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# SHS PARENT ASSOCIATION BULLETIN

April 16, 2011

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**Note from the Editor** (this note is recycled from last year. It was well received then, and since once again there is a bulletin going out the day of prom, it seemed fair to share it again.)

Two years ago, when Jonathan and I returned home from chaperoning prom at sometime after 2:00 am, we saw several emergency vehicles all with flashing lights going, right at OUR corner. Talk about sinking hearts. Turns out – it was a young man, not a teen, not prom related – but apparently DUI, who had sideswiped our neighbors' tree then travelled well onto their impeccably manicured lawn. Luckily they have a large lot (by Shorewood standards), or the car would have been through the picture window! The next morning there were car parts strewn throughout the yard – nuts, bolts, glass, pieces of metal, etc – it was not a “little” accident. The driver must have been wearing his seat belt, because he was taken away with only an ankle injury. Even though it wasn't a prom related incident, it felt like a “close call”. And with this year's prom beginning in a matter of hours, and memories of this “close call” on my mind, I feel compelled to get on my soap box again, and remind you of the parenting tips you already know. I'm thinking of prom as I write this, but obviously these tips apply to any time our teens are out and about.

If your child will be attending prom tonight, please make sure you've read the letter that was mailed home regarding the logistics and timing of prom and post prom. Prom should be a memorable and SAFE evening for our teens. Help them to stay safe by making sure you know their plans for both before and after prom. They're good kids, but any kid can make a mistake once – but they are less likely to do so when they know we are paying attention. Remind your kids to drive safely, to wear their seatbelts, to require their passengers to wear seatbelts, to refrain from distracting the driver if they are a passenger and to call you if they feel uncomfortable or unsafe – at ANY time during this or any other evening. Yeah... they'll roll their eyes at you, but deep down, they're listening. Network with other parents to ensure that all activities are being properly chaperoned. And keep in mind one of my favorite expressions for parents of teens - “trust but verify”.

Debbie Eder  
SHS Parent Bulletin Editor

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr 16 Prom
- Apr 19 [Town Hall Meeting](#) re. 2010-2011 budget
- Apr 22 No School
- Apr 30 State Solo and Ensemble Festival
- Apr 21 UWM Representative visiting SHS
- Apr 21 Miss Shorewood & Pasta Dinner
- Apr 26 School Board Meeting – agenda will be posted [here](#)

## BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

- [Click Here](#) to see upcoming bulletin deadlines.
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## EMAIL ADDRESS UPDATES

- Add an additional email address – reply to this email with your name, child's name and grade
- Unsubscribe or change your email address – see link at the very bottom of this email

## ACTION ITEMS, UPCOMING EVENTS & “LAST CHANCE” REMINDERS

### Teacher Appreciation Week - Volunteer Opportunities

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 2-6. Cathy Reed and Elizabeth Jonas are coordinating treats for teachers each day that week. They could use several volunteers to help show our appreciation to the SHS staff for the engaging work they do with our students each day. Opportunities include providing treats and helping out with set up and clean up. To see the list of specific needs, [click here](#), or go to [www.shsparentassn.com/documents.html](http://www.shsparentassn.com/documents.html). Then, once you've figured out how you'd like to help, contact Cathy Reed at [reedrancher@wi.rr.com](mailto:reedrancher@wi.rr.com)

### 2011-2012 School District Budget Process Continues\* April 19

All community members are invited to attend the District's next series of finance and budget meetings.

- Tuesday, April 19: Town Hall Meeting to answer questions and provide feedback  
6:30 p.m. in the Atwater Cafetorium

Please know there are still a large number of unknowns regarding next year's budget including passage of the district's referendum, state budget bill changes and timing of the passage of a budget bill.

### UWM Representative Visiting SHS – April 21

UWM will have a representative available to meet with SHS Students at school on Thursday, April 21 at 1:20 PM. Students who are interested need to obtain a pass from the guidance office at least 24 hours in advance.

