

# SHS PARENT ASSOCIATION

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

October 2, 2013

### Mark Your Calendars:

- Sept 30-Oct 5 [Homecoming Week](#)
- Oct 2 Room to Breathe – Movie Screening 6:35 pm SHS Auditorium
- Oct 7-12 [Young Artists Auction](#)
- Oct 8 School Board Meeting – [agenda will be posted here](#)
- Oct 8 [Parent/Student Forum](#) – College Search and Application Process
- Oct 9 Advanced Acting Monologue Night 7pm – Free and Open to the Public
- Oct 10 Best Buddies Fundraiser at Culvers
- Oct 10 School Dismissed at 11:30
- Oct 10-11 Parent Teacher Conferences
- Oct 11 No School
- Oct 16 SHS Testing Day
- Oct 18 [Village Survey Closes](#)

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

[Online Calendar](#) - customizable

### A Note from the Editor

You should have received, via email, a letter from Tim Kenney and Matt Jones with information about homecoming activities and a reminder to pay attention to your children's plans in order to help keep our teens safe while they enjoy a memorable weekend. ([An edited version of the letter can be found here.](#)) I'll add my two cents, from a parent's perspective:

As you many of you know, one of my favorite parts of working on the bulletin is collecting all the items for the "congratulations and kudos" section. Our children, collectively are a pretty neat group of kids. But what you see celebrated in the bulletin is just the tip of the iceberg. I'm convinced that SHS is full of great kids who don't always get recognized, but nonetheless are hard working, productive students who are caring, thoughtful and good decision makers. But, if you've been a parent for any length of time, you know that even the best of kids can and will make mistakes from time to time.

One of our jobs as parents is to help our kids make good decisions. And from what I can tell, kids are less likely to make poor decisions, if they know someone is paying attention. So, my plea/advice to you is to confirm your child's plans on homecoming weekend (and at other times too). Talk to other parents; know there will be an adult present where teens are gathering before and after the supervised portion of homecoming. But most importantly, make sure your child knows that you are paying attention. No matter what they tell you – you are NOT the only parent who is confirming plans and talking to other adults. And the more of us that do this, the easier it is for each of us to do it. Let's work together - not against our kids - but for our kids!

So that's my two cents for the day! Now back to your regular weekly bulletin.

Debbie Eder  
SHS Parent Bulletin Editor

## SHS News & Announcements

### 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 any time after today. If you did not preorder, additional directories will be available for sale in the office as well.

### Homecoming Parade – Route Correction!

The homecoming parade route has been corrected from what was published last week. The parade will leave the high school at 5:00 and travel down Shorewood Blvd. to **Maryland** to Lake Bluff to Morris, ending in front of SIS.

### Room To Breathe – Movie Screening – October 2 – **\*\*TONIGHT\*\***

The *Room to Breathe* movie screening originally scheduled for September 21st, has been rescheduled for Wednesday, October 2nd at 6:35 p.m. in the Shorewood High School Auditorium. The Shorewood School District, as well as the Lake Bluff PTO, will be hosting the screening of the award-winning documentary that tells the story of the transformation struggling kids in a San Francisco public middle school go through after they are introduced to the practice of mindfulness meditation. [Click here to view a trailer](#) and learn more about *Room to Breathe*. (Run time for the movie is 55 minutes.)

### Explore, PLAN and PSAT Testing – October 16th

Standardized testing will take place during the morning of Wednesday, October 16. **Freshmen** will take the Explore test, **Sophomores** will take the PLAN and **Juniors** will take the PSAT/NMSQT. Seniors will begin the school day at 11:56 and are encouraged to use their free morning to work on college applications.

Students should be seated by 7:35 am, so those who do not normally have a first hour period will need to set their alarms a bit earlier. Additional information can be found in an alert now email and a letter that will be mailed home this week.

### Parent Teacher Conferences – October 10 & 11

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on October 10 from 12:30 pm to 8:00 pm (school will be dismissed at 11:30) and on October 11 from 8:00 am to 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 the evening hours tend to be the most crowded.

### SHS Spirit Wear Available During Conferences

Spirit Wear will be available for purchase during conferences. We will have our ever popular Sweatshirts, PJ pants, Fleece jackets, tees, and new winter hats along with sweat pants, golf and performance shirts. Prices range from \$15 to \$50 and we accept cash, checks or credit cards. All proceeds benefit the Shorewood Athletic Booster Club.

### SHS Best Buddies to hold Trip Fundraisers

Shorewood High School's Best Buddies organization will be hosting two fundraisers in October to help raise costs for the group's trip to Hawaii this spring. Best Buddies is an organization that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships for people with intellectual and development disabilities.

The first fundraiser will be held on **Thursday, October 10th at Culver's in Shorewood**. As part of the event, the restaurant will be donating 10 percent of the proceeds from the entire day to the SHS Best Buddies Trip.

