

# SHS PARENT ASSOCIATION BULLETIN

April 10, 2013

## Calendar Items

- April 11 Jazz Band Concert – 7 PM – SHS Auditorium
- April 13 Shorewood Connects – Spring Yard Clean Up Day
- April 24 [Eating Disorders Seminar](#) – Nicolet High School 6 pm
- April 27 Prom
- May 1 Parent Forum – [Teens and Social Media](#)

## A Note from the Editor

Some people can tell it's spring by the calendar, others by the weather. But I know it's spring when the rush of emails begins again after the winter slow-down. And based on that, it's officially spring! Last week, you received extra emails regarding prom logistics and parent help that is needed. Soon, the emails about graduation logistics and upcoming events for seniors will add to your inbox. I try not to flood your inbox, but 'tis the season, so please bear with me.

On another spring related note, this may be a good time of year to review the SHS attendance policy with your teen. You can find it on page 11 of the [Student Handbook](#). One point that many students are interested in, is the fact that an unexcused absence will disqualify a student from receiving an exam exemption. You may also want to review the [absence procedure](#) on the school website.

And on an unrelated note, by now you've noticed that the bulletin looks a bit different than it used to, and if you've been reading, you know that I am changing service providers. If you are missing previous bulletins, you may view them on the bulletin archive tab on [www.shsparentassn.com](http://www.shsparentassn.com). If you missed the email explaining the changes and how to troubleshoot if you are having issues receiving, you can [view it here](#).

Debbie Eder  
SHS Parent Bulletin Editor

## SHS News & Announcements

### Parents – Get Your Tickets for the Grand March at Prom!

The Grand March during prom is an opportunity for parents to watch students as they enter the ballroom – you won't want to miss this opportunity to see the teens all dressed up and all grown up. Tickets cost \$5 each, and are available for purchase on the same days/times that prom tickets are available. So get your camera ready and prepare to be nostalgic as you watch not only your child, but those that you've known only in t-shirts and jeans, suddenly looking like the young adults that they are becoming.

### To Know You is to Tech You: Parental Involvement in Teens' Online Peer Relationships and Identity Formation Parent Forum – May 1 – 7:00-8:30 PM – SHS PE Building, Rooms 209 & 210

Please join the SHS Parent Association for our spring forum where we will discuss social media and teens.

Jacqueline Nyugen, Ph.D., assistant professor in the Department of Educational Psychology, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and parent of two children, will share her research to help us understand the role social media now plays in our teens' social, cultural, and personal identity formation. She will also discuss the evolution of the online/offline parent-teen relationship within the context of social media such as Facebook. [Read more about the program and the presenter in this flyer.](#)

### Spring Awakening Tickets

SHS Drama will be producing the Musical, Spring Awakening on May 10-12 and May 16-18. Order tickets early to get the best seats! [Click here for the ticket order form.](#)

## Daily Announcements

[Daily Announcements](#) are available on the SHS page of the district website. Some announcements to note this week:

- This week's homeroom will be held in the SHS Auditorium and facilitated by the Gay-Straight Alliance Club. The focus will be on communicating the different activities that will be the part of the next week's SHS week of identity. Students should sit in their assigned homeroom seats for this event.
- Sign up to help neighbors with Spring Clean up on April 13. Sign up sheet in the office.
- Art Café during lunch
- Clubs – lots of clubs and groups – including: Bible Study, Writing Club, Best Buddies, Gay-Straight Alliance, Copperdome, Jewish Culture Club, Ripples Photography Meeting, Habitat for Humanity, Feminism Matters, Spoken Word Club

## 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 by Monday evening for inclusion in that week's bulletin.

## District & Community Announcements

### District April Newsletter

[Click here to read the district's April newsletter](#). And while you are on that page, be sure to use the subscribe link so that you can receive this monthly publication in your email inbox.

