

SHS PARENT ASSOCIATION

WEEKLY BULLETIN

October 1, 2014

Mark Your Calendars

- Oct 1 [Youth Options Application Deadline](#)
- Oct 1 [Common Core Forum](#) – 5:00 pm
- Oct 8 Forum – [College Search and Application Process](#) 7:00 pm
- Oct 10 Last day to drop a class
- Oct 10 Senior yearbook quotes due
- Oct 11 [Shorewood Fish & Feather Festival](#)
- Oct 14 School Board Meeting – [agenda will be posted here](#)
- Oct 15 Standardized Testing – look for info from SHS to arrive via email
- Oct 16-17 Parent – Teacher Conferences
- Oct 16 Staff Dinner – [sign up to help](#)
- Oct 17 [SEED Trivia Night](#)

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

[Online Calendar](#) – customizable

Note from the Editor

I know this is a loooooong bulletin – but please take the time to review it. There is a lot of important information here, including some heads up info about testing and altered schedules on October 15, several announcements related to college planning and applications, conference information, community announcements and much more. And, this bulletin also includes – drumroll please – a volunteer opportunity! Please consider assisting with the staff dinner on October 16 – this meal allows SHS staff to grab a quick, homemade meal during their long day of teaching and conferences. Additional details are in the announcements section of this bulletin. If you can help out, please sign up [via the doodle poll](#) or contact Lindy Yeager (Florsheim) at lflorsheim@weycogroup.com or Pam Miller at pamizzie@gmail.com if you need more information or have trouble with doodle.

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SHS Parent Bulletin Editor

SHS News & Announcements

Standardized Testing – October 15

Due to standardized testing on October 15, each grade level will have a specific schedule for the day:

- Freshman will have ASPIRE testing all day – regular school hours
- Sophomores will be participating in a retreat all day – regular school hours
- Juniors will take the PSAT test in the morning. They will be released at the end of the morning testing.
- Seniors have no school all day – they are encouraged to use the day to work on college applications.

Look for more details to arrive (via email) from SHS this week.

Parent Teacher Conferences – October 16 & 17

Parent Teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, October 16 from 12:30 to 8:00 pm (school will be dismissed at 11:30) and on Friday, October 17 from 8:00 – 11:30 am (no school that day). Unlike other district schools, no

appointments are necessary. When you arrive you will see teachers seated at desks, and you may make your way from teacher to teacher in which ever order you choose. (Don't forget to bring a list of your child's teachers with you!) In order to avoid long lines building up, please keep your conference time to about 5 minutes. If you need more time with any teacher(s) you may schedule separate conferences with them. Note that Friday is usually less crowded (i.e. shorter lines) than Thursday, and that evening hours tend to be the most crowded.

Last Day to Drop a Class

The last day to drop a first semester class is October 10.

Volunteer Opportunity – Staff Dinner – Oct 16

Parent-Teacher Conferences are coming up this month on October 16th and 17th. On Thursday, the teachers hold classes in the morning and then meet with parents from 12:30-8:00pm. That evening, they have a short, staggered dinner break beginning at 5pm and running through 6:30pm.

The SHS Parent Association is organizing a dinner for our hard working teachers and staff during this long day of classes and conferences. The teachers really enjoy this break mid-evening and truly appreciate the homemade creations of our many talented cooks. **We need cooks to prepare food and volunteers to help with set up and clean up.**

The October theme is Harvest. If you would like to contribute food, we need folks to bring entrees, soups and stews, hearty grain or green salads, fresh fruit, bread and butter, beverages, and desserts that feel in step with the season. Should you prefer to volunteer for the event: set up will start at 4:00 and dinner clean up will begin at 7:00.

If you would like to be part of this dinner for our wonderful SHS faculty and staff, please use the Doodle link here: <http://doodle.com/z5fut7y9gsndpedd>. Contact Lindy Yeager (Florsheim) at lflorsheim@weycogroup.com or Pam Miller at pamizzie@gmail.com with questions or for information. Thanks in advance!

National Honor Society

Eligible juniors (3.6 cumulative gpa) will receive letters inviting them to apply for membership in National Honor Society this week. Applications are due October 9 and the first candidate meeting will be held on October 10 during lunch.

Ripples Online

The SHS Student Newspaper, Ripples now has an online presence. Read about what's going on at school and in the community at <http://shorewoodhsripples.wordpress.com/>.

Drama – Season Tickets

Season ticket order forms are now available for the 2014-2015 season of SHS Drama. Becoming a season ticket holder means that your name will be listed in the program and also at www.shorewooddrama.org Your membership includes a donation to SHS Drama (at the level you desire). Also, don't worry. If you become season ticket holders, you can always add extra tickets to individual shows/performances onto your orders throughout the year. [Click here for a season ticket order form](#). Don't delay – Little Shop of Horrors opens in just 3 weeks!

