

SHS PARENT ASSOCIATION

WEEKLY BULLETIN

October 16, 2013

Mark Your Calendars:

- Oct 16 [SHS Testing Day](#)
Freshman, Sophomores, Juniors – Testing begins at 7:35 am
Seniors – school begins at 11:56 am
- Oct 18 [Village Survey Closes](#)
- Oct 21, 24 [SHS Drama Students to appear on TV](#)
- Oct 22 Masterworks Concert 7:00 PM
- Oct 25 No School
- Oct 27 Shorewood Trick or Treat 2:00-4:00
- Nov 1 End of first quarter
- Nov 1-3 [Fall Musical – 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee](#)
- Nov 2 Yard Clean Up Day (sign up by _____) see reminders section
- Nov 3 [RED Book Club](#) – Youth Resiliency – ALL are welcome
- Nov 8 [SEED Sprecher Event](#)

[Full Year District Calendar](#) - pdf version (updated)

[Online Calendar](#) - customizable

A Note from the Editor

I would like to remind you of a few housekeeping items that make my life easier. And while much of this particular information is in every weekly issue, I've decided to put it front and center this week, since it often gets lost in the shuffle.

Getting this Weekly email – but Still Missing Information?

If that's the case, then your email address is probably missing from or incorrect in the school's database and **you may not have known about [SHS's testing day today!](#)** To make sure you do not continue to miss time critical information, please take a moment and make sure that your email address(es) is correct in powerschool:

Log into powerschool (<https://shorewood.powerschool.com/public/>) using your PARENT login (not your child's). On the left hand side, click on "email notification" and make sure that your email address(es) are entered and correct. **Do this so that you do not miss time sensitive information that comes directly from SHS and the district (i.e. NOT this newsletter)**

Know someone who would like to be added to this email distribution 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.

Receiving this too many times?

I now have over 1000 subscribers to the weekly bulletin, which is pretty incredible, although I'm pretty sure I've got a more than a few "dead" and duplicate email addresses included in that. If you are subscribed multiple times, and you are getting this bulletin in duplicate or triplicate, feel free to unsubscribe from the addresses you don't want it coming too. You can do so at the bottom of any email you receive from this account. And by now you all know, that with this publication it's an all or nothing deal – if you want the weekly bulletin, you get the volunteer opportunity, forum reminders and other miscellaneous emails too. Maybe someday, I'll figure out how to let you subscribe to specific news items, but for now, you get what you pay for!

Have News You'd Like Included in the Bulletin?

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.

Debbie Eder
SHS Parent Bulletin Editor

SHS News & Announcements

Fall Musical – Tickets on Sale NOW

Preorder your tickets for the SHS Production of the 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee now! Tickets purchased in advance get the best seats! Don't delay [Click here for the ticket order form.](#)

National Honor Society

Junior students whose grades make them eligible for National Honor Society received letters in homeroom a few weeks ago. The first meeting has already happened, if your student is eligible but missed that meeting, they should see Mr. Aiello ASAP. Official applications are due October 24.

College Application News

(Information from the Editor)

Parents of Seniors - If your student is applying to any colleges via the **COMMON APPLICATION**, please be aware that the Common App did a major software overhaul this year. Unfortunately for both applicants and college admissions officers, once it went live, it became apparent that there were numerous bugs. They are working to correct the bugs as quickly as possible, but a few things I have learned of: (I'm sure there are more)

- When an essay is written in a word processing document then copied into the common app, much formatting can be lost. Make sure your student plans to spend time reformatting their essay. (I don't recommend that they try to type directly into the common app, as it is harder to proofread and edit, especially in the early drafts.) If you have lots of formatting issues, try using different web browsers to see if one works better than another.
- [According to this New York Times article](#), which addresses several concerns, one may not receive a "signature page" for credit card payment until days after entering the credit card info. This step is required before payment will go through. And the application will not go through until the payment goes through. If you don't see the signature page immediately after submitting payment, check your common app account regularly until you do.
- It is possible to preview your entire application before you submit. This is a good time for students to have a second person look things over before the final "submit" – especially checking for formatting errors.
- Don't assume that everything will work great on deadline dates when the system may be heavily loaded – encourage your student to apply before the last minute. In fact the common app was down for much of the day this past Monday.
- Good advice always – but especially this year for students using the Common App: Have your student check regularly until they have confirmation that all parts of the application have been received by the college. (Many colleges will give the student a school specific web address, and a student specific login and ID number to use for this purpose.)
- There have been several scathing articles about the common app upgrade in various publications – but the fact is for many colleges there isn't an alternative. Here is another [one of the many articles](#) I've seen recently. It can help your child put things in context – it's not just them that is frustrated.
- Common App is working to fix these and other problems, so things written here could change tomorrow, or next week, or.....whenever. In general, be ready for things to be a bit more cumbersome than you might expect, and to change frequently. And keep your fingers crossed that things will get simpler, but don't wait until the last minute to find out they haven't.
- [Here is an article about some of the common questions](#) that are arising about the common app this year. (At least so far.)
- As you read through the above, keep in mind that I am not a professional, and most certainly not an expert – these are just pieces of information that I've found both from helping Brendan figure things out, from "word on the street", and some online news articles that I've read.

