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# SHS PARENT ASSOCIATION BULLETIN

February 29, 2012

## Note from the Editor

Last week, I had the pleasure of being part of a meeting about the upcoming “*Rachel’s Challenge*” program. This program will take place on March 6 during school with the students and then in the evening with parents and the community. What I found most impressive is that this program is being brought to SHS because students asked for it. Some of the upper classmen feel that they want to leave SHS better than they found it, and one way to do this is to create a culture of compassion and kindness. While we have many thoughtful and engaged students at SHS, they feel that there is room for improvement, and hence the national program “*Rachel’s Challenge*” will be at SHS. The students will all hear the program during school – they are a captive audience! But parents will need to make an effort to be part of this – it’s a bit hard to convey how a program on compassion and kindness can be as powerful as we hear it is. So trust me on this – you’ll want to be part of this event. Please make time to join fellow parents at the community and parent meeting on March 6.

And along those same lines, two nights later, on March 8, the SHS Parent Association will be sponsoring a forum on the positive uses of social media for teens. What a great complement to our kindness and compassion discussion. So, while it makes for a busy week, I urge you to mark your calendars for both nights.

Happy Leap Day!

Debbie Eder

SHS Parent Bulletin Editor

P.S. – Don’t forget to make your reservations for [Swing with SEED](#) – they are due today! If you’ve attended in previous years, you know what fun it is; if you haven’t – make this the year you give it a try. You’ll be able to visit with old and new friends while supporting our schools in the lovely Discovery World venue. The room where dinner is served must be the best view of the lake in all of Milwaukee. Lovely setting, good people, great cause – what’s not to like!

## Upcoming General Calendar Items

- March 1 Deadline to apply for [Youth Options](#) program for Fall 2012
- March 1 School Dismissed at 11:30 Parent Teacher Conferences – 12:30 pm – 8:00 pm
- March 2 No School. Parent Teacher Conferences 8:00 am – 11:30 am
- March 4 [Greater Milwaukee College Fair and Workshop](#)
- March 6 *Rachel’s Challenge* – In School Program
- March 13 School Board Meeting – [agenda will be posted here](#)
- March 15 Choir Concert 7PM – North Shore Presbyterian Church

## Parent Programs & Events

- Feb 29 [Swing with SEED](#) RSVP Deadline
- Feb 29 [Violin Art Auction](#)
- Mar 1 & 2 Parent Teacher Conferences (12:30-8:00 on Thur., 8:00-11:30 on Fri.)
- March 6 [Rachel’s Challenge – Parent and Community Program](#) – 7 PM – SHS Auditorium
- March 8 [Busting the Myths about Teens and Technology](#)– 7 PM – SHS Studio Theater
- March 10 [Swing with SEED](#)

## 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](mailto:news.shsparentassn@gmail.com) or to [Debbie@ederfamily.com](mailto:Debbie@ederfamily.com).

# News & Announcements

## **Rachel's Challenge: The Power of Kindness & Compassion – A Chain Reaction Parent & Community Program – March 6 – 7 PM – SHS Auditorium**

*"I have this theory that if one person can go out of their way to show compassion then it will start a chain reaction of the same." - Rachel Scott*

After presentations to 6th-12th grade students in the morning and then interactive training sessions with students in the afternoon, nationally-recognized facilitators from *Rachel's Challenge* will be delivering their powerful message on kindness & compassion to parents and the Shorewood community through this evening presentation.

Born from the tragic Columbine High School shooting in 1999, Rachel's Challenge is a program aimed at **empowering students to bring positive change to their school & community through the way they treat others**. Shorewood students are committed to embracing the challenge and bringing immediate, real-life applications of their *Rachel's Challenge* experience to our school campuses and beyond.

This national program has been delivered to several other local districts to rave reviews; the school communities have seen a positive impact on their student body. Expect your child to be moved by this experience and for it to prompt good conversations in your home. Plan to attend the parent and community program so that you may learn first-hand how this program changes teens and impacts schools and to learn how you can support the movement to create a permanent culture of kindness and compassion. [View the flyer.](#)

## **Busting the Myths about Teens and Technology: Practical Help for Tech-Weary Parents Parent Forum - Thursday, March 8 – SHS Studio Theater**

Join the Shorewood High School Parent Association as we host parent and tech-journalist Sharon Cindrich for a fun and lively discussion about the myths surrounding teens and technology, what they're really doing online, how parents can influence behavior and how technology is helping to prepare our children for their future. You CAN keep up with your tech-savvy teens and help them maximize the benefits of technology while minimizing the risks. Ms. Cindrich will share insights, tips and tactics to address the most popular questions parents ask about their teens and technology, including:

- Should I be Friends with my child on Facebook?
- Is 1,000 texts a month normal?
- Can my child buy alcohol online?
- Is my child addicted to video games?
- My child looked at porn online - now what?
- What do I do if my child is bullied online?
- How do I promote thoughtful behavior online and encourage good digital citizenship?

