

SHS PARENT ASSOCIATION

WEEKLY BULLETIN

January 8, 2014

Mark Your Calendars:

- Jan 11 [Welcome New \(and old\) Neighbors Reception](#)
- Jan 14 School Board Meeting – [agenda will be posted here](#)
- Jan 20 No School – Martin Luther King Day
- Jan 22-24 [Semester 1 Final Exams](#)
- Jan 27-28 No School
- Jan 31 [Shaw Scholarship Applications Due](#)

[Full Year District Calendar](#) - pdf version – note: some dates subject to change

[Online Calendar](#) - [customizable](#)

Note from the Editor

Happy New Year! I hope you are all thawing out after the bitter cold of the past few days. You'll notice in the coming weeks, that some of these notes will be coming from Tim Kenney, SHS Principal. Some weeks (like this one) we'll each have a short note, some weeks, neither of us will have anything to say – but I'm happy to share this space with him, as he has much to share with us about SHS. ~ Debbie Eder, SHS Parent Bulletin Editor

Note from Mr Kenney, SHS Principal

Congrats to our SHS varsity girls basketball team for starting the season 7-0 for the first time in decades, and possibly in school history! I wish all of our winter athletes well as the season gets underway and encourage all students, families, and community members to come to a game or meet and support your Greyhounds!

SHS News & Announcements

Robert Shaw Scholarship – Applications 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 names Shaw Scholars are awarded a substantial, renewable scholarship for each of the first four years of college provided the maintain a B average and remain a full time student.

Seniors received information about the Robert Shaw Scholarship in homeroom on Wednesday, December 18th. The application materials may be downloaded from the Student Support Services page of the district website:

<http://www.shorewoodschools.org/page.cfm?p=3175>

All applications are due to Mrs. Clark in room 236 by Friday, January 31st at 3:30pm.

(Look for information about other awards and scholarships to be posted later this month. The Shaw Scholarship has a separate application/nomination process and an earlier due date than other SHS awards – you'll see information about both types of applications the page linked above.)

ACT Test Prep Classes

- The Shorewood Recreation Department will be offering ACT Test Prep classes via a co-op program with other communities. Classes begin in February. If your child is interested please see the [Winter-Spring Recreation Guide](#) for details.
- UWM will be offering ACT Test Prep Classes beginning in February. [For information, click here.](#)

SHS Athletic News

[Athletics Weekly Update](#) – January 6

[Sports Wrap Ups](#) – Shorewood NOW Dec 23

[Sports Wrap Ups](#) – Shorewood NOW Dec 30

[Girls Basketball Starts Season 7-0](#) – Shorewood NOW Dec 23

[Shorewood Athletes Highlighted in Year End Recap](#) – Shorewood NOW Dec 30

[Athletic Master Calendar](#)

[Individual Team Schedules](#)

Daily Announcements

[Check announcements daily online](#) so you don't miss out on what's happening at school. They are cleared from the website every week.

Snippets from recent announcements include:

- Rec dept is offering Nia classes for grades 7-12. Sign up for a free session in January to see if you like it.
- Public Library is holding a photography contest
- Clubs and Groups – Ripples, Anime Club, Key Club, Sci Fi Club, Cupcake Club, Prom Committee, Youth Haiti, Science Club

Congratulations, Kudo's and Thank You's

SHS Girls Basketball Team – Video

The SHS girls varsity basketball team started their season 7-0. Hear about the girls' success and their goals going forward in [this short video](#).

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.

District and Community Announcements

District January Newsletter

You should have received the District's January Newsletter via email earlier this week. If you missed it, you may [view it here](#).

Shorewood Short: Spotlight on 2013

This recent Shorewood Short highlights events from 2013 across the district. [Watch the video here](#).

School Calendar Committee Forming

Shorewood Community members are being invited to serve on a District committee aimed at researching best practices surrounding school starting and ending times as well as the school calendar. Although nothing has been finalized, some topics that could be discussed include moving to a later starting and/or dismissal time as well as year round schooling.

The first committee meeting will be held Tuesday, January 14 from 5-7 p.m. in the coach's conference Room, located in the physical education building on the Shorewood High School campus. A second meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 11 from 5-7 p.m. in the same location. Individuals interested in serving on the committee are encouraged to contact Dr. Nicholas at tricholas@shorewood.k12.wi.us or by calling 414-963-6903. More information about the committee can also be found on the [District blog](#).

Welcome New (and old) Neighbor Reception – January 11

On Saturday, January 11 at 10 a.m., Shorewood's Welcome New Neighbor program will hold a reception at the Shorewood Police and Fire Departments (3936 N. Murray Avenue). The event will give new neighbors, as well as all residents, a behind-the-scenes look at the village's public safety departments.

In addition to police officers and firefighters, other village representatives, including representatives from the Shorewood School District, will also be on hand.

Although the event is free and open to the public, individuals are strongly encouraged to RSVP to welcome@villageofshorewood.org by Wednesday, January 8 to receive a New Neighbor goody bag. (When RSVPing, please include how many children will be attending, so that they may receive a hat.) The event begins at 10:00 am – [view a complete schedule here.](#)

Wisconsin's New Assessments

Beginning next school year (2014-2015), Shorewood, as well as other school districts across the state, will be moving from the paper and pencil tests with multiple-choice questions to an online assessment system with computer-adaptive questions. Read more about the format and subject areas to be tested in the [December 19 posting to the District Community Blog.](#)

Bright Beginnings Open House

Bright Beginnings preschool will be holding open houses this month. You can [click here](#) for more information. Please share this with friends and neighbors with preschool age children.