### Miss Shorewood – Fundraising Event – April 21 – Pageant at 5PM, Pasta Dinner at 6PM

Miss Shorewood is a fun filled event, where boys dress up as girls, and then are auctioned off – all in good fun and in order to raise money for the SHS Charity of the Year – Clark Street School. The event will be held at 5 PM in the SHS Auditorium. Following Miss Shorewood, there will be a Pasta Dinner in Student Center.

Admission to Miss Shorewood costs \$5.00. The pasta dinner is also \$5.00. Those attending both events can do so for the discounted price of \$8.00 total. Both portions of the evening are open to both students and parents, so come on out, join the fun and help support a great cause.

### ACT and SAT Test Preparation

For students that are preparing for the ACT and/or SAT Tests, we are aware of the following classes and practice sessions:

- Free practice tests followed by free score review. See details [here](#) (this is open to underclassmen too)
- Kaplan Test Prep Class – to be held at SHS – See details [here](#)
- Shorewood and Nicolet Co-Op Class offered through recreation departments
  - See page 36 of the [Nicolet Bulletin](#)
  - See page 35 of the [Shorewood Bulletin](#)
- UWM Test Prep Class, please contact College for Teens at 414.227.3360. Or you may visit the following website: <http://www4.uwm.edu/SCE/course.cfm?id=14842>

If this is of interest to you and your student, review each of the options to find the dates/programs/pricing that works for your family.

### Teen Volunteer Applications

Teens that are interested in volunteering with the Shorewood Recreation Department this summer should complete an application, which can be found [here](#).

### Ragtime – SHS Spring Musical – Tickets on Sale NOW!

Tickets for Ragtime, the SHS Spring musical, are now available for purchase online at [www.shorewooddrama.org](http://www.shorewooddrama.org). Adult admission is \$12. Students, seniors, and children can buy tickets for \$10. Performance dates are May 6,7,8,12,13 and 14. Buy your tickets today and support this SHS tradition.

## LOOKING AHEAD & GENERAL INFORMATION

### **“BAKI DAY” Fundraiser Event in Memory of Baki Muchin – May 1 12:00PM - 4:00PM SHS Soccer Field**

SHS Senior Soccer Players (current and former), are hosting a fundraiser in memory of and in honor of their teammate, Baki Muchin, who passed away suddenly 6 years ago. Baki had a great passion for sports, and each year this fundraiser has been held with proceeds going to the Milwaukee Kickers Soccer Club Scholarship Fund. Please join them to help raise money for this worthy cause, to help them honor their teammate & friend, and to have fun!

The event will be held at the SHS Soccer Field (a new and exciting venue this year!), and will include scrimmages, shoot-outs, parent/child games and more. The cost is \$5 per participant, with a maximum of \$10 per family. Concessions will also be available for purchase. **All ages and abilities are welcome.**

### **Student Council Plans Fundraiser of the Year Events**

Clark Street School has been chosen by SHS Students as the SHS Charity of the Year. Under the leadership of the SHS Student Council. Several events have been planned to benefit this organization.

- Penny Wars between classes – now through the end of the year
- Dodgeball – April 12, 14 and 19 – 3:15 PM. \$5 per person. Six people per team. Teachers will finish the tourney with the student winners.
- Miss Shorewood & Pasta Dinner – Thursday, April 21 - 5PM in the Auditorium (Miss Shorewood), 6PM in the Student Center (Dinner) - \$5 each or both events for \$8.
- Lake Bluff “Artist in Us” Family Art Making Event – Friday May 13 – 4PM – 7PM. Student Council will be selling dinner.
- Capture the Flag – May 18 3:00 PM – Hubbard Park. \$5
- Carnival and Live Music – May 21 12:00PM – 5:00 PM – Atwater School. Prices will vary per activity
- Beach Boogie – May 26 – 8PM – 11PM – SHS Arena. Food, Drink, Party Favors Included. \$12
- Shorewoodstock – June 3 – 6PM - 8PM. SHS Auditorium. \$5

Please encourage your student to be part of some of these exciting events!

### **North Shore Parent Network – May 11**

North Shore Parent Network is for those with an interest in special education needs of students of all ages. The topic for this meeting will be “Meeting on Social Ground: Preparing our Kids and Others”. The meeting will be held from 6:20 – 8:30 pm at St. Francis Children’s Center. For more information, [click here](#).