Embrace the advice "Spend more time on Facebook!" and leave with a new understanding of social networking, gaming, texting, chatting, and some simple strategies to implement at home right away. The Forum is focused on families with students in grades 6-12. Join us in the SHS Studio Theater at 7 p.m. (The Studio Theater is located in the auditorium building – use the "back stage" doors to enter.) NOTE – the Save the date email referred to the Little Theater, the event will actually be held in the STUDIO theater at SHS. [View the flyer.](#)

## **Costume Department Seeking Fabric**

The Shorewood Drama Costume department suffered multiple hits during the past few years. Luckily our costumes were saved in the fire, then in the floods. But the fabric didn't make it. ☹️ Costumer Laura Meyer is seeking donations of 5+ yards of "clothing quality" fabric (rather than upholstery quality, etc).

Donations may be brought to the SHS Main Office during school hours from 8 to 3:30pm - from now until March 30. Your donations are tax deductible to Shorewood High School Drama. If you have fabric but no means for delivery to the school, contact Jenny Heyden, the SHS Drama Publicist at [jenny.heyden@gmail.com](mailto:jenny.heyden@gmail.com), and she will arrange for pickup from your location within Shorewood. Thank you!

## **Study Abroad Program with AFS – Applications Due March 31**

To all students who are thinking of exploring a gap year, semester, year long, or summer AFS program - the time is NOW! March 31st is the deadline to apply for the 2012-2013 program.

To learn more - Go to: [www.afsusa.org](http://www.afsusa.org). Click on "Study Abroad". You'll see available programs and countries, and get scholarship information. Submit a preliminary application for the program of your choice. It's that easy. Questions? See Mr. Schulteis, or your AFS Club presidents, Glenn Helme and Annaliese Mueller

### **Senior Celebration – Save the Date – June 2**

Parents of Seniors, save the date – June 2 will be the Senior Celebration. You will not want to miss this event for graduating seniors and their parents. [To read more about the event, click here](#). Chairpersons are now in place – thank you to those that stepped up to plan the party!

### **\*Mailing from School**

You should have received a mailing from school last week. It includes articles about upcoming parent-teacher conferences, junior conferencing with school counselors, graduation tickets and much more! [Click here to view the online version](#).

### **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:*

- Speaker at lunch re. Stem Cells and Computer Games – all are welcome
- Biology help available in the library 3:30-4:15 Monday through Thursday
- Congrats to Connor Hopkins who was a finalist in the Impromptu category at the forensics tournament and to Sam Papenkopf, who was only 1 point away from reaching the finals.
- Meeting for those interested in Watershed Wisdom this summer
- Volleyball open gym – all are welcome
- Softball open gym – all are welcome
- Juniors – order your class shirts
- If you are interested in auditioning for the spring musical, sign up on the drama board. A show will be chosen based on the anticipated size of the cast.
- After school bake sale – proceeds will go towards the *Rachel's Challenge* event to be held on March 6
- Seniors who did not receive graduation information in homeroom should pick theirs up from Ms. Croix.
- Congrats to the Spoken Word Poetry Slammers who took second place at the event hosted by SHS last week. Miranda Sabilca, Cat Erba, Nina Wilson and Breanna Glosson did a great job! Thank you to Mr. Spreadbury for his help in providing a great space for the event.
- As always, numerous Club and Group Meetings including: Stock Club, Youth Haiti, Bible Study, Cake Decorating, Science Club, Thespians, Ignatus, Photography Club, Gay-Straight Alliance, Feminism Matters and Model UN.

