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# SHS PARENT ASSOCIATION BULLETIN

October 10, 2012

## Parent-Teacher Conferences

- Oct 11 Parent Teacher Conferences 12:30-8 pm (no p.m. classes)
- Oct 11 Presentation on New School Accountability System 5:45 – SHS Library
- Oct 12 Parent Teacher Conferences 8 – 11:30 am (no school for students).
- Tissue and Hand Sanitizer Collection for SHS Classrooms – drop off donations when you come to conferences
- [More details about conferences](#)

## Other Calendar Items

- Oct 11 [PACE<sup>3</sup> Event – School Diversity](#) – 7:00 pm@ WFB High School
- Oct 15 Parent Forum – [Teen Risk Behaviors including Data from the 2011 SHS Student Survey](#) – 7:00 PM
- Oct 15 Last Day to Drop Classes
- Oct 16 Deadline to purchase business or congratulatory ad in Fall Drama Program
- Oct 17 [PSAT, PLAN and EXPLORE testing date](#)

## A Note from the Editor

In my former life, I was an accountant, which makes me a numbers gal. I like numbers and I like data. I loved my college statistics class. (Go ahead and chuckle – I'm used to it.) So it should come as no surprise when I say that I look forward to seeing the results of the risk behavior survey that SHS students took last year. Not because I like studying the numbers in and of themselves, but because the data helps remind me to keep my eyes open, to keep my head out of the sand, and to continue to have conversations with my children about many of these risky behaviors. And admittedly, it also satisfies a curiosity as to what it might actually mean when I hear one of those “everyone” or “no one” phrases that teens seem to use so often.

Next Monday evening, October 15, the data from last year's survey will be presented at the Parent Association's second parent forum of the year. The data will no doubt be interesting not just to numbers gals like me, but to non-numbers folks as well. However, the more important part of the evening will be the moderated discussion about healthy parental responses to the risk behaviors that teens sometimes engage in or are exposed to. [Please join us for this important presentation and discussion.](#)

As I said in last week's note, even really good kids will occasionally make mistakes. It's part of growing up, it's part of having a less than fully developed brain. But that doesn't mean we should encourage risky behavior or look the other way when it happens or may happen. This forum will help us all to learn some of what is happening with our teens, and how we can best respond to it. Growing up is not an easy job, nor is the job of parenting the ones who are in the midst of growing up. Thank you to Sue Kelley and Kim Apflebach for planning these forums to help us all with the job of parenting teens.

Debbie Eder  
SHS Parent Bulletin Editor

## News & Announcements

### New School Accountability System in Wisconsin

The Wisconsin Department of Instruction has created a new school report card. (This is a report card to assess schools, not individual students.) Please see [the letter from Superintendent of Schools, Marty Lexmond](#) regarding this new

accountability system. You may also view a [SAMPLE school report card](#). Actual report cards are expected to be released by the Department of Public Instruction later this month. If you'd like to learn more, Mr. Lexmond will lead a presentation in the SHS Library (second floor, administration building) on October 11th from 5:45 to 6:30 pm titled, The New School Accountability System in Wisconsin. All are welcome to attend.

### **SHS Spiritwear Available During Conferences**

SHS Spiritwear will be available for purchase at Conferences this week. Check out the new PJ pants, golf shirts and performance pullovers. Cash or checks are accepted for payment.

### **Tissue and Hand Sanitizer Drive, Part 2 – Please Donate during Conferences**

Thanks to all who donated tissues and hand sanitizer to SHS during Open House. We could still use some more of these quite necessary supplies. More and more sniffles are being heard in the classrooms and the hallways, so we will once again have donation boxes set up at Conferences this week.

### **Parents of Drama Cast & Crew Congratulatory Program Ads Due October 16**

Parents and other loved ones of drama cast and crew - you may purchase a congratulatory ad in the *Lend Me a Tenor* program. Congratulatory program messages are a great way to let your actor or techie (and the rest of the world too!) know how much you appreciate their hard work in creating a great production. Text only congratulatory ads will be 1/6 page and cost \$40. If you wish to include photos – you will need to purchase a business ad (see below). For an order form, please contact Joe King at [JKing@shorewood.k12.wi.us](mailto:JKing@shorewood.k12.wi.us). All advertisement orders are due October 16.

### **Business Advertisements in the Fall Drama Program – Deadline October 16**

Business advertising space is available in the *Lend Me A Tenor* Program. Ad prices range from \$40 for a business card ad to \$100 for a full page ad. All orders are due by October 16. [Click here to view rates](#) and [click here for a letter you may share with local businesses](#). Please share with any and all SHS Drama supporters!

### **Daily Announcements**

[Daily Announcements](#) are now available on the SHS page of the district website. Recent Announcements include information about:

- Mock Trial Boot Camp
- Athletics – Congratulations and Come Cheer
- Ripples Meeting – Writers and Photographers
- Girls Indoor Soccer Team
- Peer Mentors
- Hockey – Open Ice
- Clubs, lots and lots of clubs – Pegasus, Guatemala, Outdoors Club, Youth Haiti, Model UN, Jewish Culture (NEW), Gay-Straight Alliance, Thespians, Stock Club, Chess Club, Writing Club, Amnesty International
- Much, much more!

