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# SHS PARENT ASSOCIATION BULLETIN

May 2, 2012

## Upcoming Calendar Items

- May 2 Deadline to submit tribute ads for AIDA program
- May 4 [District Climate Survey Closes](#) (this is different from the school survey you took earlier this year.)
- May 7 [Last Day to request changes](#) to your child's 2012-2013 course selections.
- May 7 – 11 Staff Appreciation Week
- May 7-18 Advanced Placement Testing – [see schedule](#). View [AP Test Website](#).
- May 8 School Board Meeting – [agenda will be posted here](#)
- May 12 Student Council Run/Walk to Benefit Greyhound Pets. All (including dogs) are welcome
- May 11, 12, 13 [SHS Drama Presents: AIDA](#) - Tickets available [online here](#).
- May 15 AP Art Night – 5:30 – SHS Art Rooms and Hallway
- May 16 SHS Awards & Scholarships Night
- May 17, 18, 19 [SHS Drama Presents: AIDA](#) - Tickets available [online here](#).
- May 18&19 [Used Books and More Sale](#)
- May 20 SHS Chamber Orchestra – 7 PM. Northshore Presbyterian Church
- May 21 [Grad Gram Order Deadline](#)

## Note from the Editor

One of my favorite parts of this job is “cheerleading” for SHS. (I probably should have put job in quotes too – since this is something I volunteer to do because I enjoy it.) Anyway, I do love pointing out many of the great things going on at SHS and often reflect that I wish I’d had the same kind of high school experience that SHS provides to our teens. I also fully believe that SHS is loaded with great kids. But, I don’t have my head in the sand – it’s not utopia, and in an effort to help us all be better parents to our teens, I am compelled to point out some items to watch out for and some opportunities for dinner table or car ride discussions. Along those lines, please make note of two items in the news and announcements section – one regarding unexcused absences, and the other regarding theft at SHS – both of which, at least anecdotally – seem to increase in the spring.

The third item I’d like to bring to your attention is a [column about bullying written by one of our SHS Seniors](#). Zan Song bravely shared her personal story in the March Edition of Ripples. I spoke to her and told her that I was moved by it, as I do tend to want to believe that “all is well, all the time” at SHS. And her column moved me to realize, that we cannot assume SHS is immune from anything. It also reminded me to talk to my own children about “funny vs. not funny”. If something is “in fun” for you but hurtful to someone else, then it is not o.k. Please take a moment to read Zan’s column for yourself. And keep in mind that while most of these kids are great kids most of the time, they are still kids, and they are still learning – use this as a teaching moment in your house.

Debbie Eder  
SHS Parent Bulletin Editor

## 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](mailto:news.shsparentassn@gmail.com) or to [Debbie@ederfamily.com](mailto:Debbie@ederfamily.com).

## News & Announcements

## Recent Mailings from School

Parents of Underclassmen should have received a mailing with three important items

- [A letter asking you to confirm that your child's 2012-2013 schedule is correct in powerschool](#). It is important that schedules be confirmed now. No changes may be made after May 7.
- A letter asking you to **indicate choices regarding certain issues** about which you may have preferences (internet use, surveys, directory inclusion, and others). If you want to opt in or out of any of the items on that page, you must return the form to school. Please use the form you received in the mail to do this.
- Your child's current demographic information on file. **Please make any necessary changes to it**, and return the form to SHS. (Helpful Hint – Make your changes in red and/or highlight them or make them stand out in some way – otherwise they may be overlooked.) Please note – **the data on this form is used for many purposes including (but not limited to)**
  - Email messages from school and the district
  - Email Bulletins from the Parent Association (what you are currently reading)
  - Student Directory Data

**If your demographics form is not corrected, the above will also be incorrect!**

### **2012-2013 School Calendar**

[The 2012-2013 School Calendar](#) was approved by the school board on April 24. At this point it contains major dates – individual school events will be added later.

### **August Registration – August 9 and 10**

Registration will be held on August 9 and 10 from 8:00 am until 12:00pm each day. Please mark your calendar. Note – please see the [letter that was recently mailed home about confirming your child's course selections](#) for next year. Information has been entered into powerschool and any corrections/changes need to be requested of your child's guidance counselor by May 7.

