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SHS PARENT ASSOCIATION BULLETIN

October 31, 2012

Calendar Items

- Oct 30-Nov1 WKCE Testing for 10th graders, all other students have late starts – [see schedule](#)
- Nov 1-4 SHS Drama Presents – Lend Me A Tenor – [pre-purchase tickets for reserved seating](#)
- Nov 2 End of First Quarter
- Nov 2 [SEED Sprecher Event](#)
- Nov 3 Shorewood Connects Yard Clean Up Day (see below to sign up to volunteer)
- Nov 6 Election Day
- Nov 7 [Gifted and Talented Speaker](#) – 6:30 pm – Nathan Hale High School
- Nov 13 School Board Meeting – [agenda will be posted here](#)
- Nov 13 Fall Band Concert – 7 PM
- Nov 13 AFS Returnees Presentation and Pot Luck Dinner – 6PM – SHS Cafeteria
- Nov 15 SHS Orchestra Concert

Winter sports start in November – [check the district calendar](#) or contact the athletic office for specifics.

A Note from the Editor

I know that some of you are still having problems with the format of the bulletin, or with getting links to open. For me this happens primarily when I use gmail. Not sure which other systems are having issues, but if you are one of those people, please consider viewing the bulletin online at <http://www.shsparentassn.com>. It will be much prettier and much more functional. If your bulletin looks fine, but you are having trouble with links, try right clicking and using the “open in new tab or new window” feature. That usually does the trick – but if not, then try opening it from the web address listed above. (Not to state the obvious, but if the link doesn’t work you’ll have to type it or copy and paste the web address into your browser.)

Now – on to the fun stuff! I hope I see many of you this weekend – the SEED Sprecher event is always a fun way to support our schools and to connect with other parents. And tomorrow night is the opening of Lend Me A Tenor. It’s billed as a hilarious play (despite the name, it is not a musical), and the students seem very excited to be bringing it to the SHS stage. Can’t wait to see it myself! The show will be at 7 PM on Thur, Fri and Sat and at 2 PM on Sunday. Please note, that in order to get the curtain up on time, those who purchase tickets at the door will be assigned to the open seating section of the auditorium.

Debbie Eder
SHS Parent Bulletin Editor

News & Announcements

Hurricane Sandy May Impact District Website

The district website’s host location is in Hartford Connecticut, so there is a possibility that there may be some issues with the district website over the next few days. Thank you in advance for your patience.

AFS Returnees’ Presentation Potluck – November 13

This year Grace Corry and Emma Bronson are Shorewood High School’s two returning AFS students. They will tell us about their experiences with the AFS program in France and Finland last year, at our annual Returnees’ Presentation Potluck. AFS students live with families and go to local schools. This event will be held in the SHS cafeteria at 6:00 on Tuesday, November 13. Come eat with us at 6:00, presentations begin at 6:45. All are welcome! This is a great time to ask questions

and find out more about AFS. Questions? contact Brian Schulteis, AFS advisor at bschulteis@shorewood.k12.wi.us or Ravenna Helson Shorewood AFS Chapter president at rahelson@gmail.com.

Grade Point Averages

As the end of the quarter is approaching, some parents have asked about calculating grade point averages. Grade point averages are calculated based on SEMESTER grades. Please note that while **quarter grades are not used in calculating grade point averages**, they are used to calculate semester grades. Students should check their course syllabus to determine how semester grades are calculated for each class (one common way is 40% weight to each quarter and 20% to the final, but this is NOT universal.) [Click here](#) to review how to calculate a semester grade point average or a cumulative (all semesters to date) grade point average.

SHS Drama Presents Lend Me A Tenor – November 1-4

Plan to see the hilarious comedy, Lend Me a Tenor, in the SHS Auditorium on November 1-4

The drama department is hoping that an increase in advance sales will make the box office line more manageable just before show time and that the open seating policy will allow the line to move quickly for those that do not purchase in advance. This year, shows will start on time, so if you wait to purchase your ticket at the door, allow plenty of time so that you do not miss the beginning of the show!

