# SHS PARENT ASSOCIATION

# **WEEKLY BULLETIN**

October 8, 2014

# **Mark Your Calendars**

Oct 8	Forum – College Search and Application Process 7:00 pm
Oct 10	Last day to drop a class
Oct 10	Senior yearbook quotes due
Oct 11	Shorewood Fish & Feather Festival
Oct 14	School Board Meeting – agenda will be posted here
Oct 17	SEED Trivia Night
Oct 22	REDgen Speaker – Building Resilience
Oct 23-25	Fall Drama Show – Little Shop of Horrors

# **Testing and Conference Days Schedules**

Oct 15	Standardized Testing – see below for schedules for each grade level
Oct 16	School Dismissed 11:30
Oct 16	Staff Dinner – sign up to help
Oct 16	Parent – Teacher Conferences 12:30-8:00
Oct 17	Parent – Teacher Conferences 8:00-11:30
Oct 17	No School

<u>Full Year District Calendar</u> – pdf version – subject to changes Online Calendar – customizable

# Message from Tim Kenney

Congratulations to the Girl's Volleyball Team on achieving the #1 seed in the Woodland Conference Tournament. As a result, SHS has the wonderful opportunity to host the first round of the tournament and have home court advantage! Due to the tournament falling on Thursday, October 16 during the time of Parent/Teacher Conferences, we are going to reconfigure the locations of teachers, utilizing various large spaces and a few classrooms to host these important meetings. We are in the process of developing the layout and the specific communication to parents/guardians regarding the changes. These will be shared through all district communication methods by the end of this week.

Tim Kenney, SHS Principal

# **SHS News & Announcements**

# **Calendar Update**

Final Exams for semester one will be held on January 21, 22 and 23. This was omitted from the printed calendar.

# STAFF DINNER: Volunteers Needed - Thursday, October 16th

Thanks to those of you who already signed up to help with next Thursday's STAFF DINNER during Parent-Teacher Conferences! If you haven't signed up but would like to contribute, there are still many openings particularly for entrees,

salads, fresh fruit and desserts. This is a great way for families to appreciate the long hours and extra energy that are required of teachers and staff during conferences.

Sign up using the Doodle link below. Specific information about the event is included in the Doodle Poll. Please contact Lindy Yeager (Florsheim) at <a href="mailto:linkwigneycogroup.com">lflorsheim@weycogroup.com</a> or Pam Miller at <a href="mailto:pam

Doodle link: http://doodle.com/z5fut7y9gsndpedd.

#### Athletics in the News

Boys Cross Country team wins 26 school invite - Shorewood NOW

### **Daily Announcements**

Some of the daily announcements are now available online! Check them out from time to time, they'll not only give you a flavor of what's going on at SHS, but you may find some interesting dinner table conversation in them. You may view them here.

# **Conferences & Counseling News**

# JUNIOR PARENTS - Sign Up for your Transition Conference

If your junior student is enrolled in Lifetime Activities during first semester, you should have received an invitation to sign up for a transition to tomorrow conference with your child and his/her counselor to discuss future plans including senior year classes. For more information and the link to sign up, click here.

Note: these conferences are **in addition to the Parent-Teacher conferences** that will be held on October 16 and 17. Also, note that if your child will be taking **Lifetime Activities during second semester**, your transition conference will take place next semester.

# **ALL PARENTS – Conferences – Location Change**

Parents, per Mr. Kenney's note, above, watch your email later this week for details as to WHERE conferences will be held. When is still October 16 (12:30 -8:00 pm) and October 17 (8:00 – 11:30 am). No appointments are necessary – see more details in the reminders section of this bulletin.

#### **SHS Counseling News**

There is now a webpage devoted to news from the counseling office. Currently it includes information about adjusting to high school (9<sup>th</sup> grade), the upcoming retreat (10<sup>th</sup> grade), college representative visits (11<sup>th</sup> grade) and the college application process (12<sup>th</sup> grade). Click here to read it.