### **Parents of Seniors – Save the Date – June 2 – Senior Dinner Dance**

The Annual Senior Dinner Dance will be held on June 2. This joyous and sentimental event is an opportunity for parents and seniors to come together to celebrate the class of 2012 one final time before they become alumni. Mark your calendars now - you won't want to miss it!

### **Grad Grams – Send a Special Message to SHS Grads**

Surprise and delight as many SHS graduates as you know! Each of your messages is printed on an individual GRAD GRAM, and the personalized GRAD GRAMS are assembled in a booklet for each graduate and delivered by graduation night. Graduates really enjoy them!

- Who will you send GRAD GRAMS to? Relatives, friends, neighbors, employees, classmates, babysitters.
- Need a list of who's graduating? – There's one on the order form.
- How much does it cost? Only \$1.00 per GRAD GRAM (less than a greeting card... and more personal):
- Special group rate: same message to all graduates for \$75.
- Write your own message(s), or choose from a list we've provided
- Proceeds go to the SHS Band Parent Association which supports our band students in grades 5-12.
- Order your Grad Grams SOON. Deadline is May 21.

You should soon receive an order form in the mail – you can [get the electronic version here](#)

### **Used Books and More Sale – May 18 & 19**

There will be a sale of used books, games, learning tools, toys, DVD's, CD's, and more on May 18 and May 19 in the Atwater Cafetorium. Proceeds will benefit SIS and SHS. To see how you can donate or to learn details of when and where the sale will take place, [view the flyer](#).

### **Theft**

Please remind your student to keep their belongings locked – to utilize their gym and hall lockers and to lock their bikes. (Personal experience indicates that the U-Shaped locks with keys are the best kind for bikes). Please discuss with your child the steps he/she should take if they do become a victim of theft. From Mr. Harris:

If a student learns that he/she has been victimized by theft, the theft should be reported immediately to the classroom teacher. The student then should come immediately to the Assistant Principal's office to file a theft report. It is important that this is done as close to the realization of the theft as it provides school administration/SRO the best chance of recovering stolen items. The report should be filled out with as much detail as possible.

A theft that occurs after school should be reported to a coach or available teacher if possible. I suggest the student then reports the theft to the Shorewood Police Department. Upon arriving to school the next day, the student should file a theft report in the Assistant Principal's office.

### **Attendance Policy – Unexcused Absences**

Spring is a good time of year to review the SHS attendance policy. Please note, that in past years, some parents and students have been surprised to learn the specific rules, and disappointed to learn that an exam exemption opportunity had been forfeited. Please read the policy carefully to learn what types absences are excused, what procedures are required to have an absence be excused, and how parents will be informed of any unverified absences. If you have any questions, please contact assistant principal, Mark Harris. To view a summary of the policy go to:

[http://www.shsparentassn.com/uploads/6/1/2/5/6125612/attendance\\_policy.pdf](http://www.shsparentassn.com/uploads/6/1/2/5/6125612/attendance_policy.pdf).

### **Prom Photos**

The professional prom photos have been posted at [www.lifetouchevents.com](http://www.lifetouchevents.com). The password is shorewoodprom12.

### **\*Summer Jobs**

Need a babysitter, lawn mower, pet sitter, music tutor (foreign language, music, academic), etc. this summer? Check out the list of [SHS students and recent graduates who are seeking employment!](#)

### **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:*

- Thanks to all who donated to Children's Hospital. They were very appreciative!
- Buzz Cuts for Cancer will be on May 23 – still time to sign up!
- Sign up on the drama board to work on crew for AIDA
- There will be a garlic mustard weed pulling at Estabrook Park on May 6 from 9-12. All are welcome – meet at picnic area # 6 and wear long sleeves and long pants.
- As always, numerous Club and Group Meetings including: Bible Study, Thespians, Model UN, Photography Club, Guatemala Club, Ignatus, AFS, Science Club, and Art Club.

## **District, Village & Community Announcements**

### **Take the DISTRICT Climate Survey (This is different from the school survey you took a few months ago)**

The District is conducting a climate survey. If you did not receive an email invitation to participate (your email address is not be on file with the school), you may [find the survey online here](#). **Survey closes May 4.**

### **New District Website**

After months of planning, the new and improved district website has been launched. Take a few minutes to explore it at [www.shorewoodschools.org](http://www.shorewoodschools.org).