Daily Announcements

[Daily Announcements](#) are now available on the SHS page of the district website. Recent Announcements include information about:

- Girls Soccer Informational Meeting
- Wrestling Informational Meeting
- Stock Club – Speaker at Lunch – all are welcome
- Pro Start Culinary Team
- Lend Me A Tenor – this weekend – box office open at lunch on Wed and Fri.
- Ripples Meeting
- Cheerleading Clinic
- Join the Gymnastics team – No experience necessary
- Clubs, lots and lots of clubs – including – Guatemala Club, Bible Study, AFS, Pegasus, Cupcake Club, Broadcast Shorewood, Spoken Word Club, Feminism Matters and Model UN.
- Much, much more!

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 & Community Announcements

Volunteers still needed for Shorewood Connects Yard Clean-Up Day – November 3

In order to meet the need for yard clean-up help at the homes of 40 older residents in Shorewood, more volunteers are being sought for the annual Shorewood Connects Yard Clean-Up Day, scheduled for Saturday, November 3rd from 9 am - noon. Please contact Sue Kelley for more information skelley1@wi.rr.com. Volunteers are asked to pre-register by October 29th. A few hours on a Saturday morning can make a big difference in the lives of your neighbors!

Election Information – November 6

[Click here for information about the November 6 election](#) from the Village of Shorewood.

Movie for MACC – November 9

On **Friday, November 9th**, the Shorewood Games Committee has put together a "Movie for MACC" night. It begins at **7pm** (doors open at 6:30). We invite all elementary school children to join us in the SHS Arena for the movie **RIO** (rated G).

It is \$4 per person, all proceeds go to the MACC Fund for childhood cancer. Bring a blanket or sleeping bag, pillow, PJ's if you want and FRIENDS. Popcorn, water, and snacks will be sold.

We ask that each child have a chaperone of some sort to stay at the movie. One parent may chaperone a group of kids if they wish. We will have tables and chairs set up in the back for parents to visit - quietly :).

If there are any questions, contact Lisa Bromley at LBromley@shorewood.k12.wi.us.

Fire Cadet and Police Aide Open House – November 1

The City of Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission Invites people age 17-19 to an Open House to learn about employment as a Police Aide or Fire Cadet. The Open House will take place on Thursday, November 1 from 6-8 PM at the Milwaukee Safety Academy – 6680 N. Teutonia Avenue. More information and applications are available in the SHS Student Support Services Office.

Gifted and Talented Speaker – Nov 7 – 6:30 PM – Nathan Hale High School

Please join PAGE (Parents and Advocates for Gifted Education) at Nathan Hale High School on November 7. Jackie Drummer, Differentiation/Gifted and Talented Coordinator from South Milwaukee, will be speaking to parents, teachers, and counselors about gifted secondary students on Wednesday, November 7th at 6:30 pm at Nathan Hale High School. Please see [the flyer](#) for more information, and contact Jennifer Cosgrove (jcosgrove@shorewood.k12.wi.us) with questions.

Athletic News & Highlights

Boys Cross Country – State Champions!

Girls Cross Country – 3rd Place at State!

Congratulations to the boys cross country team who earned their 3rd State Title in four years! And to the girls cross country team who took 3rd place, their best showing ever at the State Meet!

- Read more on Shorewood Patch <http://shorewood.patch.com/articles/shorewood-boys-cross-country-earn-7th-state-title-in-13-seasons#photo-11944061>
- Read more in the Journal Sentinel <http://www.jsonline.com/sports/preps/shorewood-cross-country-boys-team-wins-division-2-state-title-0t7c5dd-176131531.html>.

Boys Soccer

- Read more about their hard fought loss in the Sectional Final Game in ShorewoodNOW. <http://www.shorewoodnow.com/sports/shorewood-kickers-bid-for-state-comes-up-short-in-ot-shootout-gg7b4lq-175540071.html>.

Football

- Read about Donovan Freeman's healthy return after injury sustained during WFB game in ShorewoodNOW. <http://www.shorewoodnow.com/sports/175488151.html>.

Boys Volleyball

- The boys volleyball team won the Woodland Conference title. Read more on ShorewoodNOW. <http://www.shorewoodnow.com/sports/greyhound-boys-win-third-woodland-volleyball-crown-by-winning-first-ever-tourney-gg7b28j-175504771.html>.
- Watch for the team's sectional and state schedule and results at http://www.wiaawi.org/Portals/0/PDF/Results/Volleyball_Boys/2012/bracket.pdf.