# <u>Testing Day – October 15</u>

All families should be aware of the altered schedules/activities for next Wednesday, October 15

FRESHMEN will be taking the ACT Aspire test. The testing will take the full day. <u>Click here to see the letter with specific information.</u>

**SOPHOMORES** will be participating in a Respect Retreat. They should report to the arena at 9:30 am and will not need backpacks or school work that day. They may bring a lunch or eat a pizza lunch that will be provided, but they may not leave campus during lunch. <u>Click here to see the letter with specific information</u>.

**JUNIORS** will be taking the PSAT Test. They should be in their assigned room ready to begin at 7:35 am. They should bring two #2 pencils and a calculator with them. They will be dismissed for the day when testing is complete – around 11:00 am. Click here to see the UPDATED letter with specific information.

**SENIORS** do not have school on October 15 and are encouraged to use the day to work on college applications and/or other college business. Click here to see the letter with specific information.

All parents should have received links to the above letters via email from SHS last week.

If you did not, you may want to update your email address with the school,
as information in this bulletin will not always be as timely as information directly from school.

# **District & Community Announcements**

#### **District October Newsletter**

You should have received the District's October Newsletter via email yesterday. Click here to read the online version.

# **Building Resilience in Children and Teens - October 22**

Please join REDgen for the third and final event during their fall speaker series. Dr. Kenneth Ginsburg, author of "Building Resilience in Children and Teens" and "Letting Go with Love and Confidence" will be speaking at Nicolet High School on October 22. Over the last two decades, Dr. Ginsburg's research has focused on facilitating youth to develop their own solutions to social problems and to teach clinicians how to better serve them. He co-developed the Teen-Centered Method, a mixed qualitative/quantitative methodology that enables youth to generate, prioritize, and explain their own ideas. All are welcome to join REDgen for this event. Click here for more information.

# Shorewood Connects - Fall Yard Clean Up - November 8

The 7th annual Shorewood Connects Fall Yard Clean-up is on Saturday, November 8th from 9 am – 12 noon. This is a great opportunity for students to get together with their friends and sports teams for a couple hours outside where the Shorewood community helps older and disabled adults get their yards ready for Winter. As usual, a light breakfast is provided to begin the event, and new for this year - the Shorewood Foundation has donated knit hats for all volunteers. We are hoping to recruit 150 or more volunteers this year to meet an increasing need for services.

Of course this volunteer opportunity is open to adults and younger students too. And NHS members can earn service hours while having a good time and benefitting their own community!

Shorewood's participation in this semi-annual inter-generational event is one of the many reasons that the Village of Shorewood has been designated as one of MetLife Foundation/Generations United America's Best Intergenerational Communities. This prestigious award went to only four communities throughout the United States.

Please pre-register with Michelle Boehm by November 1 at (414) 698-4369 or <u>michelle.boehm@sbcglobal.net</u> if any of your team members or students are available to help.

# Teen Mountain Biking Documentary - FREE - Oct 15

Come join Shorewood MTB for a FREE showing of SingleTrack High Movie!

Wisconsin is nearing completion of its first season of Middle and High School Mountain Bike Racing - Learn more about this rapidly growing movement. The film chronicles six very different student-athletes in Northern California and showcases the incredible impact of youth mountain biking...

Both inspiring and touching, the documentary addresses the question of what mountain biking can do for the mind, body, and social lives of today's teens by following six diverse student-athletes throughout a season of racing.

The film will be shown in the Shorewood High School Auditorium on Wednesday, October 15th - Doors Open at 7:30pm. Admission is FREE (Donations to help support Shorewood MTB are encouraged!)

Watch the SingleTrack High Movie Trailer at <a href="http://vimeo.com/45295483">http://vimeo.com/45295483</a>

# **Guiding Gifted Children Toward Achievement**

Join psychologist, Sylvia Rimm, for a discussion on the needs of gifted children and guiding them toward achievement, reversing under-achievement, and on the social and emotional issues related to giftedness and creativity. This event is sponsored by Parent Advocates for Gifted Education (PAGE) of which Shorewood is member school district. For more information view the Guiding Gifted Children FLYER.

