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# SHS PARENT ASSOCIATION BULLETIN

October 26, 2011

## Note from the Editor

There are quite a few events coming up between now and Thanksgiving (which surprisingly is right around the corner)! This became clear to me when I sent my husband a list of items to put on his November calendar. It was exhausting just writing it... but I'm looking forward to all of it, and hope you also find some of the November events exciting. What's coming up you ask? Well - November 4 is the SEED Sprecher Event, November 5 is Yard Clean Up Day (40 more volunteers are needed to help elderly and disabled neighbors prepare their yards for the winter), November 3, 4 and 5 you can see the compelling play - *The Laramie Project* at SHS. And November 19 is the date of both the Shorewood Turkey Trot in the morning and the the Shorewood Foundation's annual fundraising dinner in the evening. And of course, there is the usual assortment of committee and board meetings. So – see a play, help out a neighbor, get some exercise, mingle with friends and neighbors – all in the next few weeks! Details about each event can be found in this bulletin. And if you think that's a lot for us adults to do.... take a look at the SHS Daily Announcements section below..... our kids are really active and involved too! But all of it – both their “stuff”, and ours, is good “stuff” – so try to fit some into your schedule.

Hope to see many of you around town next month!

Debbie Eder

SHS Parent Bulletin Editor

## Calendar

- 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](#)
- Nov 8 School Board Meeting – agenda will be posted [here](#).
- Ongoing College Representatives Visit SHS to talk with students about their schools. Students must sign up in the Student Support Services (formerly 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](mailto:news.shsparentassn@gmail.com).

## News & Announcements

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

**Update – Shorewood Connects is still in need of 40 volunteers for this community event.**

**Sign up as an individual, a family, or a group – but sign up to help out and elderly or disabled Shorewood neighbor!**

This will be 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!

### **Student Support Services – More than Guidance!**

The Student Support Services Office would like to remind all parents that guidance is just one facet of the services they provide to students and parents. The department name across the district for our support staff is "Student Support Services" instead of Guidance which is the former name used. Being aware of who and what the Student Support Service Office is, should provide some consistency for all of stake holders to identify the department in a way that defines what they do as a comprehensive school counseling program.

### **WKCE Testing**

A mailing from school was sent this week regarding the WKCE test for 10<sup>th</sup> graders and how it will impact the schedules for all students on Nov 1, 2, and 3. 10<sup>th</sup> graders are asked to arrive early on each testing date to begin tests promptly at 7:35, and should be sure to have at least two #2 pencils and a calculator with them. 9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders will have late starts each testing day. See the mailing for complete details. Or view the online versions:

- To see the schedule for ALL students on Nov 1, 2, 3 – [click here](#)
- To see the letter to 10<sup>th</sup> grade parents from the Student Support Services Office – [click here](#)
- To see the letter to tenth grade parents from Matt Joynt and Dee Bauman – [click here](#)
- To see the online version of the referenced brochure, go to <http://dpi.wi.gov/oea/pdf/stprntbrochure.pdf>.

### **Crutches – Wraps – Boots – Braces, etc.**

Bethany Shaw, our invaluable athletic trainer, is in need of any braces, wraps, boots, crutches, etc that you are no longer using. Also she has gone through a LOT of ACE bandages that go home with students and don't get returned. Please look through your medicine cabinets for any ACE bandages that don't look familiar, especially if they say SHS on them! Any items can be dropped off at Bethany's office or the main office

### **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:*

- There will be a representative from the Blood Center speaking about the importance of blood donation during lunch – all are welcome.
- Peer Mentors Meeting
- Congrats to the Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams – BOTH are going to STATE!
- Cheerleading and Pep Squad Clinic – Open to all
- Sign up for Showcase Auditions – all are welcome – freshmen – you too!
- Send a Halloween CandyGram to friend – proceeds benefit Pegasus
- Bollywood Dance Practice
- Reminder – No student parking in the lot during the day. The Village may be issuing tickets
- Not too late to sign up for chess club
- Emilie L. and Joey F-M are appearing in Milwaukee's new teen comedy sketch and improv group "Lights Camera Improv"
- Don't forget to buy your after school snacks at the Dog House in the front lobby
- Today is Tom Petty and Snoop Dogg's shared birthday! Have a Snoop-Diggity Day! (Oct 20)
- Interested in Muppets, working a puppet, singing, having fun? Sign up now for Avenue Q – School Edition with Mrs. Gensler. We'll begin practice mid December.
- As always, numerous Club and Group Meetings including: Volunteer Shorewood, Youth Haiti, Thespians, Animal Rights Club, Skateboarding Club, Science Club, Model UN, Outdoors Club, Spoken Word Club, AFS, Stock Club, Gay-Straight Alliance, Robotics Club, Cake Decorating Club.

## **District, Village & Community Announcements**

### **SNACPAC Recipe of the Week**

This week's recipe from Dominic Newman and SNACPAC is [Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Granola Bars](#)  
You can see more recipes by going to <http://www.shsparentassn.com/documents.html> and scrolling down to the recipe section.

### **From the Village - Reminder – Rake Your Leaves to the Curb – NOT into the Street**

- Be courteous to vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians - Please keep the road clear of leaf piles. Rake leaves to parkway (area between the sidewalk and the curb) only, NOT in the street.
- DO NOT mix twigs/branches with leaves (we cannot pick them up with the leaf vacuum equipment).
- Leaves DO NOT need to be bagged during loose leaf collection season. If you do decide to bag, please NO plastic bags.
- Do your best to keep the Village tidy - please put leaf piles out only a few days prior to your home's scheduled pickup.
- Keep leaves clear of any structures so that the equipment can reach your entire pile. Visit the Village's website to determine your collection day and the entire [leaf collection schedule for 2011](#).

## **Athletic News & Highlights**

### **Football Team – “We are Change” – Congrats on a great season!**

While “Messwood” lost in the first round of playoffs, they are proud to be the first-ever Messwood team to qualify for playoffs, and the first time a Shorewood team has qualified in 30 years! Read about the emotional game and the pride coach Zortman has for his squad at <http://www.shorewoodnow.com/sports/132366123.html>.

### **Cross Country – Both Teams WIN Conference Meet**

This article is from last week, but is worth reading about the heart and soul of these two dedicated and accomplished SHS Teams. <http://www.shorewoodnow.com/sports/behind-historic-effort-by-the-girls-shorewood-harriers-sweep-woodland-cc-titles-132171768.html>.

### **Cross Country – BOTH TEAMS HEADED TO STATE! Girls Take 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Sectionals, Boys take 2<sup>nd</sup>!**

<http://www.jsonline.com/sports/preps/lutheran-shorewood-advance-to-state-132392573.html>.

**Greyhound Update** – Football, Cross Country, Volleyball. <http://shorewood.patch.com/articles/greyhound-update-cross-country-sends-both-teams-to-state>.

### **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 & 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\*\*\*\*\*

### **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](mailto:DStolz@shorewood.k12.wi.us) or 414-963-6913 x4.

### **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](#).

### **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](mailto:tracey_grabowski@yahoo.com)

### **Football Team Playoff Bound for First Time in 30 Years**

- Read the [Letter from Mr. Joynt](#) here
- Read the [Journal Sentinel Article](#) Here
- Read [Press Release](#) Here
- Read [statement from Brother Bob Smith](#), President and CEO of Messmer Schools

### **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 student support services 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. **Note that while this form need only be completed one time... a student must also submit a specific request and \$3 fee for each college to which they would like to have their transcript sent. (see below)**
- [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.