

# SHS PARENT ASSOCIATION BULLETIN

May 1, 2013

## Calendar Items

- May 1 Parent Forum – [Teens, Parents and Social Media](#)
- May 6-17 [AP Testing](#)
- May 6-10 Staff Appreciation Week
- May 10-12 [Spring Awakening](#)
- May 12 Last Day of Guatemala Club's Coffee Fundraiser (see news section)
- May 14 AP Art Night
- May 14 School Board Meeting - [agenda will be posted here](#)
- May 16-18 [Spring Awakening](#)
- May 20 [Grad Gram Deadline](#)

## A Note from the Editor

Congratulations to SHS! As I'm sure many of you know, US News and World Report has named SHS the [#1 school in Wisconsin](#) and one of the top 500 in the nation. How nice for our students and staff to be recognized this way. Of course, most of us have known for a long time that SHS is a special place – but it's nice to have it noticed by outsiders as well. You can [read more from the district here](#).

I'm no expert, but my understanding is that these rankings are based not only on advanced classes and test scores, but also take into account how well the school is serving disadvantaged students. I don't believe they took into account the incredible range of extra-curricular and co-curricular activities in which our students participate – which I'm certain would have also made us stand out, as I've always felt this is part of what makes SHS such a great place to be a student. You can [read more about the methodology here](#).

Debbie Eder  
SHS Parent Bulletin Editor

P.S. Thank you to Molly Loucks, SHS Secretary for getting you the news you needed while I was away. And thank you to all who waited a week to have their information published. You'll note, as a result, that this bulletin is especially lengthy, but it's loaded with important information, so keep reading! You'll see I've tried to subdivide a little more than usual to make it a bit easier for you to find what you are looking for.

## A Final Reminder

### Parent Forum – **\*\*\*TONIGHT\*\*\* May 1**

Tonight's 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. The forum begins at 7:00 PM and takes place in rooms 209 and 210 of the PE Building. [Click here for the flyer](#).

## Class Specific News & Announcements

### SENIORS - Senior Celebration Invitations are on the Way!

Parents of graduating seniors, watch your mail this week for your invitation to the Senior Celebration. You won't want to miss this joyous and sentimental event. RSVP's are due May 20. (Editor's Note: There's a great team of volunteers working to make this a memorable event. You can make their jobs easier by replying quickly.)

## **SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS - ACT Prep – Summer and Fall Classes at UWM**

PARENTS OF SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS, you should have received an email from Mandy Kluck, Student Support Services Chairperson regarding a Summer ACT Prep Class.

- If you did NOT receive this email you may [view the content of the email here](#)
- If your child is a sophomore or junior and you did NOT receive the email regarding this contact Student Support Services to have your email address added to their database. **Do this even if your student is not interested in one of these classes**, as you will not want to miss other important information.
- (The email was actually from Jennifer Runde, but if you are looking at your inbox, the “from” address is Mandy Kluck.)

## **JUNIORS - Teacher Letters of Recommendation for College**

PARENTS OF JUNIORS, you should have received an email from Mandy Kluck, Student Support Services Chairperson, regarding teacher letters of recommendation for college. Some things to note:

- Juniors received information regarding college letters of recommendation during homeroom last week.
- Priority will be given to those students who make their requests between May 15 and June 1.
- Students must complete certain Family Connections Forms prior to requesting letters. (editor's note – parents – these are good documents for you to review before they are submitted, as students sometimes forget about an activity or two.) Teachers and counselors will use these documents when writing recommendations.
- View the Student Support Services [College Planning and Readiness Page](#) for Links to various documents
- You may [view a video about the recommendation request process at SHS](#) here.
- [View the handout that was given to students](#)
- View the content of the email that was sent.
- Reviewing the Common Application Recommendation Form may help you and your child decide which teacher they should approach for a letter. [Last year's form is available here.](#)
- If you have trouble accessing Family Connections, contact the Student Support Offices
- If you did NOT receive the email regarding this, and you are the parent of a junior, contact Student Support Services to have your email address added to their database.