## **District, Village & Community Announcements**

### ***Cinderella, the Musical* Friday, Saturday and Sunday March 9-11**

Bring the whole family to Shorewood Intermediate School's updated version of Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella*. Rapping royals, unexpected animals, and a dancing steward are just a few of the surprises in store. Tickets can be purchased at the door before each show or online at [www.shorewooddrama.org](http://www.shorewooddrama.org). Tickets are \$8 (or \$5 for children 10 and under). Performances March 9th at 7 PM, March 10th at 2 PM and 7 PM, and March 11th at 2 PM. Join us at the Shorewood High School Auditorium for this fun family favorite musical.

### **Climate Survey Results**

The Climate Survey results have arrived and they are overwhelmingly positive. In November, parents, students and staff were surveyed regarding school climate. The results reflect the commitment the District has to provide a safe and rigorous learning environment. Learn more about the survey on [the district website](#). View the [results and analysis presentation](#) here.

# Athletic News & Highlights

## Athletic Results

View upcoming athletic events and results of recent athletic events on Shorewood [Booster Club's Athletic Director page](#).

## Spring Sports begin in March

- Check the [district calendar](#) for start dates for each sport
- See the [calendar of wiaa dates](#) including post season dates as well as start dates for all sports, all seasons.

## Travel Release Form

Parents – 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.)

## Congratulations, Kudos & Thank You's

### Mock Trial Teams Perform Well at Regionals – Red Team Wins Region and is Moving on to State!

On Saturday, February 11, 20+ SHS students arrived at the SHS parking lot at 6 am, and made their way to the Racine County Courthouse, where they competed for a full day as lawyers and witnesses in the Regional Mock Trial Competition. At the end of the day, the Red Team emerged victorious with a 4-0 record and the highest point total of any of the teams, earning them the right to compete at the State Competition in Madison next month. The Grey Team, had the second highest point total at the competition, but had a tough draw (including a hard fought competition against our own Red Team), to come out with a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish. During comments after each round, students earned high praise from the judges for their professionalism, preparation, knowledge and ability to think on their feet.

Congratulations to all of these students who have worked hard for the past several months preparing for competition. Their hard work and dedication showed as they shined in each round against each set of competitors. The Red Team included lawyers Sofia Jonas, Haley Tsuchiyama, Haley Florsheim, and Becky Eder; witnesses Aaryn Kealty, Micayla Lubka, Chris Meeker, Seth Jensen, Zan Song and Ailsa Harju; and timekeeper Brendan Eder. The Grey Team included lawyers Anna Gruber, John Mangles, Simon Earle, Nori Moy, Joey Flegel-Mishlove, and Logan Johnson; and witnesses Ryan Shanahan, Harvey Buckner, Lulu deVogel, Elizabeth Kelly, Isaac Matthias and Lydia Fojtik.

A HUGE thank you to Mock Trial coaches - SHS Social Studies teacher, Debra Schwinn and local attorney Nathan Bayer (who has been volunteering in this capacity for about a decade) – who have been working with the students for 3 evenings a week, each week since October!. Their dedication to these students is much appreciated by the team and the parents! Thank you Nathan and Debra!

### 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](mailto:news.shsparentassn@gmail.com).

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

### Swing with SEED Invitation – RSVP's Due Feb 29

You should have received your Swing with SEED invitation in the mail. Please consider joining your friends and neighbors and this fun event that supports our schools. If you misplaced your invitation or need more information visit the SEED website at <http://www.shorewoodseed.org/swing-2011/>. RSVP's are due Feb 29 – so get yours in now.

### **Teen Anxiety Parent Forum – Materials Now Available**

Did you miss the parent forum about teen anxiety? Did you attend but want access to some of the materials? Materials from the forum are now posted on the parent association website. [You can view them here](#). Thank you to our Parent Forum coordinators for arranging such an informative presentation – it was well attended and very well received.

### **Youth Options – Application Deadline March 1**

Wisconsin's Youth Options program allows public high school juniors and seniors who meet certain requirements to take postsecondary courses at a UW institution, a Wisconsin technical college, one of the state's participating private nonprofit institutions of higher education, or tribally-controlled colleges. Approved courses count toward high school graduation and college credit. Applications for Fall 2012 Youth Options Courses are due in the Student Support Services Office by March 1. For application and additional information go to <http://dpi.wi.gov/youthoptions/>. Additional questions should be directed to Student Support Services.

### **Parent Teacher Conferences March 1 and 2**

Parent – Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday March 1 from 12:30 pm – 8:00 pm and on Friday March 2 from 8:30 am – 11:30 am. 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. For additional information see the recent mailing from school which includes a list of teachers who will only be available at SHS on one of the two days (as they are shared with another school), and details as to when teachers will take dinner breaks, see the recent mailing from school.

