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SHS PARENT ASSOCIATION BULLETIN

November 16, 2011

A Note from the Editor

In the last bulletin, we published a request for information about summer programs. Maybe you thought "I'll get to that later".... Well now it's later. The goal of this project is to compile a list of summer programs that SHS students have participated in – to use as a reference point for other parents and students. None of us has particularly enjoyed the summer when we've had a kid sitting around with nothing to do (well maybe someone has – but I haven't met you yet!). And there are lots of options – but before you can do an internet search, you need to know what you're searching for. Word of mouth is often a great starting point, and we found last year that our "parent to parent" compilation was even better – as we were all able to hear perspectives from a large group of people

This will only take a couple of minutes – so please – send Laura Peracchio an email at lperacch@gmail.com and let her know what summer programs your child has participated in and whether you and/or your child would be willing to be contacted for further information. A thumbs up or thumbs down is good - a full blown review would be even better - but she'll take what she can get. If you have a link to the website of the program, that would also be helpful. We hope to build on what we started last year, but to do so we need YOU to reply.

EVEN IF YOU ONLY SKIMMED THE ABOVE..... PLEASE READ AND REPLY TO THIS LAST PARAGRAPH!

So – if you're thinking you don't have enough time – seriously – you can do this in 2 minutes. Ten would be better – but two is good enough. Contact Laura NOW at lperacch@gmail.com! Even if it's just to say "My child did _____ summer program/class/activity and we'd give it a thumbs up/ thumbs down". Take 2 minutes, do it, then come back and finish reading the weekly bulletin.

Debbie Eder
SHS Parent Bulletin Editor

Upcoming Events

- Nov 17 AFS Study Abroad Informational Evening
- Nov 18 Cinematic Series Presents *INGREDIENTS* (see reminders section for more information)
- Nov 19 [Turkey Trot – Run/Walk](#)
- Nov 21 [SEED Open House](#) – Get YOUR questions answered at Alterra (free coffee) 7-9 pm
- Nov 22 School Board Meeting – agenda will be posted [here](#).
- Nov 22 Fall Band Concert
- Nov 24-25 No School – Happy Thanksgiving!
- Nov 25 Parent Survey Closes (see attached letter from Dr. McCann.)
- Dec 4 Booster Club Arts and Crafts Fair
- 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. Use Family Connection to view which colleges are visiting when.

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 or to Debbie@ederfamily.com. (For some reason some of you are having bounce back issues with the gmail address - not sure why – but use my personal email if that's you.)

News & Announcements

Let your Voice be Heard – Parent Survey Closes November 25

The district is conducting a survey of all parents. If you did not receive an email from Blane McCann, (which contains the link you need to get into the online survey), please access the survey via [the district website survey page](#). If you missed it earlier, the letter from Dr. McCann with more details is [attached to this email](#).

AFS Study Abroad Informational Program – November 17 – 7 PM SHS Library

Thursday, November 17 at 7 PM in the SHS library, AFS Club will hold an informational meeting for all those interested in international educational programs through AFS. Returnees and parents will be on hand to discuss the challenges and advantages of going to school in a foreign country; taking required tests, satisfying graduation and college entrance requirements, starting the application process. Questions? Call Ravenna Helson 332-7020

Are you Receiving Emails from the School – (This email is from the Parent Association – NOT the School)

If you have not been receiving emails from the school, please go to the district website at www.shorewoodschoools.org and sign up to be added to their list. Scroll down to the bottom of the left hand side of the web page, and you will see the sign up form. (If you aren't sure if you've been receiving them – they usually come with a from address of "Alert Now Message from Shorewood SD", or "listserv@shorewoodschoools" although most recently the from address was "Blane McCann".

Showcase 2011 – What a Wonderful Life! – December 9 & 10

Come enjoy the many talents of SHS students as they sing, dance and perform in AFS's annual fundraising event. General admission tickets will be available soon. To purchase reserve seat tickets (front center section) – use the order form for [Donor and Patron tickets](#). These tickets include an additional donation to AFS and Shorewood Drama – but in return you'll be seated in some of the best seats in the house for this fabulous show! [Read more about AFS here](#).

Purchase your SHS Drama Season Tickets

Please consider purchasing season tickets for SHS Drama – which will include tickets to the fall and spring shows. You can find the [order form here](#). (Please note that drama season tickets do NOT include tickets to Showcase which is a joint fundraising effort of AFS and Drama Students.)

