

# SHS PARENT ASSOCIATION BULLETIN

October 12, 2011

## A Note from the Editor

If you've been reading and studying your parent bulletin carefully each week, then you are already aware that SEED will be hosting a fundraising event at Sprecher Brewery on November 4. But maybe you are unsure as to why you ought to attend – well let me tell you... 1) The proceeds benefit OUR schools and therefore OUR children; 2) It's an affordable event; and 3) it's really FUN! Now, anyone who knows me, knows that I can tell you why each SEED or School event is THE one you ought to attend, but seriously – the Sprecher event an appealing one to those who are “regular” school event and fundraiser goers as well as to occasional, first-timers or even once in a lifetimers. Come on out – tour the brewery, taste some beer, mingle with your neighbors and have a GREAT time.... all for the low price of \$20 – knowing that most of that goes right back to our schools and our kids – and some of it goes right back to you, since half of your \$20 ticket price is tax deductible. And if you do go – you'll see me there – I'll be wearing my name tag – please say hello. I know that many of you know me, but I don't always know you – and I do love to put a face with a name. [Still need to RSVP? – click here.](#)

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SHS Parent Bulletin Editor

## Calendar – School and District

- Oct 13 School dismissed at 11:30. **Parent Teacher Conferences** 12:30pm – 8:00pm
- Oct 13 SNACPAC Meeting – 7PM – SHS Conference Room 116
- Oct 14 [Showing of 3 short films, including, Memento Mori](#), film written by 2011 SHS Grad Celia Carroll
- Oct 14 No School – **Parent Teacher Conferences** – 8am – 11:30 am
- Oct 25 School Board Meeting – agenda will be posted [here](#).
- Oct 25 SHS Masterworks Concert – 7:00 PM – St. Robert Church
- Oct 27-28 No School – Teacher Inservice
- Nov 4 [SEED Event at Sprecher Brewery](#)
- Calendar Change: Fall Drama Show will be on November 3, 4, and 5. October dates listed on calendar are incorrect.

## Calendar – College Information & Planning

- Oct 10-14 – [Wisconsin Education Fair](#) at various Milwaukee area locations
- Oct 13 [Online College Fair](#)
- Ongoing College Representatives Visit SHS to talk with students about their schools. Students must sign up in the guidance office at least 24 hours in advance for each session they wish to attend.

## Calendar – Community

- Nov 5 Shorewood Connects – Yard Clean Up Day – [Volunteer to help an elderly or disabled neighbor.](#)

The complete District Calendar for 2011-2012 can be found [here](#).

## Bulletin Submissions

Bulletin submissions should be sent by Monday evenings for inclusion in that week's Wednesday bulletin. (Of course, you can send earlier, too!) Send submissions to [news.shsparentassn@gmail.com](mailto:news.shsparentassn@gmail.com).

## News & Announcements

### Parent Newsletter from School

Recently you received a newsletter from school via US Mail. Please read it carefully as it includes information about the Fall drama show, Showcase Shorewood, the Arts and Crafts Fair, an article titled "Parents and the First Report Card", Calendar Items and a letter from Principal Matt Joynt. It also includes detailed information about parent-teacher conferences. [Click here for the online version.](#)

### **\*Parent Teacher Conferences October 13 & 14**

Parent – Teacher Conferences will be held on October 13 from 12:30 pm – 8:00 pm and on Friday October 14 from 8:30 am – 11:30 am. 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. 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. To see when teachers that work at multiple district schools will be available at SHS or when certain teachers will be taking their 30 minute dinner break (thank you volunteers for providing it!), see the [recent mailing from school.](#)

### **The Laramie Project – SHS Drama – Nov 3, 4, 5 – All Performances at 7:30**

*The Laramie Project*, a play created about the murder of a gay college freshman, Matthew Shepard, premiered in 2000 and then showed in New York for an Off-Broadway run. This play includes an important message about tolerance and the SHS production will include the opportunity for audience members to participate in discussion groups at the conclusion of the play.

### **Recreation Department Highlighted Programs**

Two programs offered in the coming weeks may be of interest to SHS Parents:

- Helping Children Through and After Divorce
- Building a Healthy Teen from the Bottom Up
- Recognizing and Helping Children and Adolescents Who Have Depression & Anxiety
- Raising Financially Responsible Children

[For more information on these programs click here.](#)

### **Memento Mori – Film Written by 2011 Graduate, Celia Carroll – October 14**

The Cinematic Series is back for the year! Our first night of the series will be on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the SHS Auditorium. The Milwaukee Film Festival has partnered with the Recreation Department to show "Momento Mori," written by SHS Grad, Celia Carroll. Celia won the 2011 Collaborative Cinema Screenplay Contest for her work, where it was then produced and turned into a 12 minute short this past July. Momento Mori is a story about a travelling photographer that uses his camera to steal his subject's souls. Come join us on the 14<sup>th</sup> to watch Celia's film along with other winner's from the Collaborative Cinema Screenplay Contest. At the conclusion of the showing, a panel of writers, including Celia, producers, and Milwaukee Film representatives will be taking questions and talking about their experiences with their projects.