### **Volunteer Opportunity**

Help sell raffle tickets and help SEED provide more money directly to Shorewood Schools. If you have any time help sell tickets at upcoming Shorewood School District events please contact Stephanie Snyder at [RSSnyderFamily@sbcglobal.net](mailto:RSSnyderFamily@sbcglobal.net). Any amount of time you can spare will help in a huge way. Examples of upcoming events: Band O Rama, Drama Productions at SHS, Atwater's Dining Around the World, Lake Bluff Family Dinner or take some to sell at your own functions out and about i.e. soccer games, basketball games family dinners.... Also, if you'd like to donate money to help buy the raffle prize and receive kudos in the official program and a tax deduction talk to [Stephanie Snyder](#) as well.

### **College Fair and Workshop – March 4**

On Sunday, March 4, the Greater Milwaukee College Fair and Workshop will take place at the Hilton Milwaukee located at 509 West Wisconsin Avenue. The College Fair will run from 11:30 PM - 12:45 PM with the Workshop following from 1:00-5:00 PM, and exhibits open from 11:30 AM - 5:00 PM. Admission is free, and workshop topics will include the following: Go to [www.gmcollegeworkshop.com](http://www.gmcollegeworkshop.com) to register to attend."

### **Confirmed Case of Pertussis at SHS**

SHS has a confirmed case of pertussis. To read the letter that was emailed home regarding this, [click here](#). Note, that if you did NOT receive this letter as an email from school, you should contact SHS to be added to their email distribution list, so that you do not miss time sensitive information sent from school.

### **I Love New York!**

Swing with Shorewood's raffle grand prize is a trip to New York! Prize includes 2 airline tickets, a 2 night stay in a Manhattan hotel and \$100 visa card. Prize value is \$1500! [Click here for the raffle ticket order form](#). Note – tickets can also be purchased in the Recreation Department Office, which is open weekdays from 8am – 4 pm.

### **Jugglefest – April 1**

Bring the whole family to Shorewood's **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Jugglefest Variety Show!** This family-friendly event is sponsored by the Shorewood Recreation and Community Services Department. Join us for an extravaganza of magic, illusions, flying clubs, balancing acts and much more! Juggling balls and magic tricks will be available for purchase. Stick around for a FREE open juggling/talent session with Variety Show performers after the show! Sunday, April 1, 2012

**Performance:** 1:00 – 3:00 pm in the SHS Auditorium

**Open Juggling:** 3:15 – 4:30 pm in the North Gym

**Fee:** \$5/per person. Children 5 and under are FREE.

### **Recreation Department – Highlighted Programs**

- American Red Cross Babysitting – Age 10 – Adult, Wednesday, 3/7 – 3/14, 2:45 – 6:15 pm, This is an ideal course for current and future babysitters teaching them the best way to keep the children in their care safe. Feeding, diapering, safety, professionalism, first aid, leadership, and safe play are some of the topics that will be covered.
- Chess Introduction – Grade 2 – 9, Thursday, 3/15 – 4/19, 3:30 – 4:30, Participants will learn the basics of chess including movements and game strategy. During class participants will compete in practice matches.
- Book Design & Art for Kids – Grade 3 – 9, Saturday, 3/17 – 4/28, Students will learn different book making techniques and create your own books in the following styles: flip book, comic book, zines, accordion fold and scrap book. Students will take home their creations and have a collection of homemade books!

For more information go to the Shorewood Recreation Department website at

[http://www.shorewoodschools.org/main/pk\\_rec/](http://www.shorewoodschools.org/main/pk_rec/).

### **Speed and Agility Camp for Athletes**

This Sunday and all Sundays until the end of March there will be a speed and agility camp held in the SHS Arena from 5p.m. to 7 p.m. There is no cost to the students. Camp will consist of developing linear and lateral speed, power burst, vertical work, quick feet movements, flexibility, and core work. The camp will be ran by Coach Antoine Davis of the Messwood football team. Any questions - Coach Davis can be contacted at [\(414\) 759-6343](tel:4147596343) or [antoinedavissr@yahoo.com](mailto:antoinedavissr@yahoo.com).

### **Raise Money for SEED while You Shop Online**

- Use [GoodSearch.com](http://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](http://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.](#)