## **SENIORS - Graduation Information**

- Caps and Gowns have been distributed. If your child has not picked theirs up, they should see Ms. Croix in room 311. If they picked it up, but you have not seen it, you may want encourage them to pull it out of the bottom of their backpack, or their locker.
- A letter was mailed home to parents on April 22 with additional graduation logistics. [You may view the letter here.](#)
- Included with the graduation letter was a letter about senior vaccinations. [You may view it here.](#)
- [Click here](#) to review graduation logistics including information about timing and tickets.

## **Friends and Loved Ones of SENIORS - Shorewood High School GRAD GRAMS Are Here!**

Soon our SHS Class of 2013 will be receiving their diplomas! A GRAD GRAM is a great way to send all your favorite graduates a personalized note of congratulations! Each GRAD GRAM is **\$2**. For the special price of **\$100**, you can send your message to the entire Class of 2013. Visit <http://shorewoodbands.org/GradGrams> to order online. Orders will be taken until May 20th. There are two convenient ways to place your orders:

- Visit <http://shorewoodbands.org/GradGrams> to order online. Options to pay online by credit card, or mail a check.
- Fill out an order form and mail or drop off, along with your check to Laura Windau at 4471 N. Morris Blvd, Shorewood, WI 53211. Access order forms at <http://shorewoodbands.org/GradGrams>, or stop by any Shorewood School office for one.

*GRAD GRAMS is a treasured Shorewood tradition, providing Shorewood High School Graduates with their own unique keepsake booklet filled with touching messages from the community.*

*GRAD GRAMS is a project of the Shorewood Band Parent Association.*

## **General News & Announcements**

### **AP Art Night – May 14**

AP Art Night will be held on Tuesday, May 14. in the first floor hall and art rooms in the Arts and Science Building. 5:30 gallery opens; 6:30 is the slide show in the Youth Center of the Arena; Cake following the slide show back in the Art Rooms. Come enjoy the works of our talented SHS artists.

### **Guatemala Club Fundraiser for Los Hogares Orphanage Project - April 26 to May 12**

An Alterra Coffee Sale will be held April 26 to May 12 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. The group will need to raise \$3,500 to paint all the orphanage buildings.

Three (1 pound) coffees are available for purchase: Guatemala Hunapu (\$13), the Los Hogares Breakfast Blend (\$12), and Dream Harder Decaf (\$12). Plus one tea: Letterbox Anthology (\$12). Guatemala Club members will take orders and collect the money up front. Checks should be made out to SHS with a note in the memo line for "Acct 617--Guatemala Club."

If you are interested in placing an order directly --- you may email SHS parent Becky Dennis at [Rebecca.Dennis@harley-davidson.com](mailto:Rebecca.Dennis@harley-davidson.com) Checks can be dropped off at Becky's home at 2014 E. Menlo on or before May 12. Coffee and tea orders will be ready for pick-up/delivery on May 23 and 24.

### **Prom Photos**

You may view (and purchase if you so choose) photos from the SHS prom at [www.lifetouchevents.com](http://www.lifetouchevents.com). Use the password shorewoodprom2013 (no spaces).

### **Prom Dress Drive**

(From the SHS Daily Announcements)

Hey ladies! You looked lovely at prom last weekend-wouldn't you love to let someone else feel that beautiful? Well you can!! Donate your prom dresses to the pink bin in the front hall so another girl can sparkle at prom. All dresses are welcome, but plus sizes are especially appreciated. (Editor's Note: Thank you to Asia for once again making this happen at SHS.)

### **Host a Foreign Exchange Student with AFS**

Three foreign exchange students will need host families next year. Please [view each of their profiles here](#), and see if there is match for your family.

### **Daily Announcements**

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

- Drama Kids – sign up for the drama banquet. Cost is \$10. Banquet is May 28.
- Submit a Hi-Def photo of your sculpture, painting or drawing to Pegasus for a chance to be this year's cover!
- Shorewood Historical Society is looking for Volunteers for "Spaces and Traces" Program on May 18
- Seniors who did not pick up their cap and gown should do so in Ms. Croix's room.
- Clubs – lots of clubs and groups – including Stock Club, Feminism Matters, Spoken Word, Gay-Straight Alliance, Youth Haiti, Cupcake Club, Chinese Club, Outdoors 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**

### **Spaces and Traces 2013: The Village of Shorewood**

Join Historic Milwaukee in the Village of Shorewood on May 18 for the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Spaces and Traces, and tour a dozen homes from the river to the lake. View featured properties, ticket information and event details on [their website](#).

