

SHS PARENT ASSOCIATION BULLETIN

April 17, 2013

Calendar Items

- April 23 School Board Meeting - [agenda will be posted here](#)
- April 24 [Eating Disorders Seminar](#) – Nicolet High School 6 pm
- April 27 Prom
- May 1 Parent Forum – [Teens, Parents and Social Media](#)
- May 6-17 [AP Testing](#)
- May 10-12 [Spring Awakening](#)
- May 14 AP Art Night
- May 16-18 [Spring Awakening](#)

A Note from the Editor

Thank you for your patience as I transition the bulletin to the new service provider. Slowly but surely, I'm getting the kinks worked out on my end. Unrelated to the transition, there will NOT be a weekly bulletin next week, April 24, but I expect the weekly news to resume on May 1. In the meantime, if you have something urgent you need to have communicated, please contact the school office to see if they can assist you. But if it can wait, please let it wait.

Debbie Eder
SHS Parent Bulletin Editor

SHS News & Announcements

2013-2014 School Calendar Finalized

The 2013-2014 District Calendar has been approved by the school board. [To view the calendar, click here.](#)

Staff Appreciation Week: May 6-10 – ***VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY***

Staff Appreciation week is just around the corner! We have lots of great things planned for our fabulous teachers and staff and need your help to pull it all off. If you like to bake, cook, purchase or help serve please contact Beth Tsuchiyama btsuch@mindspring.com or 414.967.9779.

Julie Bussen and Beth Tsuchiyama – Staff Appreciation Co-Chairs

Parent Forum – May 1

The next Parent Forum deals with the thorny issues of when to/when not to intervene in things like Facebook, texting, and friendships. How do you help your teen navigate these things without interfering? Join the discussion - hear what an expert has to say and hear what other parents think. [Click here for the flyer.](#)

Spring Awakening – May 10-12 and 16-18

SPRING AWAKENING is a rock musical adaptation of Frank Wedekind's 1891 expressionist play about the trials and tribulations, and the exhilaration of the teen years.

It's Germany, 1891. The beautiful young Wendla considers her body and asks her mother where babies come from (her mother tells her 'the stork'). The brilliant and fearless young Melchior defends his buddy Moritz -- a boy both traumatized by puberty and overwhelmed with being an underperforming student. Melchior also commits the sin of questioning the dogma of both the Church and the wisdom of adults.

SPRING AWAKENING explores the confusion and desperation that ensue when the onrushing tide of hormones meets the ignorance of children raised in a strict Protestant environment. SPRING AWAKENING celebrates the unforgettable journey from youth to adulthood with a power, poignancy, and passion that you will never forget. NOTE: SPRING AWAKENING is

appropriate for high school students and above. However, parents can make the ultimate decisions about bringing younger students. For tickets, visit www.shorewooddrama.org or use this [order form](#).

Spring Awakening Congratulatory and Business Ads

SHS is currently soliciting advertisements for the SPRING AWAKENING programs. If you are interested in placing a congratulatory ad for the cast or crew for \$40, please email Mr. King at jking@shorewood.k12.wi.us Corporate and business ads are also on sale. Please see the [advertising letter](#) and contact Mr. King as soon as possible.

Course Requests 2013-2014

Last week, included with your child's report card was a list of classes that your child requested for next year. Please review it and the letter that was sent with it – as it is important that the Student Support Offices has the correct requests prior to finalizing the master schedule. If there are any discrepancies, please let your student's counselor know this week. (The deadline was yesterday!)

Guatemala Club fundraiser for Los Hogares Orphanage Project

An Alterra Coffee Sale will be held starting April 26 to raise funds to paint the Los Hogares Orphanage in Guatemala. A group of SHS students will be traveling to Guatemala in June and will be painting the orphanage as a service project. Money raised from the sale will be used to purchase paint and other supplies needed to complete the project. Stay tuned for more details!

SHS Students Holding Bike Drive

Volunteer Shorewood, a volunteer club at Shorewood High School, is holding a bike drive to support the Valid Bike Shop. The Valid Bike Shop is a bicycle mechanic training ground for at-risk high school aged youth. These children gain valuable job training and mechanic skills while helping to fix and maintain hundreds of bicycles for the Bicycle Federation's summer Bike Camps. However, the Valid Bike Shop relies on bike donations in order to maintain its stability. This organizations accepts kids bikes (age range from ten to thirteen preferably), any bikes for all ages, and bicycle parts and accessories for bikes accommodating all ages. It does not matter what condition your bike is in, the Valid Bike Shop takes any donations! We will be holding this drive at Lake Bluff this Saturday from 9am-12pm, so if you have any extra or old bikes around, please bring them!

Attention Parents of Prom Goers

You recently received a letter from administrators and prom chairpersons in the mail with many of the prom details. Please read it carefully. It includes information about timing of prom and post prom, parking, the Grand March (parent viewing and photo opportunity), and other logistical and advisory information.

Juniors – It's Time to Think about Letters of Recommendation for Colleges

School Counselors are providing the Juniors with a information about requesting a letter of recommendation for College/Scholarship Applications on Wednesday 4/17 during homeroom. **The video tutorial that is used will be available on the Student Support page of the SHS website after Wednesday.**

It is helpful for parents to review their child's Brag Sheet and List of Clubs and Activities to be sure that the child does not forget anything. It is also recommended that a student is careful in choosing a teacher who knows them well, and is a core subject area teacher (ie: Math, English, Social Studies, Science or World Language or Arts if you choose to pursue education in that field). Letters of recommendation should not come from relatives or coaches. Students are admitted as academic students first.