### Seeking Volunteers for Shorewood Connects Spring Yard Clean-Up Day

Build community and do a good deed all at the same time! Volunteers are needed on **Saturday, April 13th from 9:00 - noon** for spring yard clean-up at the homes of older adults and disabled adults in Shorewood. Tasks include raking, cleaning up garden areas, re-connecting hoses, and general yard spruce-up. Volunteers will be provided with bagels, donuts, coffee, yard bags and an explanation of assignments before beginning their work. Volunteer pre-registration is required; contact Project Facilitator Sue Kelley [skelley1@wi.rr.com](mailto:skelley1@wi.rr.com) or 414-961-7262 before April 6th. Thank you, Shorewood neighbors!

### "Buy-a-Bar" of Music Fundraiser

The Shorewood Band Parent Association has hired composer, Michael Sweeney, to compose a piece for our students, grades 4th -12<sup>th</sup> which will be performed at our 2014 Band-o-Rama!

#### **Please—We need your help!**

Be a part of music in the making!

**Quarter notes for \$10 each**

**Half notes for \$20 each**

**Entire bar (4 notes in a bar) \$35 each**

Fundraising progress will be "charted" and on display at all upcoming band concerts, where we will also be happy to collect contributions! Purchase your notes now in 3 easy ways:

- Attend a Spring Band Concert
- Visit [Shorewoodbands.org](http://Shorewoodbands.org) to buy online
- Drop off cash or check (payable to SBPA) to your school office, in the box labeled **"Buy-A-Bar" of Music Fundraiser**

### Eating Disorder Seminar – April 24 – Nicolet High School

An eating disorder seminar is being held at Nicolet High School on Wednesday, April 24 from 6:00-7:00 in the library. This free event is intended for parents, educators, and coaches to raise awareness of eating disorders and empower them with the latest facts and research forthcoming from the Harvard School of Public Health. Two Whitefish Bay residents, (a father

and daughter) will be speaking at this event along with researchers in the fields of mental health and wellness. Please rsvp to Jennifer Tomlin 351-8171 or [Jennifer\\_tomlin@nicolet.k12.wi.us](mailto:Jennifer_tomlin@nicolet.k12.wi.us). Read more about the program on [this flyer](#).

### **Conservation Fair – May 4**

Save the date and start saving your recyclables. This event aims to keep items out of the landfill that are dangerous to the environment such as electronics, medications, batteries and compact fluorescent bulbs and/or items that still have a use to someone. Goodwill will collect clothing and household items. The conservation will also recycle your old worn out tennis shoes, cell phones, printer cartridges and wine corks! As an added bonus, bring your confidential papers to be shredded for free! Spring is coming and it's time to clean in a green way!!!! The Conservation Committee and other eco-friendly groups will have booths with great information. Have a cup of coffee and chat for a while. Hope for sun, but this event will go on rain or shine. In case of rain, large collection trucks will be in the parking lot, but smaller items and booths will be in the Atwater cafeteria on the northwest side of the building.

### **Meet with Representatives from 5 Prestigious Universities – May 1**

Dartmouth, Northwestern, Princeton, UC Berkeley and Vanderbilt Universities will have representatives in Milwaukee available to meet with prospective students on May 1. [Read more and register here](#). Look for this and similar events on Family Connection.

### **Hershey Track Meet**

- Hershey Track Meet – Coed – Ages 9-14
- Friday May 17 @ WFB High School Track
- Event is free – but must Return the 2012 Hershey Track & Field form to the Shorewood Recreation Department by **Monday, May 13 at Noon**. The Recreation Department must verify your child's date of birth from your child's ORIGINAL birth certificate at the office. No copies of the birth certificate will be accepted.
- Local Winners advance to the District Meet
- [Click here for the registration form](#) which includes information about age divisions and events

### **North Shore Health Department Cookbook – Recipes Due April 15**

The North Shore Health Department received a Prevention Grant to encourage people to eat healthier, increase consumption of fruits and vegetables, and purchase foods grown/produced locally. To meet this objective, we are collecting recipes to make a cookbook. All recipes must include one or more ingredients available at our local farmers' markets. Anyone who lives, works, goes to school, or plays in the North Shore communities may submit a recipe. Guidelines and submission forms are available on the North Shore Health Department's website at [www.nshealthdept.org](http://www.nshealthdept.org). Recipes will be accepted until April 15, 2013. Everyone who submits a recipe can stop by one of our offices for a free cookbook! Thank you for helping the North Shore Health Department promote healthier eating and cooking, and for supporting local farmers and businesses.