Also **beginning October 10th, individuals can recycle any cell phones, smart phones, inkjet cartridges (no toner), laptop computers, iPads, iPods and digital cameras** that are no longer used by placing the items in collection bins at the District's schools. (Items do not have to be functioning.) The electronics will be collected until the beginning of December. Once the collection is over, items will be send to EcoPhones, who will then send the organization a check for the trip. [Click here for more information about the recycling fundraiser.](#)

[Click here](#) for more information about the Best Buddies program, or [click here](#) to donate to the trip.

### ACT Test Preparation Class

The UWM ACT test prep class is filling up quickly. UWM also offers a test taking experience which allows students to take an unofficial ACT test. If you are interested in either program act soon! [Click here for information.](#)

### Advanced Acting Monologue Night – October 9

The Shorewood High School Advanced Acting Class will be hosting Monologue Night on Wednesday, October 9th at 7 p.m. in the Studio Theatre in the arts building at SHS. The 15 students will be performing an Evening of Monologues. There will be a great variety of monologues performed, including comedy, drama, classics, Shakespeare, and contemporary monologues. The performance is free and open to the public!

## **PARENT FORUM – SPONSORED BY THE SHS PARENT ASSOCIATION**

### **Guiding Your Teen through the College Application & Selection Process: What You Should Know**

**Tuesday, October 8, 2013 - 6:30-8:30pm - SHS Auditorium**

Jane Frederick, Ph.D, experienced college counselor and parent of a 2011 SHS graduate, 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.

## **SHS Athletic News**

- **Weekly Athletic Update** - [September 30 Edition](#)
- **Athletics in the News:**
  - Messwood Football Wins vs. Rival Lake Country Lutheran – [Shorewood NOW](#)
  - Girls Swim Team Dominates at Conference Relays – [Shorewood NOW](#)
- **Athletic Schedules**
  - [Athletic Master Calendar](#)
  - [Individual Team Schedules](#)

## **Daily Announcements**

[Daily Announcements](#) are available on the SHS page of the district website. Some of the announcements that your teens heard this past week:

- Rec Dept is hiring for fall and winter sports staff. Pick up an application in the rec department office.
- Clark Street Tutors – meet in front hall after school
- Musicians Needed for Pit Orchestra of the the fall musical
- Open gym on Mondays and Fridays 7-9 pm for girls interested in playing SHS basketball
- Lots of club and group meetings – including: Stock Club, Best Buddies, Minecraft, Cupcake Club, Art Club, Key Club, Copperdome, Dance Club, Grey Matter Club, Cupcake Club

[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**

### **National Merit Scholarship Semi Finalists and Commended Students Announced**

Congratulations to the SHS seniors who have been recognized for their achievement on the PSAT/NMSQT test they took last year:

**SHS Semi Finalists in the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Competition** are Haley Florsheim, Emilie Lozier, Anjana Murali, Charlies Stahl and Daniel Whittle.

**SHS Commended Students** are Gregory Rubinshteyn, Hannah Miller, Laura Gould and Signe Bedi.

Semifinalists are determined based on 2012 PSAT/NMSQT. The 16,000 students nationwide who achieve semi-finalist status represent about 1% of the test takers. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,300 National Merit scholarships. About 90% of the semifinalists will attain finalist standing, and more than half will win the Merit Scholar® title.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation have been recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2013 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students were among the top test takers of the 2012 PSAT/NMSQT.

### **Congratulations to all of SHS's Semi-Finalists and Commended Students!**

#### **SHS Student Awarded ANNPower Grant**

Congratulations to SHS Senior, Anjana Murali, who was recently awarded a \$1,600 ANNPower Grant from the the ANNPower Vital Voices Initiative. She will use the grant to educate girls about the importance of gender equality and the Millennium Development Goals through a national chess camp for girls.

#### **Fall Musical Cast Announced**

Congratulations to the students who will be performing in SHS's production of "The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" on November 1, 2 and 3. [See the cast list 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](mailto:news.shsparentassn@gmail.com).

## **District and Community Announcements**

#### **Suicide Prevention Walk – Remembering Abby Goldberg**

A group of over 150 people will be walking in the AFSP walk in memory of Abby Goldberg, this Sunday, October 6. All are welcome to join. There is no fee to walk, donations are discretionary. If you are interested registering for the walk and/or making a donation or reading a message from the Goldberg family, you may do so on the [Remembering Abby Goldberg page](#) of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention website.

The walk will take place on October 6 at Humboldt Park (3000 S. Howell Ave.) in Bayview. Check in time is 8:30-9:30. Opening ceremonies including a Remembrance Ceremony and Musical Performance will begin at 10:00 am. The walk is expected to conclude by noon and afterwards soup will be provided by the Uncanny Soup Company. For those that are joining us, please keep in mind this is the same day as the Lakefront Marathon, so plan your drive to the park accordingly.