Editor's Note – Parents, it may be helpful to review the Common Application Teacher Evaluation form with your child in order to become familiar with what the teachers are bring asked before your child decides which teacher to approach for a letter. [You can view the 2012-2013 form here](#). (Note that most recommendations will be completed online, so students will not usually need to give the form or an envelope to the teacher.)

AP Test Takers:

AP Exam Pre-Registration will take place in the PE Building room 209/210 at lunch:

Students taking AP exams this May should bring their lunch, number two pencil, student ID # and be ready to start promptly at the start of the lunch period. PACK a LUNCH on your designated day, if possible.

April 23rd - Seniors A-K

April 24th - Seniors M-Z

April 25th - Juniors

Teachers - will excuse the AP students from any club or activity expectations over lunch those days, it is mandatory that all students are pre-registered for the exams. If a student misses the assigned Pre-registration date, they can attend one of the other sessions.

Parents of Seniors – Save the Date for the Celebration – June 8

On Saturday, June 8, Parents and Seniors will come together for one last time prior to the class of 2013 becoming alumni. This event, which always proves to be both joyous and sentimental, will include a dinner and program followed by a dance. The first dance will be a father/daughter mother/son dance, after which parents will be dismissed and the students will stay for their last high school dance. Senior Parents and Guardians, look for your official invitation and rsvp form to come in the mail soon. For now, mark your calendars for this special event.

For this event, the Copperdome Students create the traditional Senior DVD/Slideshow (which is given to all graduating seniors as a keepsake.) This DVD will include yearbook ad pictures, and possibly senior photos, however, they are looking for MORE! [To see how to submit photos or how to sign up to work on the decorating committee, view the email that you received earlier this week.](#)

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. The march will begin at 9:30, parents, please arrive no earlier than 9:15 so that students have easy access to parking and the building. Also, please park on the street, so that students may use the parking lot.

New Video About SHS

[Click here](#) to watch the new video that shares some SHS Seniors' reflections of the school.

Daily Announcements

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

- Juniors and Seniors are you taking the ACT soon? Trying to raise your test score? Want to feel more prepared? ACT Test Prep course is being offered through the rec department. Class starts on 4/17 so sign up now!
- Purchase your Day of Silence T-shirts
- Art Café at lunch. Guest Speaker
- Clubs – lots of clubs and groups – including Writing Club, Spoken Word, Photo Club, Science Club, Model UN, Random Acts of Kindness Club, Chinese Club, Stock Club, Best Buddies, Gay-Straight Alliance

Past Bulletins and Documents

To view past bulletins and related documents – visit the parent association website at www.shsparentassn.com.

Bulletin Submissions

Send your bulletin submissions to news.shsparentassn@gmail.com or to Debbie@ederfamily.com. Submissions are due by Monday evening for inclusion in that week's bulletin.

District & Community Announcements

School Board Meeting Recaps

The district will begin publishing recaps of every school board meeting. You may [view the April 9 meeting recap here](#).

Parents and Community Members Invited to Sign Letter Regarding State Budget

On April 9, Board Members and District employees worked to prepare three documents speaking out against Gov. Scott Walker's 2013-2015 budget proposal. You may view links to each of the documents in the [April 9 Board Recap](#). Shorewood community members and residents are invited to stop in Dr. Lexmond's office to sign the documents before they are sent to Madison.

Shorewood Bands Have New Website

The Shorewood Band Parent Association invites you to visit our new website, www.shorewoodbands.org, THE place to get all your up-to-date Shorewood Band Information and events!! Please support the bands by contributing to the "Buy-a-Bar" fundraiser – you can do so online at our website. View more details on the website or in the reminders section of this bulletin.

How To Write a Winning College Essay

A class is being offered at Nicolet High School on May 21 for students who will soon be writing college essays. Space is very limited, [click here to view the details](#).

Final NSPN Event Slated for April 30

The North Shore People Network will host its final event for the 2012-2013 school year on April 30 at 6:30 PM at the St. Francis Children's Center. Good Friend, Incorporated will lead the discussion focused on social foundations and how to support peers of kids with differing abilities to develop acceptance, empathy and the foundations for lasting friendships. All parents, teachers, administrators, professionals and community members are encouraged to attend this free event. Contact Terri Hart-Ellis at 414-217-8999 with any questions you may have.

SIS Named Mix It Up Model School

Congratulations to staff and students at Shorewood Intermediate School for being one of only 63 schools throughout the country to be named a Mix It Up Model School. [Read more here](#).

SHS Band to Host Bon Hommee High School Band

On Friday, April 26 the SHS Band and the Shorewood Band Parents Association will host the Bon Homme High School Band from South Dakota. [Read more here](#).

Athletic News & Highlights

Athletic Highlights

- Greyhound Roundup – Recent Results – Upcoming Events – April 16.
<http://shorewood.patch.com/articles/greyhound-roundup-girls-boys-track-and-field-compete-in-state-indoor-championship>.

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 Students Participate at Chess Super Nationals

From April 4th to 7th, United States Chess Federation hosted the Super Nationals V in Gaylord Opryland Hotel and Convention Center, Nashville, TN. Super Nationals V officially broke the attendance record for largest rated chess

competition in history with 5335 participants. Sisters Anjana and Ananya Murali as well as Sasha Velikonov all from SHS Chess Club participated at the event. Ananya Murali, tied up for 20th place in her division and came home with a trophy. Sasha Velikanov tied for second place in the K-9 Championship, and also came home with a trophy. 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.

*******Reminders from Prior Weeks*******

Graduation Logistics

[Click here](#) to review graduation logistics including information about timing and tickets.

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 Are 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

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 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. (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.)

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.)

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

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.

“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 -12th 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 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. 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

Raise Money for SEED while You Shop Online

- Use 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 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](#).