Senior Yearbook Quotes – Due October 10

Parents, please remind your senior students that yearbook quotes (which accompany their photos) are due October 10.

Boston Store Community Day Books – Basketball Fundraiser

Purchase a Boston Store Coupon Book and save yourself some money while you help the boys basketball team raise some money – it's a win-win!

The coupon books cost \$5.00 each and can be used on Friday, November 14th and Saturday November 15th. With your purchase you will receive a coupon for \$10.00 off any regular or sale priced item that is priced at \$10.00 or more! There

are also so many other valuable coupons in each book. The sale will take place until Monday, November 10, 2014. Please see a member of the SHS boys basketball team to purchase your book.

Daily Announcements

Some of the daily announcements are now available online! Check them out from time to time, they'll not only give you a flavor of what's going on at SHS, but you may find some interesting dinner table conversation in them. [You may view them here.](#)

College Planning Information

College Application Procedures

On Wednesday, September 24, an assembly for seniors was held during homeroom to learn about college application procedures. [Click here to see the handout](#) that was given at this meeting.

College Search and Application Process Forum

A college search and application process forum will be held on Wednesday October 8 at 7:00 pm. This is open to parents/guardians and students – especially juniors and seniors. For more information, see the reminders section of this bulletin or [click here for the flyer.](#)

College Application Resources

Student Support Services has created a "College Corner" in the back of their office, where students can peruse literature on various schools in the area, as well those around the nation. There are lots of informational posters and books on the college application process, applying for financial aid, and SAT and ACT test prep. There, seniors will also find all the forms and handouts they need for the letters of recommendation/transcript request process.

We're hoping that students will use the space to do some research, get information that might help generate positive planning conversations with their counselors, and gain a greater awareness of the breadth of post-secondary choices available to them.

ACT & SAT Test Dates

If your student is planning on taking the ACT and/or SAT test this year, you can find the testing dates below. Please note, that the ACT February 7 test date takes place during a long weekend for SHS – so if you plan to travel during that time, that may not be a good test date for your student. You may find complete lists of testing dates at these sites:

[ACT Test Dates and registration deadlines](#)

[SAT Test Dates and registration deadlines](#)

College Representative Visits

Juniors and Seniors should continue to check Family Connection often and sign up to meet with representatives from colleges that they are interested in.

District & Community Announcements

Common Core Forum – October 1

The School District of Shorewood is hosting a forum on the subject of Common Core Education Standards at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, October 1. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. Superintendent, Marty Lexmond recently issued a letter to the community regarding the Common Core. [You may view it here.](#)

Shorewood Fish & Feather Festival – October 11

On October 11 from 11 am to 4 pm join us at Hubbard Park for a day on the banks of the Milwaukee River. Events will include fly fishing and angling demos, walk in the river with the salmon, bird banding demos and much more. [Click here for more information](#). Free. No advance registration required.

Recreation Department – Featured Program

Private Violin/Viola Lessons

Whether you are new to violin/viola or you are an experienced player, come work one on one with instructor Bridget Windau. Ms. Windau has been playing violin for 13 years. She has played in MYSO, the Shorewood High School Chamber Orchestra, Alma College Orchestra, as well as UW Milwaukee's Community Orchestra. Ms. Windau is excited to continue in her role as a violin/viola tutor through the Recreation Department and welcomes students of all playing levels. Students must be enrolled in the Shorewood School Districts Orchestra Program. For more information and to register please visit the [recreation departments website](#).

Food Allergy Conference – November 15

Children's Hospital will be hosting a food allergy conference on November 15. If your child has food allergies, consider attending to gain valuable information. [Read more here](#).

Congratulations, Kudo's and Thank You's

National Merit Semifinalist and Commended Students Named

Congratulations to SHS Senior Augustus (Gus) Pendleton, on being named a semifinalist in the 2015 National Merit Scholarship Program. Over 1.5 million students entered the National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the PSAT in the 2013-14 school year, and only 16,000 (less than 1% of U.S. high school seniors) advanced to become semifinalists. Gus now has the opportunity to apply for finalist status – good luck in the next phase, Gus!

In addition, three SHS students were named Commended Students by the National Merit Scholarship organization. They are: Nathalie Bolduc, Emma Soldon, and Dylan Larson-Harsch. Congratulations to these students as well!

Alumnus in the News

Louis Bennett, SHS graduate and current Marquette University soccer star, was recently featured on TWC sports 32. [Watch the video here](#).

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.

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 Search & Application Process

Parent Forum – (Students too) - October 8

The SHS Parent Association will host our annual College Search and Application Forum on October 8, at 7:00 pm in the SHS Library and we are pleased to announce that Jane Frederick has once again agreed to be our presenter. An experienced college counselor and parent of a 2011 SHS graduate, she will share her professional expertise and personal anecdotes on what makes a college search successful.