### **AFS – Be a Host Family or Study Abroad Opportunities**

- There is still time to become a host family for an AFS student next fall. Choose a student from a predominantly Muslim country or a European country, South America, Asia, Greenland, Ghana... Visit the AFSUSA website for a complete list of possibilities.
- Applications are being accepted for travel abroad in spring, summer and fall of 2013, as well as gap year programs. For more information talk to your AFS Club presidents Glen Helme and Anna Mueller, or your AFS Club faculty advisors Brian Schulteis and Kathy Kopperud.

### **Superintendent Search Update**

<http://www.shorewoodnow.com/news/shorewood-narrows-superintendent-candidates-to-six-d057k9j-149724705.html#!page=0&pageSize=10&sort=newestfirst>.

## **Athletic News & Highlights**

### **Boys Tennis Team Wins 8 Team Tournament**

<http://www.shorewoodnow.com/sports/greyhound-netters-bounce-back-win-tennis-tourney-1t54toj-148890415.html#!page=0&pageSize=10&sort=newestfirst>.

### **View Spring Athletic Schedules at:**

[http://www.shsparentassn.com/uploads/6/1/2/5/6125612/2012\\_shs\\_spring\\_schedules.pdf](http://www.shsparentassn.com/uploads/6/1/2/5/6125612/2012_shs_spring_schedules.pdf).

### **Athletic Results**

View upcoming athletic events and results of recent athletic events on the Shorewood [Booster Club's Athletic Director page](#).

**Boys Baseball** – Begins May 15 – Players should register with the athletic office.

## **Congratulations, Kudos & Thank You's**

### **SHS Student Wins Graphic Design Contest**

SHS senior and Advanced Graphic Design student Theresa Le submitted the winning design for this year's publicity for Peace Learning Center of Milwaukee's annual benefit event, Peace on Tap. Peace Learning Center of Milwaukee is a local nonprofit organization that provide workshops to Milwaukee area schools in conflict resolution and peacebuilding to encourage tolerance, inclusion and healthy communication among students. The collaborative project between teacher Jeff Zimpel's advanced graphic design students and PLC will be featured in PLC's Spring 2012 newsletter. [View Teresa's winning design here](#). Congratulations Theresa!

### **SHS Student Represents Youth at Tourette Syndrome National Conference**

Irene Stephenson received a scholarship to attend the Youth Leadership Conference associated with the Tourette Syndrome Association's National Conference. Irene completed the training to be a Youth Ambassador for TSA last week. She attended meetings with six different Wisconsin legislators or their staff and is available to give presentations on Tourette Syndrome and anti-bullying to school groups and other audiences. Congratulations Irene!

### **Thank You Parents & Community for Making Post Prom a Success**

Thank you to everyone for another successful Post Prom! This year's record number of attendees, 285, made the job a little more daunting but the whole night went off without a hitch. Everyone worked really hard to make it a memorable and fun night for the kids.

I cannot thank the many volunteers who helped plan and chaperone enough for all their help. That's what makes living in Shorewood great. And from what I could see, the kids really looked like they were having a good time. A lot of the success depended on the [generous donations from businesses and parents](#).

Unfortunately some were left off the program and I feel it is important to acknowledge their contribution. In addition to those [contributors listed on the program](#) - thank you to the following businesses for their generous donations: Men's Room, Sprecher Brewery, Hubbard Park Lodge, Luxe, Cyga, Aveda, Ticketking, and Shorewood Press. Thank you also to the following parents for their generous donations: Rich & Kimberly Lock, Carol Butchart, Eric & Kim Fowler, Megan & Michael O'Brien, Lynn Fojtek, David Waters, Carsten & Helle Rou, Fred Anapol, Luke & Vashti Lozier, Steve & Melissa Nelsen. I

apologize if I have omitted anyone, please know your contribution was appreciated. [See the list of business and parent donors that were included in the prom program here.](#)

~ Kathleen Valusek, Post Prom Chairperson

**Editor's Note** – The administration has expressed great thanks to the team of parents who planned and chaperoned the event. They were very impressed with the volunteers and with Kathleen's leadership – thank you to all of you!

