

# SHS PARENT ASSOCIATION

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

March 4 2015

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

#### THIS WEEK: Altered Schedules, Testing & Conferences

- Mar 3-4 [ACT and Workkeys Testing](#) – Juniors
- Mar 4 [Altered Bell Schedule – ALL Students](#)
- Mar 5 School Dismissed 11:30 – [Altered Bell Schedule](#)
- Mar 5 Parent-Teacher Conferences 12:30-8:00 pm
- Mar 5 Staff Conference Dinner – [sign up to help](#).
- Mar 6 Parent Teacher Conferences 8:00-11:30 am
- Mar 6 No School
- Mar 6 Last Day to drop a class

#### THIS WEEK AND BEYOND: Events and Deadlines

- Mar 4 [Post Prom Fundraiser – Hamburger Mary's - HAMBingo!](#)
- Mar 4 Orchestra Benefit Concert
- Mar 4 [Mindful Parenting Speaker](#)
- Mar 5 [Best Buddies Fundraiser – Culvers – all day](#)
- Mar 6 [Deadline for Underclass Awards Nominations](#)
- Mar 10 [Art Competition Reception](#)
- Mar 10 School Board Meeting - [agenda will be posted here](#)
- Mar 12 Choir Concert
- Mar 14 [Swing with Shorewood](#)
- Mar 17 Spring Band Concert

Various Dates in February – [College Goal Wisconsin](#) - FAFSA Assistance  
February and March – Junior Parents – [Transition to Tomorrow Conferences](#)  
Now through March 19 – [AP Test Registration](#)  
Now through April 5 – [District Art Show](#) – Public Library

[Full Year District Calendar](#) – pdf version – subject to changes

[Online Calendar](#) – customizable

[Daily Bell Schedule](#)

#### Note from Mr. Kenney

On Tuesday, February 24th, the Shorewood School Board officially approved a [change in the daily bell schedule for the 2015-16 school year](#), along with the district calendar for 2015-16. In the approved calendar, you will see all of the days where students are not in session but when teachers are working along with Winter Break, Spring Break, etc. Work will move forward to construct a more specific calendar related to school events and PTO events in the near future. The 2015-16 calendar approval is simply the framework for the school year.

I received a lot of feedback from parents, students, teachers and administrators related to changing the bell schedule. Parents were concerned that lunch would be diminished to an unreasonable amount and that the school year

would be extend past the normal conclusion. In both cases, we were able to avoid these things from happening, and I can assure you that I have a building full of happy teenagers with regard to sleeping later next year!"

Tim Kenney, SHS Principal

## **SHS News & Announcements**

### **School Newsletter**

Last week you should have received a newsletter from SHS with lots of important information. If you missed it, you may [read the online version here](#).

### **Conferences**

Parent-Teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, March 5th from 12:30-8:00 p.m. (no school for students in the afternoon), and Friday, March 6th from 8:00-11:30 a.m. (no school for students all day). We will hold conferences in the Arena. Teachers will be seated alphabetically at tables distributed around the gym. Remember, this is a "first come, first serve" conferencing arrangement. Please help keep the lines moving for the benefit of everyone by respecting the 5-minute limit on meeting time.

[See page 4 of the Newsletter you recently received from SHS](#) for more information, including:

- A list of teachers who will hold conferences in alternate locations
- A list of teachers who will only be available on one of the two days
- How to arrange a meeting with your student's counselor
- How to reach a teacher if you are unable to attend conferences or need additional time
- The Teacher dinner break schedule

### **PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING A LIST OF YOUR STUDENT'S TEACHERS WITH YOU.**

A list of your student's teachers can be accessed on your parent PowerSchool account:

<http://shorewood.powerschool.com/public>.

### **Need to Grab a Quick Meal before or After Conferences?**

On Thursday, March 5, Culvers in Shorewood will be donating a portion of their receipts to the SHS Best Buddies program. The money raised will go towards the Best Buddies Spring Break Trip planned for 2016. For years, our buddies with special needs have watched their peers load buses for Italy, Guatemala and St. Louis over spring break. Now they can have a similar high school experience. Peer buddies learn how to live side by side with students with disabilities and embrace all they have to offer. They become our ambassadors for the future.

Can't make it to the Culver's fundraiser? You can still help the Best Buddies program. You may donate directly to: [www.wildernessinquiry.org/cgagne](http://www.wildernessinquiry.org/cgagne) or call 414-332-4746.