#### **Student Art Work to be Auctioned**

Paintings created by Shorewood students during last spring's Young Artist Conference will be auctioned online between October 7 and October 12. [See more information and a link to photos of the works.](#)

#### **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.

### **Past Bulletins, Bulletin Submissions, Etc.**

#### **Do You Know Someone Who Should Be Added to this Email 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](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.

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

### **Homecoming and Spirit Week Festivities - September 30 through October 5**

Student Council has many exciting events planned during Homecoming Week!

- **Spirit Week is September 30 through October 4** and leads up to homecoming with a dress up theme each day of the week. Monday will be Pajama Day. Tuesday will be Greek Day. Wednesday will be Movie Day, Thursday will be Decades day, with each class representing a specific decade and Friday will be Red & Grey Day! Parents please remind your students that dress codes still apply so while students should have fun and enjoy these days, they may not wear inappropriate clothing.
- **Powderpuff Games will be held on Thursday, October 3.** The Freshman-Sophomore Game begins at 6:00 pm and the Junior-Senior game begins at 7:00. All are welcome!
- **The Parade and Football Game will be on Friday October 4**
  - The parade will leave the SHS Parking lot at 5:00 PM and travel on Shorewood Blvd to Maryland to Lake Bluff Blvd. to Morris. (All floats must be in the parking lot by 4:30.)
  - The football game will begin at 7:00 PM. Go Messwood!
  - We hope to see many parents lining the parade route and then cheering for the Greyhounds!
- **The Homecoming Dance will be held on Saturday, Oct 5.**
  - The Dance will be in the SHS Arena from 8 pm to 11 pm.
  - Tickets Cost \$10.
  - Tickets will be on sale at school.
  - No tickets will be sold at the door.

### **STAFF DINNER - Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>**

Parent-Teacher Conferences are coming up on October 10th and 11th. 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, serving, and clean up.**

The October theme is Fall Harvest. If you would like to contribute food, we need folks to bring entrees, soups, hearty grain or green salads, fresh fruit, bread and butter, beverages, and desserts that feel in sync with the season. Should you prefer to volunteer for the event, set up will start at 4:00, serving from 5:00-6:30, and 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 contact Connie Eastman at [ceastman1@wi.rr.com](mailto:ceastman1@wi.rr.com) or Lindy Yeager (Florsheim) at [lflorsheim@weycogroup.com](mailto:lflorsheim@weycogroup.com). **THANK YOU!**

### **District Teachers Work On Common Core Alignment**

Each Wednesday, when Shorewood students are dismissed from school one hour early, the District's teachers stay at school to work on a variety of tasks. One of the biggest projects our teachers are working on is aligning Shorewood's current curriculum to the Common Core State Standards, which were adopted by Wisconsin in 2010. Read more in the [September 19 entry of the District Blog](#).

### **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.

### **College Admissions – Letters of Recommendation**

Students who are requesting Letters of Recommendation and School Reports (which include counselor recommendations) for college admissions should follow the procedures outlined by the Student Support Services Office. Students (and parents) may find it helpful to review sample forms so that know what questions the recommenders are being asked.

- SHS School Report Forms were given to Seniors during their class meeting
- [A Sample Common Application School Report Form](#) can be found here
- [A Sample Common Application Teacher Evaluation Form](#) can be found here
- Specific College Recommendation forms (for colleges that do NOT use the Common Application) can be found on specific schools' websites.

### **School Absences**

If your student will be absent from school for any reason (ie. illness, medical appointment, family event, etc.) please notify Ms. Rentmaster in our attendance office at 414-963-6922 to ensure that the absence is excused. Due to a large volume of calls, you may be directed to voicemail, which Ms. Rentmaster checks several times a day. Please be assured that all messages regarding absences will be received.

*Editor's Note* - In past years, some parents and students have been surprised by the consequences associated with unexcused absences, including the loss of exam exemption privileges. Additionally some parents and students have been surprised by which absences are excused and which are not. Read about the school attendance policy on pages 12-14 of the [Student Parent Handbook](#).

### **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](mailto:michelle.boehm@sbcglobal.net).

### 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.

### Spring Supplements for Last Year's Yearbooks

The spring supplements for the 2012-2013 Copperdome are now available. They can be picked up in the main office or in the graphic design lab.

### 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.)

### Recreation Department – Highlighted Program

#### American Red Cross Babysitting Class

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.

- Ages:** 10 - 17 years
- Time:** 2:45 – 6:15 pm
- Date:** Wednesdays, October 9 & 16

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

### 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

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Course #</b>
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](#).

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### **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](#)

### **District Communications**

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

- Use [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](#) 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.](#)