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SHS PARENT ASSOCIATION BULLETIN

October 3, 2012

Calendar Items

- Oct 5 [Homecoming Pep Rally, Parade and Football Game \(And Chili Cookoff too!\)](#)
- Oct 6 Homecoming Dance – SHS Arena – Tickets must be purchase in advance
- Oct 6 [Fall for Shorewood](#) – Special Offers from Local Businesses
- Oct 6 [Great Clips \(Shorewood Location\) donating 25% of haircut proceeds to SEED!](#)
- Oct 9 School Board Meeting – [agenda will be posted here](#)
- Oct 11 Parent Teacher Conferences 12:30-8 pm (no p.m. classes)
- Oct 11 [PACE^3 Event – School Diversity](#) – 7:00 pm@ WFB High School
- Oct 12 Parent Teacher Conferences 8 – 11:30 am (no school for students)
- Oct 15 Parent Forum – [Teen Risk Behaviors including Data from the 2011 SHS Student Survey](#)
- Oct 15 Last Day to Drop Classes
- Oct 17 [PSAT, PLAN and EXPLORE testing date](#)

A Note from the Editor

Last week, you should have received a [letter in the mail from Matt Joynt and Mark Harris](#) with information about Homecoming festivities and a plea to pay attention to your children's plans in order to help keep our children safe while enjoying a memorable weekend! I'd like to add my two cents, from a parent's perspective.

If you've read the Kudos, Congratulations and Thank You's section of this bulletin over the past year or more, you are well aware that SHS is loaded with good kids. We regularly report not only academic achievements, but also performance achievements, volunteerism and articles about kids' efforts to make SHS an inclusive and happy place for all. A few years ago we even had a story about an SHS student who was given a hero's medal for his attempt to save a stranger who was drowning! And it's not just the kids we read about here and in the local news that make us proud, SHS is full of teens who for the most part 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 make mistakes. Their still developing brains do make some poor choices from time to time. It's part of growing up.

Our jobs as parents, is to help our children make good decisions. And they tend to do a much better job of making good decisions when they know that someone is paying attention. So my plea to you is to confirm your child's plans. Talk to other parents. Know that there will be an adult present where they are before and after the supervised homecoming events. Most importantly, make sure that your child knows you are paying attention. And no matter what they tell you – you are NOT the only parent who is talking to other parents or paying attention, or, my personal favorite, that cares. They are good kids. When you "trust but verify" they are even more likely to be good kids who make good decisions. And the more of us that do this, the easier it is for any one of us to do this. We need to work together folks – not against our kids, but for our kids!

Debbie Eder
SHS Parent Bulletin Editor

PS – view the printable flyer for all the details on the [community events during homecoming](#). Hope to see you there!

News & Announcements

Contributions Needed – Chili Fixin’s – October 5

The Shorewood Games Committee will be holding a chili cookoff after the homecoming parade, before the game. So come on out and support the MACC Fund and eat some yummy chili!

The Shorewood Games committee is asking **parents to donate the fixin’s to go with the chili – sour cream, cheese, oyster crackers, etc.** This is an easy way to be involved and to support our great kids who are working so hard to raise money for such a great cause. If you can contribute something, please contact Shorewood Games advisor, Lisa Bromley at LBromley@shorewood.k12.wi.us.

Parent Forum – Teen Risk Behaviors October 15 at 7:00 PM in the SHS Studio Theater

Join the SHS Parent Association and the SHS Administration for a presentation and discussion about data gathered from the 2011 Youth Risk Behavior Survey which was taken by SHS students last year. This survey addressed

- Alcohol, Drug and Tobacco Use
- Depression and Suicide
- Sexual Behavior
- Bullying, Personal Safety and Weapons Use
- Physical Activity, Eating Habits
- Driving and Traffic Safety

Data specific to SHS students will be presented along with comparative data, from state and national survey results.

[More Information and Details on the Printable Flyer.](#)

Explore, PLAN and PSAT Testing – October 17

Standardized testing will take place during the school day on October 15. Freshmen will take the Explore test, Sophomores will take the PLAN and Juniors will take the PSAT. Letters regarding these tests were mailed home last week. Students should be seated by 7:35 am, so those that do not normally have a first hour period will need to set their alarms a bit earlier. Additional information can be found in the [letters that were mailed home last week](#).

Last Day to Drop Classes – October 15

October 15 is the last day to drop a class at SHS. If you have questions about this, please contact your child’s guidance counselor.

College Planning

The SHS Parent Association has recently revised our “Parent to Parent” [Guide to the College Search and Application Process](#). You may view it and other documents on the [“college planning” page of our website](#).