### **Facial Tissue Needed!**

Please consider donating a box or two of facial tissues when you come to conferences next week. It's cold and flu season, and our students really don't like having to blow their noses with industrial toilet paper. Drop off your donations in the arena.

### **Parents of Seniors – SAVE THE DATE**

Parents of Seniors – be sure to save Saturday, May 30 for the annual SHS Senior Celebration. This sentimental and celebratory event allows seniors and their parents to gather one final time as a group before the students become alumni. You won't want to miss it!

### **Post Prom Fundraiser – TONIGHT – March 4**

The junior class parents, hosts of post-prom for 2015, will be hosting a night of fun at HAMBingo. While a professional drag queen calls out your Bingo cards for the night, performances, laughter, and good food abound. \$10 will get you 10 games of bingo and a chance at 10 unique prizes. All profits from the Bingo card sales go to our post-prom fund.

Please join us on March 4th at Hamburger Mary's (2130 S. Kinnicinic Ave, Milwaukee) at 7:30pm to help raise money for a safe and fun post-prom. Reservations are encouraged and can be made by calling (414) 988-9324.

### **Mock Trial Fundraiser**

Our Shorewood High School Mock Trial team needs your support to help us travel to Madison for the state semi-finals competition! Our varsity team won the Milwaukee regional competition for the 12th straight year, and will be going on to the state semi-finals March 7 and 8, 2015. But we need more funding to support our travel and participation in the competition!

Student lawyers and witnesses on our two Mock Trial teams prepare a given case and then try it in a mock court trial against another team. Student competitors often learn that they have talents they never would have realized but for their Mock Trial experience. Some go on to study and practice law, but all participants grow in self-confidence, analytical skill and the ability to speak persuasively and think quickly. The long term benefits are many, and the competition is fierce. We need your help! Please consider a contribution to support this good cause and help students benefit from unique learning experiences through the state-wide Mock Trial competition. We appreciate your support! You can make a donation online at: <http://www.razoo.com/story/Support-Shs-Mock-Trial-Team-At-State-Semi-Finals>.

### **School Start Time**

As Tim Kenney noted above, the daily bell schedule will change next year. [Click here for links to the 2015-2016 bell schedule, the 2015-2016 calendar and additional information; as well as a link to a TMJ4 news story about the changes.](#)

### **Athletics in the News**

Boys Swim Team Takes 3<sup>rd</sup> place at State earning 8 medals and breaking 4 school records - [ShorewoodNOW](#)  
Sports Shorts – February 25 – [Shorewood NOW](#)

### **Daily Announcements**

Check the [daily announcement page](#) from time to time to keep up with some of the opportunities our teens have. Recent announcements have included information about: Chess Club, Sci Fi Club, Stock Club and more!

## **Congratulations, Kudo's and Thank You's**

### **SHS Student Earns Black Excellence Award**

Congratulations to SHS Senior, Chiara Sanders who was recently honored with the Louvenia Johnson Scholarship at last week's Black Excellence Awards event. [Read more and see a video interview with Chiara here.](#) Congratulations Chiara – you are inspirational!

### **Gymnastics Team Has Strong Season Finish**

Congratulations to the SHS Gymnastics team who finished the season with their highest score, 124.875, and a 5th place finish at Sectionals on Friday. Izzie Tasse, Matia Williams, Cassidy Kelber and Katie Brusnahan competed all four events; and Eliana Wasserman, Izzy Berzsenyi and Mira Soldon helped the team on individual events. The team is excited to support Senior Cassidy Kelber as she trains this week on Vault and Floor for the State Meet on March 7. Go Cassidy!!

### **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.  
[shsparentassn@gmail.com](mailto:shsparentassn@gmail.com).

## **District & Community Announcements**

### **Swing Online Auction**

The Shorewood SEED Foundation's "Swing with Shorewood" online auction portion opened last week. The [online auction](#) features many items donated for the event and most of these items including the "Teacher Time" items will ONLY be available for bidding online, so don't miss your opportunity to take part. Please check back often, as new items will be added periodically to the online auction until the auction closes at 7:30 pm on March 11th.

Following the [online auction](#), the live SWING Auction will take place on Saturday, March 14th, so if you are interested in celebrating with the community and bidding on some of the big ticket items, consider purchasing [tickets for the event](#) or [becoming a sponsor](#).