**Editor's Note #2** – Please take a moment to look at the list of businesses that contributed to post prom. Make a point to patronize those businesses, and when you do let them know that you appreciate their support of our schools and our children!

### **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 Drama Presents: AIDA – May 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19**

Join SHS Drama for this contemporary, musical take on the grand classic tale of the timeless love between an enslaved Nubian princess and an Egyptian soldier. As their forbidden love blossoms, the young couple is forced to face death or part ways forever. Together, they set a shining example of true devotion that ultimately transcends the vast cultural differences between their warring nations, heralding a time of unprecedented peace and prosperity.

Elton John and Tim Rice collaborated on this modern musical that is filled with stirring ballads and rousing choral numbers. Join us for this entertaining musical!

- May 11, 12, 17, 18 and 19 at 7:30 PM
- May 13 – Mothers Day Matinee at 2:00
- Ticket prices: \$16, \$12 for seniors and students
- Order tickets now online: [www.shorewooddrama.org](http://www.shorewooddrama.org) or at Box Office Week of Show
- Something new: tickets online and in person are the same price. There is no penalty for purchasing them now - get the best seat selections.

### **Tribute Ads for Cast and Crew of Aida – Deadline May 2**

Following a wonderful Shorewood tradition, families or groups are encouraged to send cast and crew members, and in this special case, Barbara Gensler herself (she intends for this to be her last BIG show!), a fun tribute in the program. Past tributes and "shout-outs" have included endearing photographs of the stars on stage and in crew as young children. Others are text only. All are appreciated by the students. Family/Friend tributes:

- 1/8 Page: \$30
- 1/4 Page: \$50
- 1/2 Page: \$75
- Full Page: \$150

Submit your ads by email to [jenny.heyden@gmail.com](mailto:jenny.heyden@gmail.com). Submit payment and/or drop off hard copy ads (scannable content) to Jenny Heyden's mailbox in the SHS office, or to her home mailbox at 3945 N. Prospect.

Business Ad sales are also still available - please direct business interest to

Contact: Jenny Heyden, SHS Drama Box Office Manager, 414-963-6940, [jenny.heyden@gmail.com](mailto:jenny.heyden@gmail.com).

### **Youth Risk Behavior Survey**

In December, SHS students were offered the opportunity to participate in a Risk Behavior Survey. The results of the survey and an analysis of results were presented to the School Board on March 27. If you'd like to view what was presented to the School Board, you may use these links:

- [Summary of the Survey, Important Findings, Priorities and Actions to be Taken](#)
- [Selected Data from SHS, comparison to 2009 SHS results, and to Wisconsin and National Results](#)

### **AP Art Night – May 15**

SHS Students' Advanced Placement Artwork will be on display for all to view on Tuesday, May 15 in the art rooms and the art hallway. The event begins at 5:30, there will be a slide show at 6:30 and cake will follow. All are welcome to view these fabulous works and celebrate the efforts of these hard working art students.

### **Shorewood Run/Walk – Sponsored by Student Council – May 12**

SHS Student Council will be hosting a 5k Run/Walk to benefit the SHS Charity of the Year – the Greyhound Pets of America. Sign up in the SHS Office, the Fitness Center or Recreation Department. All are welcome (including dogs!) for this non-competitive run/walk. There is no entrance fee, but donations are welcome!

### **Grade Point Averages – Clarification re. Colleges**

Previous emails included a link as to [how to calculate semester and cumulative GPA's](#). Please note, that if you are comparing your child's GPA to those reported by various colleges' data about admitted students – colleges often recalculate GPA's. Those that adjust the gpa from what is shown on the high school transcript may omit certain classes, or they may omit all or part of freshman year grades, they may ignore weighted grades and recalculate all classes as though they are on a 4.0 scale, or they may assign a higher weight to certain classes or to junior year classes. The formula that SHS uses is the one that will appear on your child's transcript that is sent to colleges, but may or may not be what the college considers the gpa to be when comparing them to other applicants.

### **A Few Bleacher Seats Still Available – Good Graduation Gift Idea!**

Looking for a graduation gift that will be meaningful, last for decades, and make your grad really proud? How about an engraved seat in the SHS bleachers! The D2D is making one last push to raise money through bleacher seat sponsorship; there are 45 seats in the last two rows of the new bleachers that have been left deliberately free, and for \$500 you can sponsor a seat engraved with 22 characters of your choosing. Anyone interested can go to [www.drivetodistinction.org](http://www.drivetodistinction.org) or email Laura Gough at [lgough@rwbaird.com](mailto:lgough@rwbaird.com) with questions.