The Pep Band is Back!

You can hear the SHS pep band playing at select games for several SHS teams this year. [Read more on Shorewood Patch.](#)

Student Directories

If you pre-ordered a student directory but did not pick it up at Open House, you or your child may stop in the office to get it. If you did not pre-order a directory, there are additional copies for sale in the SHS office. They cost \$15 for the first one and \$5 for a second copy. Remember – this is the Parent Association’s primary fundraiser of the year.

Daily Announcements

Daily Announcements are now available on the SHS page of the district website. If your child missed the morning announcements, or you are curious as to what they heard, (or should have heard), you may read the announcements online. To find the announcements go to the district website (<http://www.shorewoodschoools.org>), choose the high school page, and then click on “daily announcements” on the green menu on the left hand side of the page. [Or click here to go directly to the announcements page.](#)

Recent Announcements include information about:

- Ripples Meeting
- Mock Trial Boot Camp (tryouts)
- Show your SPIRIT! Earn points for your class!

- Freshmen – peer mentor meetings
- All welcome to help on homecoming decorations
- Keep personal belongings locked in the locker rooms
- Many Club Meetings (There really is something for everyone.) Guatemala Club, Pegasus, Broadcast Shorewood, Volunteer Shorewood, Stock Club, Chess Club, Gay-Straight Alliance, Spoken Word and Poetry Club.
- Much, much more!

Kohl Excellence Scholarships

SHS can nominate up to two college bound seniors for a Kohl Excellence Scholarship, but candidates must first submit an application to SHS staff. [For more information, click here.](#)

Note - There are countless additional scholarship opportunities for seniors who are planning to attend college next year. Parents and seniors are encouraged to begin searching for them now, as many have application deadlines well before the college applications are due.

Boys Basketball Fundraiser – Boston Store Coupon Books

Boys Basketball Team will be selling Boston Store Community Day Coupon Books from now until November 5th. If anyone one is interested they can see any member of the team or buy one online: <http://bit.ly/Tq4v6n>. Each booklet costs \$5. The team will also be at Bayshore Mall selling from Noon until 2:00 PM on October 13th, 2012.

Past Bulletins and Documents

To view past bulletins and related documents – visit the parent association website at www.shsparentassn.com.

Bulletin Submissions

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.

District, Village and Community Announcements

PACE Event – How to Benefit from the Growing Diversity in Our Schools – October 11 – WFB HS

The Shorewood School District is a co-sponsor of and Upcoming PACE³ Speaker and Discussion Event about the growing diversity in our schools. [For more information, please view this flyer.](#)

Fall for Shorewood – October 6

The Shorewood BID invites you to “Fall For Shorewood” on October 6! Retailers throughout the business district are offering a variety of specials and promotions, so check out what's new at your local businesses. Watch your mail for a flyer with more details on all the great offerings. As part of this promotion, GREAT CLIPS (Shorewood only) will be donating 25% of the proceeds from all full-priced haircuts from Oct. 6-12 to the Shorewood SEED Foundation! [View the flyer here.](#)

Shorewood Foundation Annual Dinner – November 3

The board of directors of the Shorewood Foundation invites you to the foundation's annual dinner, Saturday, Nov. 3, 2012, at the Hubbard Park Lodge, 3565 N. Morris Boulevard. Cocktails and silent auction begin at 6 p.m. Dinner starts at 7 p.m. Read more about this event and the Shorewood Foundation which supports the schools and the community with grants for education, beautification, the annual fireworks and much more, [click here.](#)

Volunteers needed for Shorewood Connects' annual yard clean-up day – November 3

Saturday, November 3rd, is scheduled as the fifth 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. Everyone is welcome to volunteer; it's also an ideal project for those students seeking community service opportunities. **Pre-registration is required, to ensure that we have enough volunteers.** Please contact Sue Kelley for more information skelley1@wi.rr.com or 961-7262.

Shorewood Recreation – Highlighted Programs

American Red Cross Lifeguard Training Class!

Is your child interested in becoming a lifeguard? The Shorewood Recreation Department is offering a lifeguarding class at the end of October! In just two weekends, your child can earn their American Red Cross lifeguarding/first-aid and CPR/AED certifications. Participants will learn concepts of responsibility, worth ethic, leadership and approachability that will prepare them for a job as a lifeguard. Attendance for this class is mandatory and certification is not guaranteed. Participants must successfully pass a written and in-water skills test.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 26, 27, 28 and November 2, 3 & 4

Class meets on Fridays from 5:00 – 9:00 pm, Saturdays from 12:00 – 8:00 pm and Sundays from 1:30 – 7:00 pm

Fee: \$240 residents and SHS students/\$290 non-residents **Course #:** 1383.1

To register, call or stop into the Recreation Department (963-6913 x 4) or register online at www.shorewoodrecreation.org

Yoga for Teens!