### **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 by Monday evening for inclusion in that week's bulletin.

## **In the News**

**MACC Fund Torch Moves through the Village** – Article and Photos on Shorewood Patch  
<http://shorewood.patch.com/articles/shorewood-carries-a-torch-for-macc-fund>.

**Homecoming Parade and Football Photos** on Shorewood Patch <http://shorewood.patch.com/articles/photos-shorewood-s-homecoming-weekend#photo-11620403>

**Superhero Day During Spirit Week** – Photos on Shorewood Patch <http://shorewood.patch.com/articles/shorewood-spirit-week-superhero-day#photo-11594840>.

**Homecoming Parade Photos** – from ShorewoodNOW <http://www.shorewoodnow.com/multimedia/photos/172982461.html>.

**Statement from School re. Last Week's Code Red** <http://www.shorewood.k12.wi.us/page.cfm?p=2618&newsid=51>.

## District, Village and Community Announcements

**SEED Fundraiser – Eat at California Pizza Kitchen – 20% Goes to SEED! October 30**

[Bring this flyer with you](#) to California Pizza Kitchen on October 30 (ALL DAY!) and 20% of your check will go to the Shorewood SEED Foundation which supports the Shorewood Schools. Dine in, Carry Out, Catering and Beverages are all included! You must have the flyer with you so print it out now, put it in your purse or your wallet or your car so you'll be sure to have it with you on October 30!

### UWM Anti-Bullying Events

October is National Anti-Bullying Month. In honor of this, UWM multiple events occurring throughout the month. The first event is next week **Thursday, October 11, 2012**. This event will be held at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's **Union Wisconsin Room** at 7pm. This event will be highlighting the film "Bully" and the director will be here as well to speak about his experiences in making the film as well as how bullying affects students, families, schools and society. The film will not be shown, but below is a link to the trailer. We encourage you to spread the word and come with questions. This event is free and open to the public. "Bully" Film Trailer | <http://youtu.be/W1g9RV9OKhg>

## Athletic News & Highlights

**Messwood Playoff Bound!** Story on ShorewoodPatch <http://shorewood.patch.com/articles/messwood-clinches-playoff-spot>.

**Messwood Wins Big on Homecoming** – Story in Shorewood Now <http://www.shorewoodnow.com/sports/greyhounds-back-into-playoffs-with-big-win-over-brookfield-academy-426-nr74nuh-173043421.html>.

**Football vs. Milwaukee South – Many Subs get Solid Playing Time** – story from ShorewoodNow <http://www.shorewoodnow.com/sports/greyhounds-experiment-a-little-cruise-past-south-397-in-football-im731hq-172339661.html>.

**Shorewood Messmer Football Photos** – from ShorewoodNOW <http://www.shorewoodnow.com/multimedia/photos/172983621.html>.

**Sports Wrapups from ShorewoodNow** – Girls Tennis, Boys Volleyball, Boys Soccer, Girls Cross Country, Boys Cross Country - <http://www.glendalenow.com/sports/sports-wrapups-oct-2-is71m0q-172401601.html>.

## Congratulations, Kudos & Thank You's

## **AP Scholars**

Congratulations to the following SHS Seniors who earned AP Scholar Awards based upon the results of AP Tests taken through the end of their junior year: Ryan Jacobus, Elliott Kucharczyk and Hans Gaebler.

## **Is Your Student an AP Scholar?**

Parents – did your student receive AP Scholar Status? If so, please let us know so that we may recognize them in a future edition of this bulletin!

## **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](mailto:news.shsparentassn@gmail.com).

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

## **Parent Teacher Conferences – October 11 & 12**

Parent – Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday October 11 from 12:30 pm – 8:00 pm and on Friday October 12 from 8:00 am – 11:30 am in the SHS Arena. No appointment is 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. Refer to the [September Newsletter that was mailed home](#) from school for information regarding:

- When teachers that are shared between schools will be available at SHS.
- When each group of teachers will be taking their short dinner breaks
- Presentation by Superintendent of Schools Marty Lexmond regarding Wisconsin's new School Accountability System.

## **PACE Event – How to Benefit from the Growing Diversity in Our Schools – October 11 – WFB HS**

The Shorewood School District is a co-sponsor of and Upcoming PACE<sup>3</sup> Speaker and Discussion Event about the growing diversity in our schools. [For more information, please view this flyer.](#)

## **Kohl Excellence Scholarships**

SHS can nominate up to two college bound seniors for a Kohl Excellence Scholarship, but candidates must first submit an application to SHS staff. [For more information, click here.](#)

Note - There are countless additional scholarship opportunities for seniors who are planning to attend college next year. Parents and seniors are encouraged to begin searching for them now, as many have application deadlines well before the college applications are due.

