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SHS PARENT ASSOCIATION BULLETIN

November 7, 2012

Calendar Items

- Nov 7 [Gifted and Talented Speaker](#) – 6:30 pm – Nathan Hale High School
- Nov 10 [Shorewood Fowl – 5k Run/Walk](#)
- 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 Health and Wellness Committee Meeting – 4 PM – SHS room 116
- Nov 15 SHS Orchestra Concert
- Nov 21-23 No School – Thanksgiving Break

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

SHS News & Announcements

Risk Behavior Survey

Last month, the SHS Parent Association sponsored a forum to learn about and discuss the results of the risk behavior survey taken by SHS students in 2011. Dr. Arthur Anderson has prepared a summary of portions of the survey results for those that were unable to attend (or those that did attend but would like to review some of the information). You may [view his summary here](#). Additional questions should be directed to Dr. Anderson in the Student Support Services Office.

Daily Announcements

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

- Blood Drive next Wednesday, November 14
- From Student Support Services – Seniors, if you have a college application deadline of December 1, there are only 4 weeks left until the deadline.
- Ripples will be holding a mock presidential election during lunch and after school
- Clubs, lots and lots of clubs – including Broadcast Shorewood, Outdoors Club, Stock Club, Forensics, Jewish Culture Club, Volunteer Shorewood, Spoken Word Club, AFS, Writing club and more - 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

School Board Vacancy

Michael Mishlove has resigned from the Shorewood School Board. The board is now seeking applicants for the open seat. If you are interested please view [this information](#) from the district website.

Shorewood Fowl 5k Run/Walk – November 10

The Shorewood Fowl 5k Run/Walk to benefit the SHS boys and girls cross country teams will take place on Saturday, November 10. [Click here for the more information and to register.](#)

Health and Wellness Committee Meeting – November 15

The next meeting of the School District's Health and Wellness Committee is Thursday, November 15th beginning at 4:00 pm at Shorewood High School Conference Room 116 in the Administration Building. The committee will be discussing goals for this school year and will be receiving reports from Nutritional Services, Integrated Health and the District Nurse. The committee encourages parents, students and community members that are interested in health and wellness to participate in this committee. For more information, please contact Deb Stolz, Director of Recreation and Community Services, 963-6913 x4 or DStolz@shorewood.k12.wi.us.

Athletic News & Highlights

Girls Swim

The girls swim team will be the last of the SHS fall sports teams to wrap up their season, when they compete at the state meet on Friday. They've had great success this season, including:

- Winning the Woodland Conference Meet in dominant fashion with 9 wins in the 11 events, 5 pool records, 4 conference records and 10 medals. Read more:
 - ShorewoodNOW <http://www.shorewoodnow.com/sports/stellos-senior-leadership-leads-shorewood-swimmers-to-impressive-woodland-title-o17dskr-176507041.html>.
 - Shorewood Patch <http://shorewood.patch.com/articles/girls-win-seventh-straight-woodland-conference-title>.
- Being Named the [Team of the Week](#) by the Journal Sentinel
- Winning the sectional meet for the first time since 2003 in dramatic fashion. Look for more on this next week.
- Qualifying 10 individual events and 3 relays for the State Meet. Look for results next week.

Girls Cross Country

The following article about the girls cross country team's excellent showing at the state meet was made available online after the bulletin was prepped last week. <http://www.shorewoodnow.com/sports/176531631.html>.

Congratulations, Kudos & Thank You's

SHS Junior Receives Grant to Create Girls Chess Camp

Congratulations to Anjana Murali, who has organized a chess camp for girls with a grant she received from Lead2Change. Anjana was profiled in a [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel article](#) which highlighted her involvement and leadership in chess, in girl scouts and in various other activities. Congratulations Anjana! (Read more from Anjana about the [Chess Camp](#) here.)

Yard Clean Up Day a Success

The annual Shorewood Connects Fall Yard Clean-Up Day was once again a success in large part to the strong showing of Shorewood High School students. Overall, 120 volunteers helped out at the homes of 43 older and disabled Shorewood residents. Thirty students (including most of the Shorewood Boys Soccer Team) were among the volunteers. Thanks to the students and to the parents who got them there! p.s. We'll be sponsoring a Spring Yard Clean-Up Day in April in addition to the Fall Clean-Up Day, which is always held the first Saturday in November.

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*****

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.

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.

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.

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 now have some [summary information](#) for those of you that were unable to attend the risk behavior forum. We also have a [list of resources](#) that was provided by our guest speaker, Cathy Pinter.

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](#).

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.

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](#).