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SHS PARENT ASSOCIATION BULLETIN

March 7, 2012

Note from the Editor

Some weeks are busier than others. This is one of them. Many of the students and parents were quite moved yesterday by [Rachel's Challenge](#), and I'm sure that many of you have had and will continue to have interesting and meaningful conversations with your teens as a result of this program. Tomorrow night, is the [Teens and Technology Forum](#) – this one has a different slant than similar programs we've had in the past – as it focuses on the positive uses of technology. We aren't going to be able to put the genie back in the bottle, so we ought to educate ourselves as to how to harness it in a positive way. And this weekend there will be fun for the whole family with the Intermediate School's production of [Cinderella](#) and then on Saturday "Swing with SEED" will prove to be a fun event for the adults. And for those of you who think the recent snowfall means that we are still in the midst of winter – we are only 3 months away from graduation – so parents of seniors, it's time to start paying attention to the [graduation information that is coming your way](#). There's much more going on..... so check the calendar, read the descriptions and get out and about this week!

Debbie Eder
SHS Parent Bulletin Editor

Upcoming Calendar Items

- March 8 [Busting the Myths about Teens and Technology](#)– 7 PM – SHS Studio Theater
- Mar 9-11 [Cinderella](#) – Intermediate School Production
- March 10 [Sneaky Uses for Everyday Things](#) – 2 PM – Shorewood Public Library
- March 10 [Swing with SEED](#)
- March 13 School Board Meeting – [agenda will be posted here](#)
- March 15 Choir Concert 7PM – North Shore Presbyterian Church
- March 16 Deadline for Seniors to Sign Up to apply to be Graduation Speaker or Performer
- March 22 Band Concert – 7 PM - Auditorium

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.

News & Announcements

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.](#)

Graduation Information

A separate email with graduation logistics and other information was sent to parents of seniors last week. If you missed it, you can [view the email here.](#)

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:

- Open Gym for Softball Players
- Open Gym for Girls Soccer Players
- Thespians Initiation Luncheon
- Gay-Straight Alliance – “Spread the Word to End the Word” t-shirt sales
- Pegasus Poetry Competition
- Spring Athletes – You MUST register with the athletic office prior to your first practice
- Basketball uniforms are due back by March 9, or you will be charged for replacement cost
- Juniors – buy your class t-shirts
- Ultimate Frisbee Tournament! Meeting for all interested in participating
- Girl Scout cookies for sale in lobby
- Don’t forget to log off of computers in the library when you are done
- As always, numerous Club and Group Meetings including: Forensics, Black History, Youth Haiti, Cake Decorating, Science Club, Robotics, Art Club, Best Buddies, Stock Club, Volunteer Shorewood, Model UN, and Spoken Word Club.

District, Village & Community Announcements

Sneaky Uses for Everyday Things — March 10

Have fun learning how you can do more than what you think with what you already have. This is a great event to ignite kids' interest in science, creativity, recycling and books!

Cy Tymony will reveal amazing stories about sneaky resourcefulness and he will demonstrate how ordinary objects can be used in extraordinary ways. Attendees will bring some items and Cy will supply all of the materials and instruction sheets so family members can continue their sneaky crafts at home.

All ages will enjoy the "Sneaky Uses" author talk/demonstration. Join us at 2 PM on March 10 at the Shorewood Public Library. [Read more 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

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*******

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.

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

This weekend, 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. Tickets are \$8 (or \$5 for children under 10). Performances are Friday and Saturday at 7 PM and Saturday and Sunday at 2 PM. Join us at the Shorewood High School Auditorium for this fun family favorite musical. [View the flyer here](#).

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.

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.

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, 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. 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

**** Update - five AFS summer programs have extended their application deadlines to April--Italy, Spain, Costa Rica, France and Japan. Go to the AFS USA website for more information and to fill out an interest form--Applications must be Complete by April 16! (Others must be complete by March 31)

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!

Jugglefest – April 1

Bring the whole family to Shorewood's 7th **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

- 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/.

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.

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- 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](#).