## **Boys Basketball Fundraiser – Boston Store Coupon Books**

Boys Basketball Team will be selling Boston Store Community Day Coupon Books from now until November 5th. If anyone one is interested they can see any member of the team or buy one online: <http://bit.ly/Tq4v6n>. Each booklet costs \$5. The team will also be at Bayshore Mall selling from Noon until 2:00 PM on October 13th, 2012.

## **Shorewood Foundation Annual Dinner – November 3**

The board of directors of the Shorewood Foundation invites you to the foundation's annual dinner, Saturday, Nov. 3, 2012, at the Hubbard Park Lodge, 3565 N. Morris Boulevard. Cocktails and silent auction begin at 6 p.m. Dinner starts at 7 p.m. Read more about this event and the Shorewood Foundation which supports the schools and the community with grants for education, beautification, the annual fireworks and much more, [click here](#).

## **Volunteers needed for Shorewood Connects' annual yard clean-up day – November 3**

Saturday, November 3rd, is scheduled as the fifth annual “Shorewood Connects” Yard Clean-Up Day, linking neighborhood volunteers with older adults and disabled adults who need help winterizing their yards. Volunteers are sought between 9:00 a.m. and 12 p.m. to rake leaves, clean out garden beds, trim hedges, and empty hoses at the homes of older and disabled adults for whom these tasks would prove difficult. Everyone is welcome to volunteer; it's also an ideal project for those students seeking community service opportunities. **Pre-registration is required, to ensure that we have enough volunteers.** Please contact Sue Kelley for more information [skelley1@wi.rr.com](mailto:skelley1@wi.rr.com) or 961-7262.

### **Explore, PLAN and PSAT Testing – October 17**

Standardized testing will take place during the school day on October 15. Freshmen will take the Explore test, Sophomores will take the PLAN and Juniors will take the PSAT. Letters regarding these tests were mailed home last week. Students should be seated by 7:35 am, so those that do not normally have a first hour period will need to set their alarms a bit earlier. Additional information can be found in the [letters that were mailed home last week](#).

### **Last Day to Drop Classes – October 15**

October 15 is the last day to drop a class at SHS. If you have questions about this, please contact your child's guidance counselor.

### **College Planning**

The SHS Parent Association has recently revised our “Parent to Parent” [Guide to the College Search and Application Process](#). You may view it and other documents on the [“college planning” page of our website](#).

### **Student Directories**

If you pre-ordered a student directory but did not pick it up at Open House, you or your child may stop in the office to get it. If you did not pre-order a directory, there are additional copies for sale in the SHS office. They cost \$15 for the first one and \$5 for a second copy. Remember – this is the Parent Association's primary fundraiser of the year.

### **Parent Forum – Teen Risk Behaviors October 15 at 7:00 PM in the SHS Studio Theater**

Join the SHS Parent Association and the SHS Administration for a presentation and discussion about data gathered from the 2011 Youth Risk Behavior Survey which was taken by SHS students last year. This survey addressed

- Alcohol, Drug and Tobacco Use
- Depression and Suicide
- Sexual Behavior
- Bullying, Personal Safety and Weapons Use
- Physical Activity, Eating Habits
- Driving and Traffic Safety

Data specific to SHS students will be presented along with comparative data, from state and national survey results. [More Information and Details on the Printable Flyer](#).

### **Juniors & Seniors – Sign Up to Meet with College Representatives**

Junior and Senior Students are welcome to meet with college representatives that visit SHS. To do so, students must obtain a pass from the Student Support Services Office at least 24 hours in advance. These visits are an opportunity for students to learn more about a specific school, and also an opportunity to show “demonstrated interest” in a school, something which some (not all) schools consider in the admissions process.

To see which schools will be coming when, use family connections – go to <https://connection.naviance.com/fc/signin.php?hsid=shorewood>, log in and choose the “colleges” tab. Check back often, as additional schools will continue to be added. For assistance with Family Connection stop by the Library during Open House on September 20.

### **Customize Your School Calendar**

To view/print a customized calendar, [follow these directions](#). This will allow you to view only events for specific schools or specific sports, etc.

### **District Website**

Don't forget to check the district website when you are looking for information about school. The new site was rolled out last spring and new pages and functions continue to be added. [www.shorewoodschoools.org](http://www.shorewoodschoools.org).

### **Travel Release Form**

Parents of athletes – please remember that student athletes are expected to ride the bus back to school with the team after each away game/meet. Each time that you will be transporting your child on your own, you will need to complete a [travel release form](#). (Some parents like to keep a copy in their cars – in case they forget to have one with them.)

### **Raise Money for SEED while You Shop Online**

- Use [GoodSearch.com](http://GoodSearch.com) when doing your online shopping and a money will be donated to the Shorewood SEED Foundation each time you search!
- Use [GoodShop.com](http://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](#).