## **Athletic News & Highlights**

### **Athletic Highlights**

- Greyhound Roundup – Recent Results – Upcoming Events – April 8.  
<http://shorewood.patch.com/articles/greyhounds-roundup-softball-wins-season-opener>.
- Track – Season Preview <http://www.glendalenow.com/sports/sports-shorts-april-2-jj9d7is-201133401.html>.

### **Spring Sports Schedules.**

[Click Here to view the Spring Sports Schedules](#). Check the school website for updates and changes during the season.

### **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.)

## Congratulations, Kudos & Thank You's

### **SHS Student is Member of Top 10 Team at World Irish Dancing Championships**

Congratulations to Natalia Gess, who as a member of her 8 hand ceili team, placed in the top 10 in the world at the recent World Irish Dancing Championships held in Boston over Spring Break. Competitors from around the world descended on Boston to compete in the 43rd World Irish Dancing Championships. This is only the second time that the World Championships have been held in North America. This annual, week-long competition featured top Irish dancers from all over the world, totaling over 6,000 dancers, with dancers from Ireland, England, Australia, New Zealand, Russia, South Africa, and all over North America, to name a few. There were 77 teams in Natalia's competition. This championship event is the Olympics of Irish dance. CONGRATULATIONS NATALIA!

### **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\*\*\*\*\*

### **SHS Prom – Parent Support Still Needed – April 27**

You've probably heard more than you want to about prom over the past couple of weeks. But if you haven't already, please consider helping to make this a memorable and safe event for SHS teens. Students plan prom, and prom ticket prices cover the cost of prom itself; but **we all know that teens will not consider the night a success if it ends before midnight!** In order to keep the evening going, junior class parents plan and host "post prom" at the same location as prom. If you've missed any of the recent emails related to prom, you can view them with these links:

- [Prom Chaperones Needed – Parents of Juniors](#)
- [Help Make SHS Prom a Success](#) – Join the Planning Committee and/or Make a Financial Contribution

Prom tickets went on sale last week. Note that they are only available on certain days at certain times and the price increases each week. Please encourage your student to pay attention to when and where to purchase tickets and to buy them early! To see details on prom logistics, go to the reminders section of this bulletin.

### **Prom Logistics – April 27**

- Prom and Post Prom will be held on April 27 at the Renaissance Place in Milwaukee.
- Prom is from 8:30 to 11:30 and post prom is from 11:30 to 2:00 am.
- Tickets will be sold during lunch on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays
- Ticket prices are \$40 the week of April 2, \$45 the week of April 9 and \$50 the week of April 16
- Prom is open to SHS Juniors and Seniors and their guests. Students bringing a guest who does not attend SHS must submit a guest approval form.
- The Grand March is an opportunity for parents to view the students all dressed up and all grown up as they march through the hall. The Grand March will begin promptly at 9:30 pm, parents may arrive at 9:15. Grand March tickets cost \$5 each and will be available for sale during lunch on April 16, 17 and 18. (And yes, parent do attend the March. Regardless of what your child tells you, you will NOT be the ONLY parent at the March.)

### **Teen Leadership Opportunity**

The Medical College of Wisconsin Violence Prevention Initiative (VPI) is currently selecting young leaders between the ages of 14-17 years old for the VPI Youth Leadership Council! The Youth Leadership Council through its efforts implements an

evidence based, public health approach in leadership development through collaborative outreach, mentoring, and leadership skills development.

