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SHS PARENT ASSOCIATION BULLETIN

October 19, 2011

Note from the Editor

I'm getting some error messages when I try to open some of the links some of the time this week. So, when this sends, I can't begin to guess whether or not they are going to work. I've only had problems in the reminders section – so, rather than spending lots of time trying to figure this out... I'm going to cross my fingers and hit send. But if you do have problems opening any links this week – you can always find the documents at <http://www.shsparentassn.com/documents.html>. Or you can open up the October 12 bulletin, where the same links do work! Sorry for the hassle – wish I knew how to fix it.

Debbie Eder

SHS Parent Bulletin Editor

Calendar

- 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 3 Wellness Committee Meeting – Open to All
- Nov 4 [SEED Event at Sprecher Brewery](#)
- Nov 3-5 Fall Drama Show – The Laramie Project – 7:30 PM – SHS Auditorium
- Nov 5 Shorewood Connects – Yard Clean Up Day – [Volunteer to help an elderly or disabled neighbor](#)
- 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.

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.

News & Announcements

SHS Masterworks Concert – October 25

Join the Shorewood High School Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra and Choir for their annual Masterworks Concert on October 25th at St. Roberts Church at 7 p.m. This is a beautiful concert that highlights the incredible talents of our students and their teachers. All are welcome to attend this popular concert.

WKCE Testing

Sophomores will participate in WKCE testing during the week of October 31. Look for altered school day schedules to be announced soon.

Recommended Reading for Teens

SHS Librarian, Susan Hersch has compiled some recommended reading lists for teens. Please share these with your students. You can find the two lists [here](#) and [here](#).

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:

- Athletic training sweatshirts are available for purchase in Beth's (trainer's) office
- Science Club will begin fundraising soon
- Showcase Audition sign up sheets are now posted
- Purchase a candygram to support Pegasus
- Meeting for those interested in being in a Showcase dance
- Gay Straight Alliance will be eating lunch on the front lawn to support National Coming Out Day – all are welcome to join lunch on the front lawn!
- Stock Club – Investment Challenge is beginning
- As always, numerous Club and Group Meetings including: Chinese Club, Spoken Word Club, Guatemala Club, Volunteer Shorewood, Pegasus, Photography Club, Robotics and more!

District, Village & Community News and Events

Wellness Committee Meeting – November 3 – Open to All

In 2010, Congress passed section 204 of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. This is a revision of the 2004 Children (WIC) Reauthorization Act where School District's had to create a wellness policy which included nutrition education and promotion, physical education, nutritional guidelines for the District and food/beverage available during the school day. The District will now need to review, discuss and create a new wellness policy and guidelines.

Our next meeting to continue the discussion and develop of the wellness policy and guidelines is scheduled for Thursday, Nov 3 from 7:00-8:00 am in the Shorewood High School Conference Room. **The meeting is open to everyone-students, District employees and community members.**

[Click here to see the wellness guidelines](#) that were approved in 2006 that the committee will be reviewing. We would and need your input to draft this policy and the guidelines for the District. We hope you can attend the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Stolz at DStolz@shorewood.k12.wi.us or 414-963-6913 x4.

SNACPAC Recipe of the Week

This week's recipe from Dominic Newman and SNACPAC is [Mac and Cheese with a KICK](#)

Athletic News & Highlights

Football Team Playoff Bound for First Time in 30 Years

- Read the [Journal Sentinel Article](#) Here
- Read [Press Release](#) Here
- Read [statement from Brother Bob Smith](#), President and CEO of Messmer Schools
- The ruling has come in, and "Messwood" will be playing in the playoffs!

Girls Swim Team Wins "Small School State" Meet

As the girls move towards the D2 State Meet next month, their team win at the Small School State Meet shows they have much promise. <http://www.glendalenow.com/sports/shorewood-wins-state-small-schools-swim-meet-132115378.html>.

Cross Country – Girls have 1-2-3 finish and Boys have 1-2 finish as both teams win the Shorewood Invitational <http://www.shorewoodnow.com/sports/greyhound-harriers-sweep-top-spots-at-own-invitational-131548938.html>.

Greyhound Update –

- Girls Swim Team wins Small School State – a Preview of the Upcoming D2 State Meet

- Football Team Wins Final Game of Regular Season
- Boys Soccer wins first round of regional play, finishes a good season with a second round loss
- Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams – both win Conference Championship
- Read about the above events, and more at <http://shorewood.patch.com/articles/greyhound-update-swimmers-capture-small-school-state-invite>.

Sports WrapUps – Tennis, Football, Swim, Volleyball - <http://www.glendalenow.com/sports/sports-wrapups-oct-11-131565888.html>.

Winter Sports Start Dates

Winter sports will begin in November. Check the [district calendar](#) for start dates for: Girls gymnastics, boys ice hockey, girls ice hockey, boys basketball, boys swimming, and girls basketball.

CONGRATULATIONS, KUDOS AND THANK YOU'S

SHS Student earns perfect score on ACT!

Congratulations to SHS student **Katherine Kuchin** who earned a perfect composite score of 36 on her ACT exam. This is a rare accomplishment! Congratulations Katherine!

SHS Student wins National Bike Time Trial Competition

SHS Freshman, **Garrett Roth**, recently won the USA National Team Time Trial bike competition. This is the second year in a row that he and his teammates have won it. Garrett has been racing bikes since he was 9 years old and has one several state championships. He is nationally ranked for his age in the categories of road racing and cycle cross. Congratulations!

Conference Dinner Volunteers – Thank You!

A BIG THANK YOU to all the parents who helped out with last week's dinner for the SHS teachers and staff on Thursday evening. The Italian dinner was immensely appreciated. The teachers thoroughly enjoyed the delicious food which families provided. Volunteers made everything go smoothly. THANK YOU so much!!!!

~ Connie Eastman and Lindy Yeager/Florsheim

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.

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

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.

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

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 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. It's a great chance to connect with your neighbors!

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](#).

Student Directories

If you ordered a student directory, but did not pick it up – you or your child may do so in the SHS Office.

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](#).

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.](#)

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.](#)

*******Reminders from Student Support Services*******

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.

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.**

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, 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.

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!)