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:

- Thank you to all veterans!
- Best Buddies are selling Bakers Square Pie Cards
- Meeting for those interested in participating in a Women's half marathon
- Watershed participants – money for t-shirts is due
- Gathering for those that participated in the French trip last spring
- Fall athletes that used a ¾ locker in the girls locker room need to move out and make room for winter athletes
- Showcase rehearsal schedule has been posted
- Doghouse special – edible bling
- Football players – turn in your evaluations
- Best Buddies – Thanksgiving party
- Bollywood dance practice
- All Students – Thanksgiving Dance – November 18 in the SHS Arena 8-10 pm. Tickets \$12, but you can receive a \$1 discount for each can of food you donate – up to 5 cans. Tickets on sale during lunch.
- Sign up to be a tutor for Homework Club. See Mrs. Hersch or Miss Towner in the library
- As always, numerous Club and Group Meetings including: photography club, stock club, spoken word club, volunteer Shorewood, AFS, comic book culture club, cake decorating club, science club, Model UN.

District, Village & Community Announcements

SEED Open House – Get Your Questions Answered – November 21 7-9 PM at Alterra 4500 N. Oakland

Join SEED representatives at to learn more about what SEED is, and how it operates. Get your questions answered – What are SEED's Goals? Where has money been spent? Who benefits? Why am I asked to fund a public education? Coffee is being generously provided by Alterra, so please take advantage of this opportunity to learn more. [Click here to see the flyer.](#)

32nd Annual Shorewood Arts & Crafts Fair, December 4, 2011 10:00am – 4:00 pm SHS Arena

This annual show features over 120 artists from the Midwest including several from Shorewood will be offering a wide variety for the home, garden and one-of-a-kinds! Pottery, wood carvings, photography, copper art, jewelry, leather goods, metal work and more. 50 new artists to the show will be offering baby items, furniture, salsa, shawls, candles, garden orbs, holiday decorations that make wonderful gifts for you, family and friends!

A Silent Auction with \$3000 of items has been donated from the artists, raffle baskets, poinsettias, bake sale and luncheon faire will complete this one day major fundraiser for Shorewood Athletics.

\$4 admission supports Shorewood Athletics. Money raised in the past has bought SHS sports equipment / supplies, uniforms, partial salary of the athletic trainer, sound systems and more. Last year the Shorewood Booster Club provided 24% of the Athletic Budget that was needed last year for operational purposes! [Click here for a coupon good for \\$1 off admission!](#)

Event is held at the Shorewood High School Arena, North Gym and Cafeteria, 1701 E. Capitol Dr. at 10:00AM and ends at 4:00PM. For more information or to volunteer, please call Bonnie Adams (414) 332-3982. Sponsored by the Shorewood Booster Club supporting Athletics.

ADULT VOLUNTEERS are NEEDED (2 hour shifts). ALL SHS athletes are requested to be there at their assigned TEAM times on Sat/ Sun. Coaches / Sport Parents will notify athletes family of designates times~ Help make this a "WINNING" event!

Recreation Department Offering Online Courses

The Recreation Department is now offering online learning opportunities! We have partnered with Ed2go, the industry leader in online adult education, to provide convenient adult enrichment opportunities.

Our online courses include:

- An expert instructor
- 24-hour access
- Engaging student discussion areas
- 6 weeks of instruction
- New sessions beginning each month
- Confirmation of completion awarded with passing score

There are over 300 courses to choose from, some of which include:

- Assisting Aging Parents
- Going Green at Home
- Guiding Kids on the Internet
- Understanding Adolescents

For more information, or to register, visit the Shorewood Recreation and Community Services Department website at www.shorewoodschoools.org

SNACPAC Recipe of the Week

This week's recipe from Dominic Newman and SNACPAC is [Creamy Polenta](#)

You can see more recipes by going to <http://www.shsparentassn.com/documents.html> and scrolling down to the recipe section.

Athletic News & Highlights

Girls Swim Team – 2nd in State – Many Great Swims!

Congratulations to the Girls Swim Team who took second place at the State Meet last weekend. SHS was represented by Melissa Clausen, Genevieve Hayes, Kristin Malone, Rachel Munson, Ellen Stello and Dianan Yakshimamedov.

- The 200 Medley Relay team of Melissa, Rachel, Ellen and Kristin won that event!
- The 400 yard freestyle relay team of Ellen, Genevieve, Melissa and Kristin took 2nd place.
- Kristin took first place in the 100 yard freestyle, and 2nd place in the 50 freestyle!
- In the individual medley event, Ellen took 4th and Rachel was 7th.
- Rachel placed 5th in the 100 yard breaststroke.
- Ellen and Genevieve took 2nd and 3rd respectively in the 500 yard freestyle.
- The 200 yard freestyle relay of Melissa, Rachel, Diana and Genevieve placed 14th
- Melissa was 15th in the 100 yard backstroke.
- Congratulations to all! See complete results: <http://www.wiaawi.org/results/swimminggirls/2011/d2stateresults.htm>.

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. And don't forget ALL winter athletes need to register and pay their fees in the athletic director's office.