It is our hope that you will join us in our efforts in building a stronger community as we strengthen our skills as the new generation of leaders! Together we can break the patterns of violence in our community and create a nurturing, caring community in which we all can achieve together!

[For more information and to apply, click here.](#)

[Learn more about the Youth Violence Prevention Initiative here.](#)

### **Host Families for International Students Needed for Next Year**

The AFS Milwaukee Area Team has French, Turkish, German, and Egyptian students, available to take into your home for the 2013-2014 academic year. SHS has only two more spots available, so respond ASAP. Good kids go fast...

For more information about available students please contact Ravenna Helson at 332-7020 or [rahelson@gmail.com](mailto:rahelson@gmail.com)

### **AFS Special Summer Program in Panama**

Interested in spending part of July doing community service in Panama? Check out this opportunity to join a group from Michigan on a special summer program with AFS: <http://www.afsusa.org/groups/private/michigan/>

### **Prom Parent Committee Seeking Members**

Junior Parents - If you'd like to join a fun group of parents who are working to help make prom and post prom a memorable and safe evening for our teens, contact Becky Dennis at 414-526-4819 or [Rebecca.dennis@harley-davidson.com](mailto:Rebecca.dennis@harley-davidson.com). [For more information about the committee, click here.](#)

### **Prom Donations Needed**

One of the many ways that the prom committee makes the evening fun, memorable and safe for the students is by creating an environment that they will want to stay at rather than leave to go to unsupervised locations. To do this they need money to pay for food and entertainment, and they need prizes for the raffle to be held at the end of the evening. If you'd like to contribute cash please send a check payable to Shorewood High School to Becky Dennis 2014 E. Menlo Blvd. Shorewood, WI 53211. If you have a prize you'd like to donate for the raffle, contact Becky at 414-526-4819 or [Rebecca.dennis@harley-davidson.com](mailto:Rebecca.dennis@harley-davidson.com). (Note, that prom tickets cover the cost of food and entertainment during prom, parent donations cover the cost of food and entertainment during post prom – prom and post prom look the same and are in the same location, but without parent support, we would not be able to keep the event going into the wee hours of the morning.)

### **Scholarships**

Seniors should continue to check Family Connections for scholarship opportunities. There have been some recent additions to the list. Log into Family Connection and then click on the Colleges tab.

### **Recreation Department Highlighted Programs**

#### **Yoga for Teens Class**

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. New: An educational lesson on mindfulness will be taught at each class.

**Dates:** Mondays, April 8 - May 13 - **Time:** 7:00 pm - 8:20 pm

**Location:** SHS Dance Studio - **Instructor:** Pam Miller

**Fee:** \$40 - resident / \$60 - non-resident **Course #:** 3134.3

#### **ACT Workshop, Vendor Program - Grade 11 – 12**

Students will gain direct experience with each of the four multiple choice sections of the ACT. They will become familiar with the types of questions they will encounter on the tests as well as learn a variety of strategies to attack those questions. The instructor has 19 years of experience successfully preparing students to take the ACT. This course is for high school juniors and seniors.

**Date:** Wednesday, April 17 – May 29 - **Time:** 6:30 – 8:30 pm

**Location:** SIS Room 312 - **Instructor:** Fred Silver

**Course #:** 3705.1 - **Fee:** Resident - \$185 / Non-Resident - \$235

### **Village of Shorewood Conservation Committee – Spring Events**

The Village Conservation Committee will be holding a series of spring events including composting seminar, natural lawn care seminar, a rain garden/barrels and plant sale, and a conservation fair this spring. For more information including dates, times and locations, [click here](#).

### **School Board Meetings**

Please note that ALL school board meetings will now be held in the SHS Library. This is a change from what was printed on district calendars.

### **SEED wants to be your friend!**

Click on this link to follow The Shorewood SEED Foundation on Facebook - [www.facebook.com/groups/62097239362/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/62097239362/).

### **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](#).