### **U14 Girls Fastpitch Team (Under 14 years old as of 1/1/13)**

Interested in playing competitive girls fastpitch? The Shorewood Recreation Department is putting together a team for ages 12-14. This team will have at least 15 games both in Shorewood and traveling around the North Shore area. This league is for the more competitive and committed player. Practice will begin in mid-May and the season will end the last weekend of July. Game and practice dates will vary throughout the season as we play other communities. Games will be played on weekends and weeknights. We will play in at least one weekend tournament. Pending registration, we may have talent-based tryouts. Contact the Recreation Department for additional information.

### **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.

### **School Board Meeting Recaps**

You may view recaps of school board meetings [here](#).

## **Athletic News & Highlights**

### **Athletic Highlights**

- Greyhound Roundup – April 29 <http://shorewood.patch.com/articles/greyhounds-roundup-golf-team-captures-victory-at-conference-mini-meet>
- Greyhound Roundup – April 22 <http://shorewood.patch.com/articles/greyhound-roundup-girls-soccer-team-start-season-4-1>.
- Sports Wrapups – April 23 [http://www.glendalenow.com/sports/ns\\_sportswraps\\_0425art-bk9m9jt-204499511.html](http://www.glendalenow.com/sports/ns_sportswraps_0425art-bk9m9jt-204499511.html).
- Many athletic highlights are also included in the “District Accomplishments Section” of each [school board recap](#).

### **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**

### **Woodland Conference Academic Banquet**

Last week, eight students represented SHS at the Woodland Conference Academic Banquet. The banquet is held to honor top-performing academic students from each of the 13 students in the Woodland Conference. The following students represented various SHS departments at the banquet:

- Meredith Behm - Integrated Wellness
- Asia Cruz - Applied and Visual Arts
- Rebecca Diesing - Math
- Johann Gaebler - World Languages
- Anna Gruber - Social Studies

- Victoria Nelsen - Performing Arts
- Tim Perry – Science
- Story Sandy – English

Congratulations to All!

### **SHS Student Qualifies for Junior Olympics Nationals in Gymnastics**

Congratulations to SHS Sophomore, Nick Busalacchi, who recently competed in the Region 4 competition in Minnesota for boys gymnastics. He placed 9th in the 7 state region, which qualified him to advance to the Junior Olympic Nationals in Portland, OR on May 2nd. This has been a long year for Nick because just 1 year ago he fell from high bar the day before regionals breaking his leg and injuring his knee. It's only been in the past 2 months that he has been able to compete all 6 events. **Congratulations Nick!**

### **SHS Student Competes at State Table Tennis Championships**

Congratulations to SHS Junior, Nori Moy, who earned second place in the Youth Division of the Wisconsin State Table Tennis Championships!

### **SHS Students Participate in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Undergraduate Poster Session**

Members of the SHSSMART Team members presented in Boston last weekend on April 20 as part of the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Undergraduate Poster Session. [View video here](#). WOW!

### **SHS Musicians Perform Well at State Solo and Ensemble Festival**

Last Saturday, 53 events from SHS participated in the Wisconsin school music association state solo and ensemble festival at UWM. Of those 39 received a division 1 rating and 14 received a Division 2 rating. In addition, Elizabeth Hayes and Quinn McCafferty received Exemplary soloist Awards, and therefore, are eligible to be selected to perform at the state music convention, in Madison, in October. Congratulations to all band, choir and orchestra students who participated!

### **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).

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

### **2013-2014 School Calendar Finalized**

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

### **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. The play was banned in its day because of the questions it raised, questions that every young adult must delve into as they grow up.

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. 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](http://www.shorewooddrama.org) or use this [order form](#).

### **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 April 16!)

### **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.](#)

### **New Video About SHS**

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

### **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](http://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.

### **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.

### **"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**

### **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](#).