Thank you in advance for your support of the Shorewood SEED Foundation and the Shorewood School District.

### **District Art Show – Now through April 5**

The Annual School District Art Show is now in full swing at the Shorewood Public Library. The show features both two and three dimensional pieces of art, created by students in grades K-12. As part of the show, District administrators from each school were paired up with School Board members and were asked to select *one* piece of two-dimensional or three-dimensional art that stood out as their favorite piece. The "Administrator's Choice" pieces that were selected will now be displayed at prominent places within each school following the art show for one year. [Click here to view photos](#) from SHS Principal, Tim Kenney's and School Board President, Rob Reinhoffer's visit to the show as they selected their Administrator's choice award winner.

### **Art Competition Reception**

The community is invited to a reception featuring artwork submitted by 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade Shorewood High School students to a contest sponsored by the Shorewood Senior Resource Center. The preview reception will be held on Tuesday, March 10 from 7 pm to 8 pm at the Shorewood Village Center, 2010 E Shorewood Boulevard. Light refreshments will be served. This will be only opportunity for the public to view the entire collection. [Click here for more information](#).

### **Thank You – Day of Service**

The District recently received a thank you letter for their participation in the National Day of Service. Read more about the day of service and the warm thank you that that the district received on the [district's community blog](#).

## **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](http://www.shsparentassn.com).

## Bulletin Submissions

Send your bulletin submissions to [news.shsparentassn@gmail.com](mailto:news.shsparentassn@gmail.com) or to [Debbie@ederfamily.com](mailto:Debbie@ederfamily.com). Submissions are due Monday evening for inclusion in that week's bulletin.

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

### Honor Roll

Congratulations to all SHS Students who earned a place on the Fall 2014 Honor Roll. Students with a 3.4 grade point average or higher qualify for the honor roll; students who earn a 4.0 or higher grade point average qualify for the high honor roll. [See the complete list here.](#)

### Last Day to Drop a Class – March 6

March 6 is the last day to drop a class this semester. Although there is now school that day, email and phone messages that come in on March 6 will be considered.

### Community Blog Posts

The district has recently posted many items to its community blog – find them here:

[Letter to the Community for Superintendent, Marty Lexmond](#)

[Full Response to Petition Points \(referred to in above Letter from Dr. Lexmond\)](#)

[Update from School Board President Rob Reinhoffer](#)

[Badger Exam Update from State Superintendent](#)

[Alumni Spotlight – Michael Spector](#)

[Check the District's Community Blog for further posts](#)

### Swing with Shorewood – March 14

The SEED Foundation's twelfth annual *Swing with Shorewood* event will be held on **Saturday, March 14th at 6 p.m. at Pier Wisconsin!** This exciting venue provides outstanding views of the lakefront and downtown, as well as dinner catered by Bartolotta's. This important event helps fund grants for projects and programs in each of our public schools. Since 2004, *Swing with Shorewood* has raised nearly \$585,000 to help teachers and schools implement new academic curriculum and safety programs, purchase new computers and other classroom equipment, and much more. If you would like to reserve tickets for this year's event, or if you have questions, please contact [Melissa Nelsen](#).

### Swing Needs Bling

Silent Auction Items and Wine Donations are needed – to read more about what types of items SEED is looking for and how to donate, [click here](#).

### Guatemala Club Fundraiser

Shorewood's Guatemala Club has just started a huge fundraiser! We need your help! At Shorewood High School we are using a crowdfunding platform to raise funds for the operating budget at Hogares Santa Maria de Guadalupe, a children's home in Guatemala. Crowdfunding is the practice of funding a project by raising many small amounts of money from a large number of people, typically via the Internet. SHS has had a connection with this home for 10 years this summer, so we are making a special push to raise \$10,000 to mark the 10-year anniversary. 10 FOR 10. On the Internet site, you will learn about the experiences that more than 300 SHS students have had at the children's home. And you will be able to donate through the site – information is there to make a tax-deductible credit card or cash contribution! To put your donation into perspective, \$10 pays for a high school student in Guatemala to go to school for two months and \$225 pays for black beans for everyone at the Hogar for one month!

The site pulls together a lot of talent from our classmates and alumni. Enjoy their work and PLEASE DONATE! Just click here: [www.igg.me/at/giveguatemala](http://www.igg.me/at/giveguatemala)

Thank you!