### **Every Child Deserves the Chance to Play Baseball – Opportunities for Teen Volunteers and Players**

The Miracle League of Milwaukee and the YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee are partners in a new program to give kids ages 4-19 with physical or cognitive challenges the opportunity to play baseball on the only universally-accessible baseball diamond in the Milwaukee area. The program is recruiting players and volunteers for the inaugural season this summer. Volunteers, aka Miracle League Buddies, range from age 12 and up who assist players on the field (batting, running bases, fielding, building social relationships, stealing bases, etc.). Buddies are assigned a player with special needs for the entire season after an orientation meeting about expectations and regulations. The eight week season runs from June 9th to August 4th (Opening Day thru Season Celebration). Games will be played on Tuesday or Thursday evenings at 5:30 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. at the John C. Cudahy YMCA Field on Swan Road. For more information, visit the [Miracle League of Milwaukee website](#) or contact the inclusive recreation director for the YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee at (414) 357-1913. For volunteer or player applications, contact Julie Sperry, PT (414) 963-6972 x4220.

### **North Shore Parent Network – May 15**

Parents and others interested in the special educational needs of students, are welcome to attend this month's panel discussion titled "Self Advocacy, Employment & College" at St. Francis Children's Center. [For details, view the flyer.](#)

### **Conservation Fair – May 5**

#### **Atwater Parking Lot (8:00-noon, Atwater Elementary School parking lot. Rain location Atwater School Cafetorium)**

We will again be collecting shredding materials, batteries, compact fluorescent light bulbs, corks, old tennis shoes and more. Goodwill will be collecting reusable household items. New this year Action Metals will be collecting metal items which the village gets a percentage of the profits. Midwest Electronics will be collecting electronic items that are illegal to put in landfill. In addition, we will have information on local conservation issues. If you belong to a group that might be interested in having a table, please contact Lisa Noble at [macnoble@sbcglobal.net](mailto:macnoble@sbcglobal.net). More details to come.

### **Rain Garden/Rain Barrel Workshop: May 19<sup>th</sup> 10 am -11:30– (Lower Level Conference Room, Village library)**

Learn about the benefits of residential rain garden and rain barrel use and installation. Learn how you can collect and use rainwater to beautify your lawn and garden, save on watering costs, and help improve the quality of our lake and river. Reduce water pollution and lower your water costs by capturing water from your roof's downspout in a rain barrel or into a rain garden.

### **School Board Documents**

Note that you may use the link provided above to view the budget recommendations made at the school board meeting. School Board documents are always available by going to <https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicHome.aspx?ak=1000450>, clicking on the meeting for which you are interested and then clicking on the agenda packet for that meeting.

### **Hershey Track Meet**

Coed, Age 9 – 14

Local Qualifying Meet for District Hershey Meet for ages 9-14 will be held on the SHS track at 4:00 pm on Friday, May 11. To register, return the 2012 Hershey Track & Field form to the Shorewood Recreation Department by Monday, May 7 at Noon. Event options are determined by age division. 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. For more information contact the [shorewood recreation department](#).

### **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.)

### **Summer Athletic Opportunities from the Recreation Department**

The Shorewood Recreation Department will be offering the following this summer

- Fastpitch (Girls) Softball teams that will play at least 15 games both in Shorewood and in around the North Shore. Practices will begin mid to late may and the season will go until the end of July. (Ages 10-14) Also, there is a Fastpitch Clinic for grades 3-8.
- Youth Basketball Summer League for grades 5-9. Starting this summer, the Shorewood Basketball Association (SBA) will be under the supervision of the Shorewood Recreation Department. These summer basketball leagues are being run as a feeder program to further prepare our youth for basketball when entering high school. Depending on enrollment, we may need to hold evaluation practices to determine player skill level and what basketball league or setting is most appropriate for each participant. This program will require travel to Cedarburg for league games. The earliest game time is 5:30 pm. Each team will play 2 games per night.

For more information on either program visit the [Shorewood Recreation Department website](#).

### **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](#).