

SHS PARENT ASSOCIATION

WEEKLY BULLETIN

January 7, 2015

Mark Your Calendars

- Jan 13 School Board Meeting - [agenda will be posted here](#)
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!)

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

[Online Calendar](#) – customizable

[Daily Bell Schedule](#)

Note from Tim Kenney

Welcome back from what I hope was a restful and rejuvenating Winter Break. I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to spend time with family and friends and to get some extra rest. Now that the break is behind us, we turn our attention to the upcoming final exam week. Acknowledging that this can be a stressful and anxious time for students, we are going to take time in our homerooms on Wednesday, January 7th, to discuss proactive steps that students can take to alleviate the stress and anxiety. I wanted to take this opportunity to share the information with you so that you are aware of our approach and you can follow up with your student(s) and have a meaningful conversation at home as well. While the following information is somewhat general and doesn't necessarily cover every exam experience, many helpful tips are included that can be adjusted to help maximize student success during the final exam week.

Take care and stay warm!

Tim Kenney, SHS Principal

FINDING OUT ABOUT YOUR EXAMS -- WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW?

You need to gather all of the information that you can about your examinations so that you know what to prepare for:

- What type of exam will it be?
- How long will the exam or different parts of the exam be?
- How will the examination be organized; are there parts to it and what will they involve?
- What will be the rules for the examination and the procedures for doing it?
- What are the likely topics that the exam will cover; can you figure this out from your syllabus, the kinds of notes you have been taking, the categories of material that you have been covering?
- What are the teachers looking for the exam to do; have you asked him/her?

GATHERING AND ORGANIZING YOUR INFORMATION FOR STUDYING:

Group your information (notes or note and reading summaries) into piles by topic of what will be on the examination. Make study guides for each pile of information to test yourself on that information. What should be on each Study Guide?

- The key points of that subject.
- Key terms and vocabulary for you to make sure that you know.
- Two or three self-test questions for you to answer. Think of what you would ask if you were the teacher.

DRILLING, REHEARSING, AND PRACTICING FOR YOUR EXAMS:

- Learn your important terms and concepts with flash cards.

- Answer your self-test questions in outline form. In other words, write down an outline of the points that you would make if you encountered a question like this on an exam. What order would you answer in? This helps to fix and organize information about key subjects in your mind.
- If you cannot easily answer one of your own questions, that is the time to look up the subject in your notes and/or textbook and answer it.

FOR PERFORMANCE EXAMS, practice simple problems or exercises repeatedly until you have the procedures down.

SHS News & Announcements

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.](#)

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.

Senior Awards and Scholarships

Prior to winter break, seniors received information about the procedure to apply for awards and scholarships offered by SHS. [Click here to find the materials they received and to read more about the awards offered and the application process.](#) Please note, awards information for underclassmen will be announced at a later date.

Final Exams – January 21-23

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

Athletics in the News

Basketball Teams Host Harris Fundraisers – [ShorewoodNOW](#)

Swim Team Edges Whitefish Bay – [Shorewood NOW](#)

[Weekly Athletic Schedule](#)

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 Knitting Club, Empire Game Club, Prom Committee, Programming Club, Cupcake Club and more.

Congratulations, Kudo's and Thank You's

SHS Student is Finalist in AFS Project Change Your VOTE can help make her a winner!

Congratulations to SHS Freshman, Katie Eder who is a finalist in AFS's Project Change. Each finalist submitted an idea for a volunteer project that could have a meaningful impact abroad. The winner will receive a scholarship to implement their project in a foreign country. Katie's project involves improving literary skills by teaching kids to write and publish stories. To read more and vote for Katie, go to <http://www.afsusa.org/project-change/vote/>. You'll see Katie listed at Katie E. from Shorewood, WI. *(Editor's Note – Congratulations Katie, from your Aunt Debbie!)*

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.
shsparentassn@gmail.com.

District & Community Announcements

ACT Test Preparation

Students who are interested in an ACT test preparation class/workshop may want to consider these options:

- Workshops offered through the Shorewood Recreation Department begin on January 8 and April 9. For more information visit the [Recreation Department webpage](#).
- Classes offered through UWM begin on January 10 and July 20. For more information visit the [UWM ACT Prep webpage](#).

Win Prizes - Like and Share the District's Facebook Page

"Like" the district's facebook page, then share their post related to the contest, and you'll be entered to win some awesome Shorewood prizes. Find all the info at <https://www.facebook.com/ShorewoodSchools>.

Inclement Weather Closing Procedures

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

Public Library Welcomes New Young Adult Librarian

As of January 5, Shorewood Public Library has a new Young Adult Librarian. Lisa Quintero joins our team from Glenview (IL) Public Library. Her past experience includes working with teens and tweens, working closely with schools, and coordinating teen volunteers.

Lisa will serve Shorewood's young adult population – including your child – in grades 6-12, through planning fun and educational programs, collaborating with teachers to visit your school, making sure there are great resources at the library, and running the Teen Advisory Board. Come say hello to Lisa whenever you can! She looks forward to visiting with students at school, soon.

Lisa replaces Emily Passey, who is now the Assistant Director at Shorewood Library. Emily looks forward to continuing to work with you and your family in her new capacity.

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](#).

Piglet was an SHS Alum?

Did you know that SHS graduate of 1943, John Fielder was the voice of Piglet in many Winnie the Pooh features? [Read about him on the district's community blog](#).

And Chief Justice William Renquist was also an SHS Alum!

Read about former US Supreme Court Justice who graduated from SHS in 1942 on the [district's community blog](#).

Police Commission Listening Session

The Village of Shorewood Police Commission believes that the residents, businesses, school officials and officers from the Shorewood Police Department should have input into the hiring process. They request **any member of the community who would like to share their input** into the qualities and character of the new chief of police attend a listening session on **Thursday, January 8, 2015 between 6:30 p.m. and ending at 8:30 p.m.** to give input to the Police Commission. This will be an open listening session

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.

Bulletin Submissions

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

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

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 or visit the PAGE (Parent Advocates for Gifted Education) website at <http://www.cesaonepage.org/cool-stuff-for-kids-opportunity-fair>.

UW Madison Saturday Enrichment Programs

UW Madison is offering enrichment programs for students in grades 5-12. The high school level offerings include digital art, neuroscience, metalsmithing and much more. [Click here for the complete list of courses and a link to the registration form.](#) Act fast – spaces fill up quickly.

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.

District Website

Shorewood Schools Website – www.shorewoodschools.org

Important Documents

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

[Activities Code of Conduct](#)

[Athletic Forms](#)

[Athletic Travel Release Form](#)

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