### **\*Family Connection Parent Logins**

The Student Support Office has uploaded parents into Family Connections. If you did not receive a login online, you should have received it in the mailing last week. (**Editor's note:** It only takes a minute to logon and set up a new password of your choice – even if you don't have time to spend on Family Connection, at least do this before you lose the small piece of paper with your registration code!)

### **From The SHS Daily Announcements**

*This is a sampling, (by no means all), of some of the morning announcements the students hear each day at school. Look at the exciting things going on at SHS:*

- Get your after school treats at the Dog House!
- Submit photos from work or volunteering (outside of school) to Copperdome
- Meeting for boys interested in playing basketball
- Informational meeting for those interested in auditioning for Showcase
- As always, numerous Club and Group Meetings including: Youth Haiti, Gay-Straight Alliance, Stock Club, Animal Rights Club, Outdoors Club, Photography Club, Best Buddies, Chinese Club, Robotics Club, Science Club, Model UN, AFS, and Spoken Word Club. Most clubs accept new members throughout the year.

# From Student Support Services

## Forms, Documents & More

- [Transcript Release Form](#) – This form must be completed and signed before Student Support Services can send transcripts to colleges or other institutions. Note that if the student is under 18, it must be signed by a parent or guardian.
- [Family Connection Information](#) – Read this important document which includes college application procedures. Some specific information to note:
  - To have a transcript sent to a college(s) the student must:
    - Have a Transcript Release Form on file
    - Add a request for each college via family Connections (procedure included in the linked document)
    - Submit a paper copy and a \$3 processing fee for each school to which a transcript is to be sent.
  - Teacher Recommendations
    - Students must approach teachers IN PERSON to request letters be written.
    - After receiving consent from a teacher, students may then use Family Connection to send them the form and additional information.
  - Additional Family Connections and College application Information can be found at <http://www.shsparentassn.com/documents.html>.
- [Student Brag Sheet](#) – Counselors use this form when writing college recommendations for students. Each student should complete one and turn it in during their senior year. (Feel free to type, rather than handwrite, – for the word version – go to <http://www.shsparentassn.com/documents.html>, and look in the “college planning” section.) Underclassmen may want to start keeping a list of their activities for themselves, so that when they complete their brag sheet during their senior year, they can more easily recall activities from their underclassmen years.
- [Scholarship List](#) – Use this document to see a list of scholarship search engines, as well as a list of select local and national scholarships.
- **Note if the above links are not working, each document is available at [www.shsparentassn.com](http://www.shsparentassn.com).**

## Prudential Spirit Community Award

Students who have made a difference through volunteering over the past year, you could win \$1,000 and a trip to Washington, D.C. next May. To apply visit <http://spirit.prudential.com> or [www.nassp.org/spirit](http://www.nassp.org/spirit), click on the "Apply Now" link, and follow the onscreen instructions. If you need a paper application form, call (877)525-8491 toll-free. Application deadline: November 1, 2011.

# District, Village & Community News and Events

## Turkey Trot – November 19

Registration is now open for the Shorewood Turkey Trot, a 5k run/walk to be held on November 19. For more information, and to register, [click here](#).

## SNACPAC Recipe of the Week

The Shorewood Nutritional and Physical Activity Committee (SNACPAC) has offered to send a weekly nutritious recipe for parents to try. Recipe's are courtesy of Mr. Dom Newman – Lake Bluff P.E. Teacher and SHS Cross Country and Track Coach. To see this week's recipe, [Roasted Sweet Potato, Apple, and Spinach Salad, click here](#).

## ATHLETIC NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS

**Greyhound Update** – Football, Soccer, Swimming, Cross Country, Tennis, Volleyball:  
<http://shorewood.patch.com/articles/greyhound-update-soccer-team-begins-sectional-play-tuesday>.

**Sports Wrapups** – Tennis, Volleyball, Football, Soccer, Cross Country: <http://www.glendalenow.com/sports/sports-wrapups-oct-4-131114368.html>.

## CONGRATULATIONS, KUDOS AND THANK YOU'S

### **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\*\*\*\*\*

### **Join SEED at Sprecher & Support our Schools – November 4**

November 4 is the Sprecher Tour and Tasting Event hosted by SEED. Join us for locally brewed beer and soda! Tour the Brewery! Enter the bean bag toss tournament! This is a great way to spend a Friday night for less than the cost of going to the movies, and you may make a few new friends while you're there. For more details and to make your reservation, [view the flyer](#). Questions? Call Tracey Grabowski at [414-963-0257](tel:414-963-0257) or email [tracey\\_grabowski@yahoo.com](mailto:tracey_grabowski@yahoo.com)

### **SNACPAC Meeting – October 13**

The Shorewood Nutritional and Physical Activity Committee (SNACPAC) will be meeting on Thursday, October 13 from 7:00-8:00 am in the Shorewood High School Conference Room 116 to review the School District's wellness policy and guidelines. Your participation is encouraged.