- There are more issues, and issues change daily – some get fixed, others pop up, so be prepared for the unexpected! Some articles indicate that things ought to be running smoothly by November 1, others are skeptical.
- And remind your student that as frustrating as this may be for them, their peers are all in the same boat.

Attention Band Parents

The **SBPA Fall fundraisers** are in full swing! We hope your band student is working hard to earn money for his/her band trip! Remember-- **Gourmet's Delight Cheesecake orders and Holiday Wreath and Garland orders are due in your student's band room by Friday, Nov. 1!** Please contact Sue Froelich at psfro@hotmail.com with questions and/or an offer to help on **pick-up day for both fundraisers**, which is **Saturday, Nov. 16th**. Thanks!! (Anyone wishing to order, should contact a band student!)

Best Buddies are Going to Hawaii

Thank you to everyone for making our Best Buddies/Culver's day a huge success! We raised \$2000 in one day for our trip!! Please thank both Culver's and Einsteins staff when you give them your patronage, for helping with our fundraising.

NOW UNTIL DEC 1ST YOU CAN RECYCLE any cell phones, smart phones, inkjet cartridges (no toner), Laptop Computers, iPads, iPods and Digital Cameras that you no longer use and place them in the labeled bin at any Shorewood school office. Items do not have to be functioning. We will send the items to EcoPhones and they will send us a check for our trip! It's a win win fundraiser to help Best Buddies raise money for their trip and help Shorewood go green!

For more information go to: <http://www.recyclingfundraiser.com/Default.aspx>
To donate to the Best Buddies trip: <http://www.wildernessinquiry.org/Shorewood>"

Winter Sports

Winter sports begin between Nov 11 and Nov 18. Physical cards and fees are due in the athletic office prior to the first practice. For more information see [page 2 of the October SHS Newsletter](#). Find physical cards [online here](#).

SHS Athletic News

Weekly Athletic Update – [October 14](#)

Sports Wrapups – [Shorewood NOW – October 8](#) – Tennis, Cross Country, Volleyball and Soccer
Athletic Schedules

[Athletic Master Calendar](#)
[Individual Team Schedules](#)

Daily Announcements

[Check announcements daily online](#) so you don't miss out on information. They stay posted for about 1-3 days.

Congratulations, Kudos & Thank You's

Shorewood Alumnus is an Ironman!

Congratulations to Peter Morris, SHS class of 2012, who recently completed an ironman competition. Completing is enough, but he happened to do it an excellent time too! He finished a 2.4 mile swim, a 112 mile bike ride and a 26.2 mile run (a marathon!) all in 11 hours 45 minutes. Congratulations Peter. [Read more here](#).

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

RED Book Club – Promoting Resiliency in Youth

Parents, Teachers, Community Members – all are welcome to join in a discussion of the book by best selling author Wendy Mogel, PhD - **The Blessings of a B Minus: Using Jewish Teachings to Raise Resilient Teens**. The discussion will take place on Sunday Nov 3 at 4:00 pm at the 2211 N. Prospect location of Colectivo Coffee (not the Shorewood location, but close by!) [Please view this flyer for more information, and for rsvp details.](#)

SEED Sprecher Event – November 8 – Date Change

Sprecher Brewery Tour and Tasting DATE CHANGE! This annual event will be held FRIDAY NOVEMBER 8 at 7:00pm. This is a change from the district calendar's date of November 1.

Please join SEED for a tour of the Sprecher Brewery in Glendale along with 2 Sprecher beverages (Beer or Soda) , light appetizers and lots of fun with other Shorewood parents. The cost is \$20/person (\$10 is tax deductible) and interested parties can join in a bean bag tournament (\$10/team) for a Sprecher prize and bragging rights. We hope to see lots friends of Shorewood, old and new, at this casual get together.

Please RSVP on the SEED website <http://www.shorewoodseed.org/rsvp/> Questions can be directed to Tracey Grabowski at tracey_grabowski@yahoo.com or call [414-963-0257](tel:414-963-0257).

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

Volunteers Sought For Sixth Annual “Shorewood Connects” Yard Clean-Up Day

Help older and disabled adults, have fun, and earn NHS hours!

Saturday, November 2nd, is scheduled as the sixth annual “Shorewood Connects” Yard Clean-Up Day, linking neighborhood volunteers with older adults and disabled adults who need help winterizing their yards. Volunteers are needed 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 opportunity to make a difference in your community with other students, SHS athletic teams and SHS clubs. This volunteer activity also satisfies National Honor Society (NHS) recognition under “Helping Older Adults” and “Working with the Environment.” Organizers are hoping to recruit 140 volunteers this year to meet an increasing demand for services.

Students, Adults and Families interested in volunteering are asked to pre-register with Michelle Boehm, Shorewood Connects Yard Clean Up Coordinator by October 25 at (414) 698-4369 or michelle.boehm@sbcglobal.net.