### **Hello from the SHS Librarian!**

We’ve had a great year in the SHS Library--in third quarter, students checked out three times as many books as they had during the third quarter of last year. Top titles included Tyrell, MockingJay, and The Chronicles of Vladimir Tod. We’ve also hosted great displays from Cross Country, Basketball, Mock Trial, and GSA.

In the classroom, students have been introduced to great resources for quality, accurate, online research.

Check out our library home page to see the databases available to our students:

<http://ssdlibrary.shorewood.k12.wi.us> All of the library and lab computers open to this homepage; consider bookmarking it on your home computer. Also visit Atomic Learning for online tech help. <http://www.atomiclearning.com>. (logon: shwsstudent password:Shorewood)

**Tip of the month:** Go to the library homepage and click on the catalog tab at the top of the page.

Click on Web Path Express on the left to get to a catalog of websites that have been checked for accuracy and reading level. It’s like a mini-Google made specifically for students doing online research!

### **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:*

- Ragtime needs musicians for the pit orchestra. Specifically – violin, cello, viola, bass, trumpet, trombone, horn and harp. If you are interested, see Mrs. Gensler.
- Intramural Ultimate Frisbee starts on April 20. Get your team of 8 together and register in the rec dept.
- French Without Borders is selling crepes at lunch
- Save a tree – turn in your library books before we send out overdue slips
- Day of Silence will be this week
- Visit the Graffiti Wall in the Admin Lobby
- Gay-Straight Alliance is sponsoring conversations of respect in the dance room during lunch
- Volunteer Shorewood will be hosting a bake sale to raise funds for future events
- We need 30 families to each host a French student for a short term stay next October. If interested see one of the French teachers. Need not be in French class to host.
- Still time to sign up for Buzz Cuts for Cancer
- Baseball meeting
- Meeting for summer Guatemala travelers
- As always, numerous club and group meetings including: French without Borders, Bible Study, Graphics, Volunteer Shorewood, Forensics, Amnesty International, National Honor Society, AFS, Roots & Shoots, Stock Club, Gay-Straight Alliance and Science Club.

## **CONGRATULATIONS, KUDOS AND THANK YOU'S**

### **Science Olympiad – State Event**

For the first time, SHS sent a Science Olympiad Team to State! Congratulations to all members of the team – you represented SHS well: Olivia T, Bailey J, Katherine K, Zan S, Nori M & Anjana M. Anjana and Zan took second place in “Disease Detectives”; and Zan and Katherine took first place in Chemistry. Congratulations to all!

### **\*\*\* 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.shsparentasn@gmail.com](mailto:news.shsparentasn@gmail.com).

## **IN THE NEWS**

When you have time, take a look at some of these articles about our district, our school and our teens.

### **School District Budget Update**

The final town hall meeting regarding the 2011-2012 school budget is scheduled for Tuesday, April 19 at 6:30 pm in the Atwater Cafetorium. You may read about what was presented at this week's meeting in the article from Shorewood Patch. <http://shorewood.patch.com/articles/referendum-passage-sparks-an-optimistic-budget-proposal-from-school-officials>

### **Shorewood Intermediate School Students Making a Difference**

<http://shorewood.patch.com/articles/shorewood-middle-school-students-making-a-difference-half-a-world-away>

### **Fun Fact From Twitter**

1 out of every 4 students at Shorewood High School is a member of our highly respected orchestra program!  
<http://twitter.com/#!/ShorewoodLearns>

### From the Shorewood Business Improvement District

Enter to win prizes in a Mother's Day Giveaway. A winner will be selected each day from April 25-May 8 for one of several great items. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/ShopShorewood> for details.

### Girls Softball Team News

Read about expectations for the season, as well as results of the first few games.  
<http://www.shorewoodnow.com/sports/119780394.html>.