For more information, please contact Deb Stolz at 414-963-6913 x4 or [DStolz@shorewood.k12.wi.us](mailto:DStolz@shorewood.k12.wi.us).

### **North Shore Parent Network – Special Education Group**

If you are a parent, educator or professional interested in the special educational needs of all students in the North Shore schools, please consider joining the North Shore Parent Network. The first events this year will be held on October 19, at 6:20 pm in the St. Francis Children's Center. To see a list of all scheduled events and topics, [click here](#). For more information, contact Terri Hart-Ellis at [hartellis@sbcglobalnet](mailto:hartellis@sbcglobalnet) or 414-217-7999.

### **Annual Shorewood Connects Yard Clean-Up Day – November 5**

Saturday, November 5, is scheduled as the fourth 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. This is a great volunteer opportunity for teens, families, community groups, etc. Those interested in volunteering are asked to register with Sue Kelley, Shorewood Connects Facilitator at (414) 961-7262 or [skelley1@wi.rr.com](mailto:skelley1@wi.rr.com). It's a great chance to connect with your neighbors!

### **Attendance Policy**

If you missed it last week, be sure to familiarize yourself with the SHS attendance policy. In the past students and parents have been surprised to learn that an exam exemption opportunity had been forfeited. Make certain you and your child understand the policy. [http://www.shsparentassn.com/uploads/6/1/2/5/6125612/attendance\\_policy.pdf](http://www.shsparentassn.com/uploads/6/1/2/5/6125612/attendance_policy.pdf).

### **Seniors – College Application Process**

During the extended homeroom last week, Seniors were given a packet about the college application process. [To see an online version, click here](#). This document includes:

- A senior year timeline
- A list of scholarship search engines
- A list of local and national scholarships
- Family Connections
  - Use it to inform your guidance counselor of which colleges you are applying to
  - Request a teacher recommendation
  - Request that transcripts be sent to colleges to which you are applying
  - Use it to research specific colleges

### Student Directories

There are about 50 of you who paid for student directories, but have not yet picked them up. If you are one of those people – you or your student can stop in the SHS office and get yours. If you didn't preorder – directories are still available for sale, also in the SHS office.

### Using Family Connection to Determine when College Representatives are Visiting SHS

- All juniors and seniors are welcome to meet with these representatives.
- Students must have a signed pass from the guidance office 24 hours in advance.
- To see which schools are sending representatives on which days,
  - Use Family Connection – <http://connection.naviance.com/shorewood>
  - The first time you use this site you will need to input the code you were given by student support services, you will then create a password, and use that for subsequent visits. If you do not have your code from student support services, you can expect to receive a paper copy this week.
  - Click on the colleges tab
  - There is a section labeled “ Upcoming College Visits”
    - You can see the scheduled visits for the next few days
    - Click on “view all upcoming college visits” to see future weeks
    - Expect this to be updated frequently as more colleges schedule visits to SHS.
- Attending these sessions, not only allows a student to learn more about a specific college, it also allows them to show “demonstrated interest” in that college – something that some (not all) schools consider in the admissions process.
- Note – there is LOTS more that you can do with Family Connection – if you haven't spent any time looking around the site yet, be sure to do so. And keep in mind, that the SHS specific data is still being updated.

### ACT Test Preparation

Test Preparation Programs of which we are aware:

- Shorewood Recreation Department see [page 13 of the rec dept. bulletin](#), or go to the [registration website](#) and click on the course number.
- UWM – See [UWM Trio and Pre College web page](#) (scroll down page for fall and future dates)

### Shorewood Foundation – Dinner & Silent Auction – November 19

The Board of Directors of the Shorewood Foundation would like to invite you to attend the Shorewood Foundation's Annual Dinner which will be held on **Saturday, November 19, 2011 at the Hubbard Lodge in Shorewood.**

The proceeds from this event support the activities of the Shorewood Foundation. The management of Hubbard Lodge generously provides delicious, gourmet dinners for the event at a substantially discounted price, and Foundation Board members have historically purchased the wine for the dinner. Thus, *almost all of the ticket price goes directly to the grant recipients of the Foundation.*

Those who attend the annual Shorewood Foundation Dinner readily attest to the fact that this is a delightful and wonderful evening. The Foundation supports many of the good things that happen in our Village. This includes the activities of many worthy civic groups, improvements for the Shorewood Schools (including a recent \$22,000 grant to SHS!), the annual 4th of July Fireworks Celebration at Atwater Park and more. [Click here for more information and to rsvp.](#)