Congratulations, Kudos & Thank You's

SHS Sisters Place 5th in National Sailing Championship!

Congratulations to sisters Kate and Elizabeth Hayes who placed Fifth in the National J30 Championship Sailing Regatta in Annapolis, Maryland earlier this fall as the only teenage crew to participate in this event. **Congratulations Kate and Elizabeth!**

Jenny Tasse, SHS Senior Profiled for Volunteerism

Read about Jenny's many volunteer efforts in Shorewood Patch. <http://shorewood.patch.com/articles/shorewood-senior-finds-path-in-volunteering>.

Thank You to All Who Made the SEED Sprecher Event a Success

Thank you to all who attended SEED's Sprecher Brewery event. A great time was had by all! And thank you to all the participants in the Bean Bag Tournament. The final winner was the team of Todd Dunsirn and Kim Forbeck who beat out Kirk and Sonja Juffer in the final match at 10pm. Thank you also to Stephanie Snyder for arranging the snacks; Jenny Mauer for heading up the tournament; Bonnie Medrik, Ginny George and Diane Triligy for handling check in; and Kathy Reibein for her help behind the bar. Looking forward to next year's event already!

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.shsparentasn@gmail.com.

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

Cinematic Series presents *INGREDIENTS* – November 18

The Shorewood Cinematic Series next showing is *INGREDIENTS* on Friday, November 18 at 7:00 pm in the SHS Auditorium. *INGREDIENTS* is a seasonal exploration of the local food movement. At the focal point of this movement, and

of this film, are the farmers and chefs who are creating a truly sustainable food system. Their collaborative work has resulted in great tasting food and explosion of consumer awareness about the benefits of eating local. The film is sponsored by the Shorewood Nutritional and Physical Activity Advisory Committee (SNACPAC). For more information, please contact the Recreation Department at 414-963-6913 x4.

Needed...LEGO NXT sets or parts for the SIS robotics team.

If your students have LEGO NXT ROBOT sets or parts that they are no longer using please consider donating them to the SIS Robotics team. We could use back up parts at our November 19th competition. To donate, please email Donna Whittle at dwhittle@wi.rr.com or drop the parts off at the middle school and label them "for Ms. Cabaniss/SIS Robotics team." Thanks!

ACT Test Prep Classes

Two ACT Test Prep Classes of which we are aware:

- UWM – Feb 18 through March 31 – [See flyer for fees, dates times, etc.](#)
- Shorewood Recreation Department – Watch for your winter bulletin in the mail. Class will be:
 - February 15 – April 4 – 6:30 to 8:30 PM
 - Class takes place at Nicolet High School
 - Cost is \$200 for residents
 - Additional Details will be available in the Winter Bulletin which will be available at http://www.shorewoodschools.org/main/pk_rec/.

Note – it may seem early to think about classes in February, but sometimes the classes fill up quickly.

Shorewood Today Magazine

The current edition of Shorewood Today includes several articles about the schools including ones about:

- Peer Mentors and FresHounds at SHS
- Advanced Learning Opportunities
- Accountability and Data
- School Advocacy
- And More!

You should have received a copy of the magazine in the mail. You may [view the online version here](#). (It's a big file, be patient while it loads.)

College Scholarships

In addition to the [college scholarship list previously distributed](#), Student Support Services would like you to be aware of a scholarship offered by US Bank. To learn more go to <http://www.usbank.com/scholarship>.

Recreation Department - Chicago Your Way!

Enjoy a day in downtown Chicago without the hassle of driving and parking! You will have the day to shop, visit the museums or just people watch. Leave December 3 at 8:15 a.m. and we will have you back home by 7:00 p.m. The bus will drop you off and pick you up at the corner of Rush & Superior. Cost is \$32 per person for Shorewood residents and \$48 for non-residents. For more details contact the Rec. Dept at 414.963.6913.

Senior Center Is Looking for Volunteers

The Senior Center is seeking volunteers to help their neighbors shovel snow this winter. It is the perfect family volunteer activity and will make a big difference in the life of a senior citizen in our community. If you, your family, or group would like to help, please call Elizabeth Price of the Senior Center at 414.847.2727 or via e-mail at eprice@villageofshorewood.org.

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

17th Annual Turkey Trot – November 19

Join the Shorewood Community Fitness Center's 17th Annual Turkey Trot 5K off-road run/walk on the scenic bike path On Saturday, November 19. Proceeds to benefit Shorewood High School Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams.

Register online at www.ShorewoodRecreation.org (course #1970.1). Race day registration and mandatory packet pick-up begins at 8:30 a.m. in the Shorewood Intermediate School Commons. Race starts at 10 a.m. at River Park. Entry fee is \$15 for adults and children under 12 are \$10. Day of run registration is \$20 for everyone. Questions? Call 414.961.3100. For more information, and to register, [click here](#).