October 23rd, 6:30 PM, at Brookfield East High School Cafeteria. RSVP by Oct 15th to cesaonepage@gmail.com

#### Arts & Crafts Fair – December 7 – Save the Date

The Shorewood Athletic Booster Club will be holding its 35th Annual Shorewood Arts & Crafts Fair on Sunday, December 7 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at Shorewood High School.

If you are interested in being a vendor at this year's fair, <u>please click here for more information</u>. Booth assignments will be based on the date that the complete application is received.

The fair will be packed with artists from the Midwest, and will also feature a silent auction and raffle as well as a bake sale and cafe. Shorewood High School spirit wear and accessories will also be available for purchase. This is a great chance to get some holiday gift shopping done-- come check it out!

#### Plein Air was a Success!

Shorewood's 2014 Plein Air Festival was a success, thanks to coordinators, volunteers, artists and residents. <u>Click</u> here to read about some of the events and the prizes that were awarded.

# Congratulations, Kudo's and Thank You's

#### **National Achievement Scholars Announced**

Congratulations to Audrey Crawford and Chiara Sanders who are semifinalists in the National Achievement Scholarship Program. To earn this they scored in the top 3% of more than 160,000 Black Americans who requested consideration when they took the PSAT exam last year. Congratulations Audrey and Chiara!

# Know Students, Staff, SHS Clubs, etc. Who Deserve Recognition?

Please let us know of an SHS student, staff member or school group who deserves recognition, whether your own child, a friend, a 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. <a href="mailto:shsparentassn@gmail.com">shsparentassn@gmail.com</a>.

# **Bulletin Submissions and Sign Up Forms**

# Need an Email Address Added to this 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.

# **Bulletin Submissions**

Send your bulletin submissions to <a href="mailto:news.shsparentassn@gmail.com">news.shsparentassn@gmail.com</a> or to <a href="mailto:Debbie@ederfamily.com">Debbie@ederfamily.com</a>. Submissions are due Monday evening for inclusion in that week's bulletin.

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

# SEED Trivia Night - October 17

Join us for trivia and fun at Milwaukee Beer Bistro, 2730 N Humboldt. A cash prize will be awarded to the winning team. \$25/person (\$10 is tax deductible) includes 2 beverages of your choice, snacks and the trivia game. Reservations can be made online at <a href="http://www.shorewoodseed.org/news/">http://www.shorewoodseed.org/news/</a> Questions? email <a href="mailto:tracey\_grabowski@yahoo.com">tracey\_grabowski@yahoo.com</a>

#### Parent Teacher Conferences - October 16 & 17

Parent Teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, October 16 from 12:30 to 8:00 pm (school will be dismissed at 11:30) and on Friday, October 17 from 8:00 – 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 that evening hours tend to be the most crowded.

# College Search & Application Process Parent Forum – (Students too) - October 8

The SHS Parent Association will host our annual College Search and Application Forum on October 8, at 7:00 pm in the SHS Library and we are pleased to announce that Jane Frederick has once again agreed to be our presenter. An experienced college counselor and parent of a 2011 SHS graduate, she 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. Jane's expertise and words of advice are very well received each year, and we are fortunate to have her as part of our community! Thank you Jane! For more information view the flyer.

# Last Day to Drop a Class

The last day to drop a first semester class is October 10.

# **College Application Procedures**

On Wednesday, September 24, an assembly for seniors was held during homeroom to learn about college application procedures. <u>Click here to see the handout</u> that was given at this meeting.

#### **College Application Resources**

Student Support Services has created a "College Corner" in the back of their office, where students can peruse literature on various schools in the area, as well those around the nation. There are lots of informational posters and books on the college application process, applying for financial aid, and SAT and ACT test prep. There, seniors will also find all the forms and handouts they need for the letters of recommendation/transcript request process.

We're hoping that students will use the space to do some research, get information that might help generate positive planning conversations with their counselors, and gain a greater awareness of the breadth of post-secondary choices available to them.