This yoga course is specifically designed for teens and will practice fun yoga postures that will enliven their sense of playfulness and help them to see their body and mind connection. Yoga for teens will help participants find their sense of inner calm and quiet and strengthen their body and mind.

Dates: Thursdays, November 8 – December 20

Time: 7:15 – 8:15 pm

Location: SHS Dance Studio, Room 276

Fee: \$38 residents and SHS students/\$57 non-residents

Course #: 1134.2

To register, call or stop into the Recreation Department (963-6913 x 4) or register online at www.shorewoodrecreation.org

Athletic News & Highlights

Messwood Looking to Earn a Playoff Spot with a Win on Friday

Come cheer for Messwood on at Homecoming Friday as they attempt to secure a playoff spot!

<http://shorewood.patch.com/articles/messwood-playoff-eligible-can-secure-spot-with-homecoming-game-win>.

Sports Wrapups from ShorewoodNOW

Girls and Boys Volleyball, Girls and Boys Cross Country, Girls Tennis, Boys Soccer

<http://www.glendalenow.com/sports/sports-wrapups-sept-25-od70drg-171266531.html>.

Congratulations, Kudos & Thank You's

SHS Senior Named 2013 National Achievement Program Outstanding Participant

SHS is pleased to announce that Serah Washington is one of 3,100 Outstanding Participants in the National Achievement Scholarship Program being referred to U.S. colleges and universities.

Serah scored in the top 3 percent of more than 160,000 Black Americans who requested consideration in the 2013 National Achievement Program when they took the 2011 PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. A roster of these students' names, high schools, and tentative college major choices is being sent to about 1,500 colleges and universities.

Congratulations Serah!

Is Your Student an AP Scholar?

Parents – did your student receive AP Scholar Status? If so, please let us know so that we may recognize them in a future edition of this bulletin!

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*****

Parent Forum – Risky Behaviors in Shorewood – Save the Date - October 15

What's going on with SHS students in terms of risky behaviors? Learn about the results of the Youth Risk Behavior Survey taken by SHS students in 2011 and join in the discussion about the implications for parents, students, and the school.

The Shorewood Games Have Begun! (or the Pre-Games have)

The Shorewood Games originated in 1988 as a fundraiser for the MACC FUND when SHS had a senior boy fighting childhood cancer. SHS continues to hold the games approximately every 4 years. And it has grown tremendously in that time.

The four classes compete in Olympic type sports as well as fundraising opportunities and the class that raises the most points will win Gold Medal t-shirts in the spring. The first Games raised over \$10,000 - we were thrilled. It has grown over the decades to include all the schools in the district as well as the community at large. The last Games raised over \$34,000!

Each time we run the Games it grows bigger and better. Although the Games do not officially begin until March 8, SHS students have already begun fundraising on behalf of the MACC Fund. In Ms. Bromley's (Shorewood Games Advisor) words, "It is an unbelievable experience and working with these kids is an absolute honor!"

Two new events connected with the Shorewood Games this year, that are already in progress are the Chili Cookoff after the Homecoming Parade, and the "You've Been Torched" event. (See below for more info about the Torch.)

The Games will officially begin on March 8 with an opening assembly/ceremony. Executive director of the MACC Fund, John Cary, will be at SHS to speak to the kids. For two weeks we will turn the school upside down with activities and events. Some include the Spaghetti dinner, the Ms. Shorewood Pageant, Buzz Cuts for Cancer, Dollar Campaign, Penny Wars, Music for MACC, and new this year, the Jailhouse Rock. During lunch the classes compete in volleyball, basketball, swimming and soccer. There is also a pie in the face during one lunch. At the closing ceremonies on March 22nd we unveil the winner - the class presidents go up on stage with jackets on and one by one they get eliminated. John Cary speaks again and it is always very moving.

Editor's Note: Parents – be proud of your kids, as no doubt each and every one of them will be involved in some way this fall and/or this spring! And be proud of the school they attend, where students make this happen!

Shorewood Games Torch

As part of the Shorewood Games, and an additional fundraiser for the MACC Fund – SHS students have will be "torching" families in the neighborhood. (It is a take off of being "flocked" where they put a bunch of pink flamingoes on the lawn). Our kids thought a torch would be cool following the Olympic theme and the Shorewood Games.

