musical Theatre Dance Style. They will learn dance combinations from musical numbers to help understand the idea of telling a story through dance, how to use their bodies on stage, and build confidence to audition for productions! Dance for Musical Theater will prepare children with the techniques used in different variations of Shorewood Drama Productions. 5, 6, 7, 8! **Dates:** Sundays, January 25 – March 8 (No class 2/15). For more information visit the [Recreation Department webpage](#).

### **College Financial Aid**

If you missed the Northshore Financial Aid night that was held earlier this month, you may find the link to powerpoint slides on the Homestead High School website (as they were the host school this year). [Click here to find the Homestead Counseling page then scroll down and click on "College Financial Aid Night"](#).

### **Harris Family Donations**

Donations will be accepted by the "Mark Harris Family Fund" at Chase Bank. Checks should be mailed or delivered to: Chase Bank, 111 E. Wisconsin Avenue, 2nd Floor, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202.

### **Opportunity Fair**

An Opportunity Fair will be offered to connects parents, kids, and teens in Southeastern Wisconsin with organizations that offer enrichment classes, programs, camps, and activities during the summer and/or throughout the year for preschool through high school students. The free fair is taking place on Saturday, February 28, 2015 from 10:00 AM to

2:00 PM at Golda Meir High School located at 1615 North Martin Luther King Drive, Milwaukee. Any and all families are welcome to attend. For questions, please email [cesaonepage@gmail.com](mailto:cesaonepage@gmail.com) or visit the PAGE (Parent Advocates for Gifted Education) website at <http://www.cesaonepage.org/cool-stuff-for-kids-opportunity-fair>.

**Got a new phone for the holidays? Recycle your old one!**

Best buddies is recycling again! Please bring your old cell phones, smartphones, ipads, ipods, gold/silver jewelry and ink cartridges to the main office of SIS or SHS. Look for the bin with the "eco phones" flyer.

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**District Website**

Shorewood Schools Website – [www.shorewoodschools.org](http://www.shorewoodschools.org)

**Important Documents**

[Student/Parent Handbook and/or Curriculum Handbook](#)

[Activities Code of Conduct](#)

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