### **ACT & SAT Test Dates**

If your student is planning on taking the ACT and/or SAT test this year, you can find the testing dates below. Please note, that the ACT February 7 test date takes place during a long weekend for SHS – so if you plan to travel during that time, that may not be a good test date for your student. You may find complete lists of testing dates at these sites:

ACT Test Dates and registration deadlines

SAT Test Dates and registration deadlines

# **College Representative Visits**

Juniors and Seniors should continue to check Family Connection often and sign up to meet with representatives from colleges that they are interested in.

# **National Honor Society**

Eligible juniors (3.6 cummulative gpa) will received letters inviting them to apply for membership in National Honor Society last week. Applications are due October 9 and the first candidate meeting will be held on October 10 during lunch.

# **Ripples Online**

The SHS Student Newspaper, Ripples now has an online presence. Read about what's going on at school and in the community at http://shorewoodhsripples.wordpress.com/.

#### Drama - Season Tickets

Season ticket order forms are now available for the 2014-2015 season of SHS Drama. Becoming a season ticket holder means that your name will be listed in the program and also at <a href="www.shorewooddrama.org">www.shorewooddrama.org</a> Your membership includes a donation to SHS Drama (at the level you desire). Also, don't worry. If you become season ticket holders, you can always add extra tickets to individual shows/performances onto your orders throughout the year. <a href="Click here for a season ticket order form">Click here for a season ticket order form</a>. Don't delay – Little Shop of Horrors opens in just 2 weeks!

# Senior Yearbook Quotes - Due October 10

Parents, please remind your senior students that yearbook quotes (which accompany their photos) are due October 10.

# Boston Store Community Day Books – Basketball Fundraiser

Purchase a Boston Store Coupon Book and save yourself some money while you help the boys basketball team raise some money – it's a win-win!

The coupon books cost \$5.00 each and can be used on Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup> and Saturday November 15<sup>th</sup>. With your purchase you will receive a coupon for \$10.00 off any regular or sale priced item that is priced at \$10.00 or more! There are also so many other valuable coupons in each book. The sale will take place until Monday, November 10, 2014. Please see a member of the SHS boys basketball team to purchase your book.

#### Shorewood Fish & Feather Festival - October 11

On October 11 from 11 am to 4 pm join us at Hubbard Park for a day on the banks of the Milwaukee River. Events will include fly fishing and angling demos, walk in the river with the salmon, bird banding demos and much more. Click here for more information. Free. No advance registration required.

# **Recreation Department – Featured Program**

Private Violin/Viola Lessons

Whether you are new to violin/viola or you are an experienced player, come work one on one with instructor Bridget Windau. Ms. Windau has been playing violin for 13 years. She has played in MYSO, the Shorewood High School Chamber Orchestra, Alma College Orchestra, as well as UW Milwaukee's Community Orchestra. Ms. Windau is excited to continue in her role as a violin/viola tutor through the Recreation Department and welcomes students of all playing levels. Students must be enrolled in the Shorewood School Districts Orchestra Program. For more information and to register please visit the recreation departments website.

#### Babysitting – American Red Cross, Vendor Program

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. Grades 5-12.

**Date:** Wednesday, October 22 – 29

**Time:** 2:45 – 6:15 pm

Participants may register through the Shorewood Rec Dept. for these and other programs.

# Food Allergy Conference – November 15

Children's Hospital will be hosting a food allergy conference on November 15. If your child has food allergies, consider attending to gain valuable information. Read more here.

# **Directory Pick Up**

Student directories that were not picked up during Open House will be available in the office beginning next week. If you did not preorder, there will be additional directories for sale in the office.

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# **District Website**

Shorewood Schools Website – <u>www.shorewoodschools.org</u>

#### **Important Documents**

Student/Parent Handbook and/or Curriculum Handbook
Activities Code of Conduct
Athletic Forms
Athletic Travel Release Form
Daily Bell Schedules

# **District Communications**

District Blog
School Board Meeting Recaps
District Monthly Bulletin "How are the Children"
Other District e-news archives
In the News