Julia Clare Liegel, Grace Reckmeyer, Madee Ferone, and Nora Klein (Leaders of Crowdfunding Campaign)

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If you cannot make the event, but would like to donate directly to the post-prom fund, please make **checks payable to Shorewood High School - marked post prom) Donations can be dropped off at the SHS office or mailed to Kelley Seibel at 2613 E Wood Place, Shorewood, WI 53211**

**If you would like to volunteer at Post Prom** please sign up for a shift or stay the whole night and sign up for two volunteer slots!!!! <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084bafac2ea31-post>

**Volunteers are working hard to plan a safe and enjoyable evening for all prom and post prom attendees.  
Please mail in your contribution today so we can finalize the plans!**

### **Junior Parents – Need to Schedule a Transition Conference?**

Junior Parents if your student is currently enrolled in Lifetime Activities, or is exempted from Lifetime Activities, you should schedule your Transition to Tomorrow Conference with your child's guidance counselor. For more information and a link to the sign up form, please [review this letter from Student Support Services](#).

### **Junior Parents – Is Your Transition Conference Coming Up?**

If you are the parent of a junior and your Transition to Tomorrow Conference is coming up, please remember to fill out the pre-conference survey! This is an important step that needs to be completed PRIOR to your conference. [Click here for a link to the survey](#).

### **One Direction Concert Tickets !!!**

The Shorewood Booster Club was given two outstanding tickets, to raffle off, to raise money for the Booster Club. This very popular British boy band will be performing at Miller Park on August 25, 2015. The drawing for these tickets (Diamond Box seats valued at \$200.00) will take place on March 11th. You, or your student, can purchase raffle tickets on weekdays from Noon to 4:00 pm in the SHS Athletic office or during conferences on March 5th and 6th in the Arena. The raffle tickets are 1 for \$5.00, 3 for \$10.00 or 8 for \$20.00. Cash or checks payable to "Shorewood Booster Club". All proceeds benefit athletics in the district.

### **Underclass Awards – Nominations Due March 6**

Students in Grades 9-11 may now begin applying for SHS Awards. Nomination forms and other information can be found on the [awards section of the Student Support Services web page](#). (scroll down to the Grades 9-11 section)

### **AP Test Registration – Begins Feb 23**

Advanced Placement Test Registration will take place ONLINE from February 23 through March 19. For information about AP tests and the registration process, please review [this information from Student Support Services](#).

### **Best Buddies Fundraiser – Recycle Your Old Phones & More**

Best buddies is recycling again! Please bring your **OLD CELL PHONES, SMARTPHONES, IPADS, IPODS, GOLD/SILVER JEWELRY AND INK CARTRIDGES** to the main office of SIS or SHS. Look for the bin with the "eco phones" flyer. If you have any of these items lying around, recycle them and help Best Buddies in the process!

### **SEED Fundraiser – Groom for Men**

Groom for Men has recently opened a location in Shorewood and they are pleased to offer an introductory haircut for the reduced rate of \$25, 25% of which will be donated to the Shorewood SEED Foundation. [Click here for more details.](#) Then [print this coupon](#) to receive your discount.

### **Art Contest for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students – Entries Due March 10**

The Shorewood Senior Resource Center is sponsoring an art competition to promote the creation of art that depicts Shorewood as an Intergenerational Community. The winner will be announced during the SHS May awards ceremony and a prize of \$1000 will be awarded. [Click here for more information.](#)

### **Speaker – Mindful Parenting – March 4**

Save the Date – On March 4, Licensed Psychotherapist, David Van Handel will be presenting on Mindful Parenting. His topic will be Giving Your Child the Gifts of Open-Heartedness, Self-Awareness and Presence. The presentation will take place at the Shorewood Public Library at 6:00 pm. [View the flyer here.](#)

### **Recreation Department – Featured Program – Babysitting Course**

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 covered. This course is for students in grades 5-12 For more information and to register [visit the recreation department website.](#)

### **Shorewood Reads**

From April 11-16 the Shorewood Public Library invites the entire community to be part of Shorewood Reads. This community event will be centered around the novel *Shotgun Lovesongs* by Wisconsin author Nickolas Butler. All are encouraged to read the book in advance of April and then take part in the various events. [Read more here.](#) And get reading, Shorewood!

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### **District Website**

Shorewood Schools Website – [www.shorewoodschoools.org](http://www.shorewoodschoools.org)

### **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”](#)

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