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

Save the Date – Shorewood Arts & Crafts Fair – December 2

Sunday, December 2 will be the 33rd annual Shorewood Arts and Crafts Fair from 10 am to 4 pm. Over 110 artists will offer a wide variety of crafts for the home and garden. This event is sponsored by the Shorewood Booster Club to support Shorewood athletics. It's also a community favorite for a wide variety of items – come do some holiday shopping, or treat yourself, or both! [Read much more \(including how to receive a discount on the \\$4 admission fee\) here.](#)

Risk Behavior Forum – Follow Up

We expect to have some summary information for those of you that were unable to attend the risk behavior forum available in the next week or so. We do have a [list of resources](#) that was provided by our guest speaker, Cathy Pinter.

SEED Sprecher Event – November 2

Come and reacquaint yourselves with fellow Shorewood parents at the SEED Sprecher Brewery Tour and Tasting on Friday November 2, from 7-10 pm. Tickets are \$20 per person (\$10 is tax deductible) and include 2 Sprecher beverages, light snacks and a tour of the brewery at 8:00.

The Second Annual Bean Bag Tournament begins at 7:30. Interested parties should include \$10/team with their reservation. Winner receives a Sprecher Take Home Tasting Kit.

Please send your reservation to Tracey Grabowski, 4430 N Lake Dr.
Questions? email tracey_grabowski@yahoo.com or call 414-963-0257.

Download the information and reservation form at <http://www.shorewoodseed.org/sprecher-2012/> or view the [printable flyer here.](#)

Recreation Department – Highlighted Programs

Yoga for Teens

This 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 mind and body.

Time: 7:15 – 8:15 pm Dates: Thursdays, November 8 – 12/20 (No class on 11/22)

Location: SHS Dance Studio, Room 276 Fee: \$38 Resident/\$57 non-Resident

Instructor: Pam Miller, 200 hour Certified Yoga Instructor through Kanyakumari, Ayurvede and Yoga Wellness Center
Course Number: 1134.2

Ski and Snowboard Club – Learn to Ski or Snowboard at Sunburst, Vendor Program

Grade 4 – 12

Whether you are an experienced skier/snowboarder or have never tried it, this program is for you. Each session includes one hour of lessons with the remaining time for open skiing or snowboarding. Plus each participant who completes the lessons receives a Sunburst Ski Club Membership, allowing them to come back any time after completing the program and ski for the day for a nominal fee. Prices include bus transportation. Minimum number of 15 is required, so sign up early!

All registrations and Sunburst paperwork must be completed no later than Friday, December 11.

Date: Tuesday, January 8 – February 5 (No Program January 29)

Time: 3:30 pm departure from SHS Parking lot - 8:30 pm return to SHS Parking lot

Price is \$190-295 depending upon specific program and equipment rentals.

For additional information contact the [recreation department.](#)

AFS Study Abroad Scholarships Available

Scholarships are available for SHS students who want to participate in a study abroad program through AFS. Living and going to school in another country during high school gives students a distinct advantage when applying for college; they come back more confident, resourceful, and responsible. In this global economy corporations are looking for college graduates with diverse cultural experience. This could be the best time. Contact AFS faculty advisor Brian Schulties at school, or Ravenna Helson at 332-7020 or rahelson@gmail.com

Next AFS event; Returnees Emma Bronson and Grace Corey will speak about their time abroad on November 13, 6pm in the SHS cafeteria at the Returnees' Presentation Potluck.

October 24 Editor's Note (Rerun, due to popular demand)

If you had a chance to see the October edition of Ripples, I hope you read [Victoria Nelsen's editorial](#) regarding traditions and pranks. She laments that some students have crossed a line, which makes all look bad. If you didn't see it yet, please take a moment to read it, and then discuss with your teens about WHY we discourage them from destructive behavior. Some things clearly leave room for discussion (e.g. toilet paper) , but we can all agree that it's not "in fun" when someone has to spend lots of time or money cleaning up or undoing damage. Please take some time to explain to your kids the damage that eggs can do to paint, that ketchup can do to bricks, that unkind words and obscene pictures can do to esteem, etc. And what all of that can do to our reputation as a village and a school community. Victoria said it much better than I am, so please, [read her editorial](#). ~ Debbie

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](#).

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.

Juniors & Seniors – Sign Up to Meet with College Representatives

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.

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.

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](#).