### Teen Drivers

This article about the importance of training and practice for new drivers was sent along by a parent:  
<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/04/09/your-money/09shortcuts.html>

## ATHLETIC NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS

**Spring & Summer Sports Schedules** can be found [here](#).

### Athletic Highlights

**The girls softball team** opened the season with a win over Brown Deer. While many girls posted some great stats during the game, the most impressive one was that the Greyhounds had NO ERRORS!

**Boys Tennis** opened their season with a Woodland Conference victory over Brown Deer. Marshall M won a tough 3 set match against an opponent who had beaten him in each of their meetings las season! Ben W and Ben K came from behind to win in three sets after losing their first 0-6.

**Read more** in the athletic directors report on the Booster Club Website - [here](#)

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## REMINDERS FROM PRIOR WEEKS

### YOU CAN STOP READING NOW IF YOU AREN'T INTERESTED IN REPEATS

Seriously – you can, no one's feelings will be hurt. If this information is redundant, you need not read it!

But if you missed a bulletin, or want a memory refresher – it's here for you. ☺☺☺☺

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### Prom and Post Prom - April 16

**Logistics and Timing:** Prom and Post Prom will be held at Renaissance Place (1451 N. Prospect Ave.) on April 24. Prom, a school sponsored event is from 8:30-11:30. Post Prom, held at the same location from 11:30pm - 2:00 am, is sponsored by parents of the junior class. Note: parents of students who arrive late or leave early, will be notified. Details of this will be provided in a letter to be mailed home to those students with prom tickets. (Note, if your child purchases their ticket after April 12, the letter will be given to the child to be delivered to you, rather than mailed.) Please read this letter carefully as it has important information!

**Grand March:** Parents are invited to attend the Grand March, which is a fun opportunity to see the students "all grown up and cleaned up" in their prom attire. If you missed purchasing your tickets ahead of time, you can do so at the door. Doors open for the grand march at 9:30 pm, and the march will begin at 9:45 pm. Of course, the proceeds help offset the cost of prom.

## Summer Engineering Academies – offered for Students K-12 at Marquette University

There are several engineering programs for high school students offered at Marquette University this summer. If your child is interested, you may find the brochure [here](#).

## Scholarship Information

Student Support Services continues to post some scholarship information on the “school bulletin” section of [powerschool](#). Additionally, they recommend [www.fastweb.com](#) as an excellent scholarship database.

## Raise Money While You Shop Online

Don't Forget to use GoodSearch.com and Raise Money for SEED while you shop, by doing your online shopping with [www.goodsearch.com](#). GoodSearch is powered by yahoo – all you have to do is choose ShorewoodSEED as your favorite cause, and then search the internet just like you normally would. For more information, [click here](#).

## Donate your Used Books!

Don't forget to donate your used books for the Spring Book Sale to be held on May 21. A Collection box is in the SHS office. If you have a large (or even medium) donation, contact Carrie Wetstein at [cwettstein@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cwettstein@sbcglobal.net) to arrange for pick up. Additionally, collection boxes will be available in the auditorium lobby during SHOUT!

## LOOKING FOR MORE DISTRICT NEWS?

- Sign up for the district e-newsletter. (This is bulletin from the district is separate from the email you are reading, which is published by the parent association.) Look for the “sign up” link at the bottom of the left hand column on the [School District's home web page](#).
- Follow the District on Twitter. <http://twitter.com/shorewoodlearns>.

## RENTAL SPACE

Looking for space for your next meeting or performance? SDS has a beautiful theater, arena and other spaces for rent. Contact our Rec. Dept. at 414.963.6913 ext. 4 for more info.

## HELPFUL LINKS

[Click here to find links to:](#)

- **District Information** – home page, twitter, staff directory, recreation department and more
- **SHS Information** – home page, student/parent handbook, curriculum handbook, activity code, support services (formerly guidance), and more
- **Parent and Student Organizations** – Athletic Booster Club, SAFE, SEED, Shorewood Orchestra, Student Newspaper and more
- **Athletic Information** – conference schedules, WIAA and more
- **Community Pages** – ShorewoodNOW, Shorewood Patch, Shorewood Today, Shorewood Village, Shorewood BID, Shorewood Public Library
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