Parents/guardians and their teens (especially juniors and seniors) are encouraged to attend, as Dr. Frederick explores misconceptions of the college search process while emphasizing what needs to be done during senior year and junior year especially. This lively presentation is full of good information & valuable resources to help enhance your current search or inspire the direction for upcoming college exploration. Jane's expertise and words of advice are very well received each year, and we are fortunate to have her as part of our community! Thank you Jane! [For more information view the flyer.](#)

Directory Pick Up

Student directories that were not picked up during Open House will be available in the office beginning next week. If you did not preorder, there will be additional directories for sale in the office.

SEED Trivia Night – October 17

Join us for trivia and fun at Milwaukee Beer Bistro, 2730 N Humboldt. A cash prize will be awarded to the winning team. \$25/person (\$10 is tax deductible) includes 2 beverages of your choice, snacks and the trivia game. Reservations can be made online at <http://www.shorewoodseed.org/news/> Questions? email tracey_grabowski@yahoo.com

College Representative Visits

From now through late fall, colleges from around the country will be sending representatives to meet with interested students at SHS. This is a great way for juniors and seniors to learn more about specific colleges without travelling to do so. Often the representative is the same admissions officer who will also be reading the student's applications, so while this is not an interview, but an informational group meeting, it does give students the opportunity to make an impression. Also, some colleges (by no means all) take "demonstrated interest" into account during the admissions process. These meetings are just one of many ways that as student can demonstrate interest in a school.

To see the list of schools currently on the schedule [log into your Family Connection Account](#) click on "colleges" and then on "view all upcoming college visits". Check back often as the list will be updated frequently. Parents, if you have not yet registered for a Family Connection Account, [click here to learn how to do so](#).

Band Parents: It's fundraising time!!

Band students will be given fundraising materials for the **Gourmet's Delight Cheesecakes** and **Noble Valley Farms Wreaths** Fundraisers (for band students in grades 6-12) on **Friday, September 26th**. **Orders and money (Checks only--NO CASH) are due in your student's band room by Wednesday, November 5th.**

Did you know? The money that your student raises is kept in a personal band account designated for each student. The monies raised during each fundraiser accumulate throughout your student's band career and can be used to defray the cost of their SIS and/or SHS band trip(s) during their time in the Shorewood School District. Questions?? Please contact Sue Froelich at psfro@hotmail.com.

Band Parent Association

If you're a parent of a band student, you are an automatic member of the Shorewood Band Parent Association! The Shorewood Band Parent Association exists to help its student members get the most out of their experience in the Shorewood band program. **Please consider making a direct donation** by visiting www.shorewoodbands.org to make a secure online donation or by sending a check to:

SBPA

P.O. Box 11845

Shorewood, WI 53211

Donations help provide funding for guest artists, clinicians and composers; classroom equipment, enhancements and technology; band awards and certificates; scholarships and more!

All donations will be acknowledged in the Band concert programs, unless you specify otherwise. Suggested giving levels are:

Maestro---\$250+

Conductor---\$100-\$249

Gold Baton---\$50-\$99

Silver Baton---Up to \$49

Thanks for your support of Shorewood Bands!

Recreation Department Featured Programs

"Totally Love Yourself for Teen Girls"

This workshop is designed to address the many challenges that teen girls are up against as we help them discover inner tools for seeking balance in their lives. Through fun, individual and group activities we will explore topics such as self-image, friendship, self-rejuvenation, and much more!

- Grades 6-9
- Sunday, September 21st from 1:30-5:30pm at SHS
- \$55 for Residents of Shorewood

Babysitting – American Red Cross, Vendor Program

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. Grades 5-12.

Date: Wednesday, October 22 – 29

Time: 2:45 – 6:15 pm

Participants may [register through the Shorewood Rec Dept.](#) for these and other programs.

Northshore Resiliency Coalition Speaker Series

In the aftermath of several tragic deaths this past summer, concerned community members came together to form a group initially referred to as RED or RED2, then REDbird. Our new name is REDgen (<http://www.redgen.org>).

REDgen is a community action group consisting of parents, community members, schools, interfaith congregations, mental health professionals and university employees. We are committed to working together across systems to promote balance and resiliency in the lives of our youth and families. We hope to develop a new generation of resilient youth with a healthy understanding of what success means. As a next step in advancing these aims, REDgen is planning a three part **Resiliency Through Change** speaker series for August, September and October. The final event of the series will be:

* Wednesday October 22nd, 7pm, Nicolet auditorium - University of Pennsylvania's Dr. Kenneth Ginsburg will speak on the topic of resiliency. For more about his work see <http://www.fosteringresilience.com/about.php> .

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](#)

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