Drama Season Tickets

Season Tickets are now available for Shorewood Drama’s 2012-2013 Season. You’ll receive great reserved seats to the SHS Fall Musical, Winter Play and Spring Musical, as well as the SIS Musical. (please note Showcase tickets are not included as it is a student run fundraiser). To see the list of shows and dates consult the [season ticket order form](#).

SHS Drama Students to Appear on Public Television

Tune into WPT to watch the Wisconsin Tommy Awards from last June which featured award winning high school musical casts and leads, including some of our own from SHS! [See air dates and read more here](#).

Student Directory Pick Up

If you pre-ordered a student directory and did not pick yours up during Open House, you or your child may stop in the SHS office to receive it. If you did not preorder, additional directories will be available for sale in the office as well.

Save Money and Support SHS Basketball

The Shorewood High School Boys Basketball team is selling Boston Store coupon books. These books cost \$5 each and have an instant \$10 coupon in them. The coupon books are only good for November 15 and 16. These books have additional coupons for clothing, kitchenware, luggage and more. Contact one of the players from the boys basketball team to purchase your book today.

District October Newsletter

Did you miss the [District October Newsletter](#) with information about additional technology, engineering and arts programs that are being discussed, a budget update, various happenings in district schools and more? If so, you can read it online, but also, go back up to the Note from the Editor and see how you can be certain to get these delivered to your inbox!

Shorewood Village Plan Focus Group

The Village of Shorewood is looking for residents to participate in Vision Plan focus groups. The village will host these sessions on October 15 and 16, and is looking for individuals to join the following groups:

- Young Professionals (ages 40 and younger) October 15 at 7 p.m. at Big Bay Brewery
- Businesses (small business owners, entrepreneurs, home-based business owners) October 16 at 7:30 a.m.
- Neighborhoods (young families, home owners and new residents) October 16 at 8:30 a.m.
- Seniors (60 and up)- October 16 at 9:30 a.m.
- Village Boosters (Members of civic groups and people active in the community) October 17 at 11 a.m.

If you are interested in participating in a group, call 414-847-2702 or email manager@villageofshorewood.org.

Bright Beginnings Teaching Assistant Position

The Shorewood Recreation Department's Atwater Bright Beginnings Preschool program is looking for a teaching assistant from January 2 through June 6, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am – Noon. The Teaching Assistant will be working with the Certified Teacher to provide quality activities for children ages 3-4 years. The hourly wage is \$13. Please contact the Recreation Department at 963-6913 x 4 for more information or an application. The position will remain open until filled.

Helping Kids with Sensory Processing Issues

Tuesday, November 12, 2013 - 6:20 to 8:00

St. Francis Children's Center in Glendale, 6700 N. Port Washington Rd.

Sponsored by North Shore Parents Network – open to the public

Kids with sensory issues struggle to process everyday sensations and exhibit unusual behaviors such as avoiding or seeking out touch, movement, sights, and sounds. They're prone to anxious or aggressive "fight or flight" behaviors when their sensory issues are not adequately addressed. Parents and professionals will learn how to develop sensory smarts that will be invaluable in working with these kids, from toddlers through teenagers. Practical strategies, many low-cost or no-cost, will be offered. The presentation includes a Q&A session.

Shorewood Village Survey

What do YOU think? Shorewood Trustees and staff want to know! Please tell us what you think by taking a few minutes to complete the Village's Resident Survey.

If you are a resident, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/Shorewood-Survey> or visit Village Hall or the Library for a hard copy or available computers. **The survey will close on October 18.** Your input as a resident of Shorewood will serve as an important guide for the Village Board as it plans to meet the needs of residents - now and in the future

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.

College Representative Visits

Colleges and Universities from around Wisconsin and the Country will send representatives (usually admissions officers) to SHS throughout the fall. To sign up to meet with specific representatives, students (juniors and seniors) must get a pass from the Student Support Services Office at least 24 hours in advance. The pass must be signed by the teacher of the class that will be missed. Check the list often as schools will be added as they call to schedule dates.

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". [If you have not yet registered for a Family Connection Account, click here to learn how to do so.](#) (Students will use their powerschool logins and passwords to access their accounts.)

Bowling - Recreation Department – Highlighted Program

Come and experience the Shorewood High School Bowling Alley. We will Moon-Glow Bowl the last Sunday of each session. Enjoy bowling with friends or family! Participants must be grade 1 or above.

Date: Sunday, November 3 – December 15 (No class 12/1)

Location: SHS Bowling Lanes

Fee: Resident - \$18 / Non-Resident - \$27

Grade	Time	Course #
Parent/Child	1:00 – 2:15 pm	1450.1
3 – 6	2:15 – 3:30 pm	1450.2
7 – 8	3:30 – 4:45 pm	1450.3

For more information and to register, see the [Fall Activity Guide](#).

Important Documents

Are you looking for any of these important documents? If so, click on the links below

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

[Activities Code of Conduct](#)

[Athletic Forms](#)

[Athletic Travel Release Form](#)

[Daily Bell Schedules](#)

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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](#).