District Childcare Feasibility Study

Read about the Districts plans for a childcare feasibility study in the [December 17 posting to the District Community Blog.](#)

Recreation Department – Highlighted Programs

Family Snowshoeing, Vendor Program - Grade 4 – Adult (Families)

Travel with us along the surrounding areas on our way to the Urban Ecology Center and back. This section parallels the Milwaukee River Basin and various County Parks making for excellent snowshoeing for both the beginner and advanced persons. Listen and ask question of our Guide while viewing the many wonders and wildlife that inhabit this time of year, so bring your camera and enthusiasm. Dress for the weather. Riverwest Outdoors will provide snowshoes for participants.

Date: Saturday, January 25 - February 22 (No class 2/15)

Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Location: Estabrook Park Beer Garden Parking Lot

Fee: Resident - \$26 / Non-Resident - \$39

Babysitting – American Red Cross, Vendor Program - Grade 5 – 11

This is an ideal course for current and future babysitters, teaching them the best way to keep children safe while in their care. Feeding, diapering, safety, professionalism, first-aid, leadership and safe play are some of the topics that will be covered. Be sure to wear comfortable clothes and bring a water bottle and a snack.

Date: Wednesday, January 22 & 29

Time: 2:45 – 6:15 pm

Location: SHS Conference Room

Fee: Resident - \$110 / Non-Resident - \$160

Past Bulletins, Bulletin Submissions, Etc.

Do You Know Someone Who Should Be Added to this Email 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 by Monday evening for inclusion in that week's bulletin.

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

Final Exams – January 22-24

First semester exams take place on January 22-24. [View the schedule here.](#)

College Financial Aid Presentation

If you missed the College Financial Aid presentation last week, or you were there but you'd like to review it, you may [find a link to the powerpoint slides here.](#)

Deundra Hemphill Memorial Fund

The Shorewood High School Student Council is taking the lead on collecting donations for the family of Deundra Hemphill, who passed away last week from an illness. (Deundra has two siblings who attend our schools: DeAnte Hemphill, a 9th grader, and Willow Brown-Lewis, a 5th grader at Atwater.) If you are interested in donating to Deundra's memorial, please make checks payable to Shorewood High School and put "Deundra Hemphill" in the memo line.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Tim Kenney, SHS Principal.

Join the 2014 Swing with Shorewood Committee

Swing with Shorewood is right around the corner on March 8, 2014. We are looking for people to join the 2014 Committee. If you are interested in helping please contact Melissa Nelsen at mnelsen4@wi.rr.com. Melissa will host a planning meeting on **January 6th to begin things "swinging"**.

Standardized Test Results

PSAT results are expected to be mailed to juniors the week before winter break. Explore and Plan test results will be mailed to freshmen and sophomores a little later.

Best Buddies Over Half Way to Their Goal – Help them Reach It

Best Buddies is an organization that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships for people with intellectual and development disabilities.

For years, the buddies with special needs have watched their peers load buses for Italy, Guatemala, and St. Louis over spring break. Now they can have a similar experience in Hawaii where they will spend time hiking and exploring as well as applying critical social and travel skills.

The kids have worked hard and have raised over \$22,000 for the trip, but still need \$15,000. Please think of including the Best Buddies in your year-end gifts. Every gift big or small gets us closer to sending these students on a trip of a lifetime. For more information about the Best Buddies organization and their trip and to MAKE A DONATION, [click here.](#)

Advanced Placement Tests

If your student is planning to take one or more Advanced Placement (AP) this May, please mark your calendars so that you do not schedule doctor's appointments, travel or other events that conflict with the testing schedule. These national tests are offered only once, and cannot be rescheduled. [Please view the schedule here.](#)

SHS Speed and Agility Camp

Speed and agility camps have begun for the winter. The camps are held every Sunday from 5:15 to 7:00p.m. The camps run from November through the month of March and are open to all middle and high school students with no cost. The

camps will help develop running mechanics, foot quickness, speed and agility. If there are any questions coach Davis can be reached at antoinedavissr@yahoo.com or 414-759-6343.

Band-o-Rama – DATE CHANGE

Shorewood Bands are commissioning a new piece for the Band-O-Rama concert, in February, which will be conducted by the composer, himself. Unfortunately, members of the department recently discovered that he is not available on the original date (February 12), the Band-O-Rama concert, which involves all Shorewood Band students in grades 4-12, will be moved to February 19.

Customize Your School Calendar

You can create a customized school calendar that includes events for specific schools, as well as specific types of events (athletic, arts, vacations, etc.). Follow these [step by step instructions](#) to create your calendar.

District Website

Shorewood Schools Website – www.shorewoodschoools.org

Important Documents

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

[Activities Code of Conduct](#)

[Athletic Forms](#)

[Athletic Travel Release Form](#)

[Daily Bell Schedules](#)

District Communications

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[School Board Meeting Recaps](#)

[District Monthly Bulletin “How are the Children”](#)

[District Hiring Updates](#)

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- 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.](#)