Matt Joynt was the first person to get torched – when the torch was placed on the front lawn of SHS. Once someone has been torched they are requested to pay \$25 per day (with a check to the MACC Fund) to keep the torch on their lawn (it will usually be there 1-2 days). The "torchee" may decide where it should go next! (Rumor is that Matt Joynt chose School Board President, Rob Reinhofer's House.) You can follow the Torch and where it goes at [Facebook.com/FollowTheTorch](https://www.facebook.com/FollowTheTorch). The students hope to keep passing the torch as long as we can and the weather holds. Here's hoping the torch makes it many lawns and that this is a grand fundraiser for the MACC Fund! [View a Photo of the Torch on the front lawn of SHS.](#)

Chili Cook Off to Benefit MACC Fund – October 5

Do you or your teen have a great chili recipe? Enter the inaugural chili cook-off for the MACC Fund! Join us October 5th after the homecoming parade at the south End of football field to compete for prizes or just help us taste test. Entry information is available in the office, or email Ms. Bromley at lbromley@shorewood.k12.wi.us to enter. If you can't enter a chili – be sure to buy some! . All money raised goes to the MACC Fund in preparation for the Shorewood Games this spring. Thank you for supporting the Shorewood Games!

Parent Teacher Conferences – October 11 & 12

Parent – Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday October 11 from 12:30 pm – 8:00 pm and on Friday October 12 from 8:00 am – 11:30 am in the SHS Arena. 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. (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. Refer to the [September Newsletter that was mailed home](#) from school for information regarding:

- When teachers that are shared between schools will be available at SHS.
- When each group of teachers will be taking their short dinner breaks
- Presentation by Superintendent of Schools Marty Lexmond regarding Wisconsin's new School Accountability System.

Juniors & Seniors – Sign Up to Meet with College Representatives

Junior and Senior Students are welcome to meet with college representatives that visit SHS. To do so, students must obtain a pass from the Student Support Services Office at least 24 hours in advance. These visits are an opportunity for students to learn more about a specific school, and also an opportunity to show “demonstrated interest” in a school, something which some (not all) schools consider in the admissions process.

To see which schools will be coming when, use family connections – go to <https://connection.naviance.com/fc/signin.php?hsid=shorewood>, log in and choose the “colleges” tab. Check back often, as additional schools will continue to be added. For assistance with Family Connection stop by the Library during Open House on September 20.

Customize Your School Calendar

To view/print a customized calendar, [follow these directions](#). This will allow you to view only events for specific schools or specific sports, etc.

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. Read about the school attendance policy on pages 11-13 of the [Student Parent Handbook](#).

Homecoming – October 5 & 6 – Spirit Week October 1-5

Student Council has many exciting events planned during Homecoming Week!

- Spirit Week is Oct 1-5 and leads up to homecoming with a dress up theme each day of the week. Mon is Pajama Day, Tue is Classy/Swag Day, Wed is Superheros/Villains day, Thur is Gender Bender Day and Friday is 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 4. The Freshman-Sophomore Game is from 6:30 to 7:00, and the Junior-Senior Game is from 7-8 PM.
- The Parade will be on Friday October 5
 - 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. (Parents if your child is working on a float with a group, please remind them that anything on a trailer or in the back of a pick up must be secured.)
 - Following the parade there will be a chili cook off to benefit the MACC Fund. Students and Parents are welcome to enter, and all are welcome to come taste and judge! (To enter, see the reminders section below.)
 - The football game will begin at 7:00 PM. Go Messwood!
 - We hope to see many parents lining the parade route, tasting chili and cheering for the Greyhounds!
- The Homecoming Dance will be held on Saturday, Oct 6.

- The Dance will be in the SHS Arena from 8 pm to 11 pm.
- The theme this year is Out of This World
- Tickets Cost \$12 per person, or \$20 per couple.
- Tickets will be on sale during lunch or after school beginning October 3.
- No tickets will be sold at the door.

UWM ACT Workshops

If the recreation department's ACT workshop (see reminders section) does not fit into your child's schedule, you may want to consider the UWM ACT class. [Click here for more information](#),

Sign Up for Village Manager's Weekly Memo

Keep informed about village events and news via the Village Manager's Memo. To sign up go to www.villageofshorewood.org. Choose the communications tab. Then click on "manager's weekly memo" and enter your email address.

District Website

Don't forget to check the district website when you are looking for information about school. The new site was rolled out last spring and new pages and functions continue to be added. www.shorewoodschools.org.

Travel Release Form

Parents of athletes – please remember that student athletes are expected to ride the bus back to school with the team after each away game/meet. Each time that you will be transporting your child on your own, you will need to complete a [travel release form](#). (Some parents like to keep a copy in their cars – in case they forget to have one with them.)

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](#).