

SHS PARENT ASSOCIATION

WEEKLY BULLETIN

May 21, 2014

Mark Your Calendars:

- May 21 Buzz Cuts for Cancer – 2:15 Arena
- May 21 SHS Awards and Scholarships Night
- May 22 [RSVP Deadline for Senior Celebration](#)
- May 22 [Mental Health Awareness Event](#)
- May 23, 26 No School
- May 27 School Board Meeting – [agenda will be posted here](#)
- May 28 [Finale Band Concert](#)
- May 30 [Music and More – SEED event](#)
- May 31 [Senior Celebration](#)
- June 1 [Deadline for Juniors to ask for priority letters of recommendation for college](#)

[Online Calendar - customizable](#)

Note from Mr. Kenney

Congratulations to the cast & crew of West Side Story! It was a great spring musical.

Seniors: Don't forget about the senior dance and dinner! We want all seniors in attendance so if cost is a concern for you, please contact me directly and we will get it taken care of! ([Click here for the flyer](#))

Tim Kenney, SHS Principal

Note from the Editor

With less than a month left of school, we are definitely in the homestretch. I'm sure I'm not the only parent of a senior who is feeling quite sentimental. And I'm sure I'm not the only parent whose youngest is a senior who is trying to figure out "what next." As much as I lecture my kids about planning ahead and thinking more than a day in advance, it turns out I haven't done such a good job of thinking about how I'll fill my time once I become an empty nester. So..... I've decided to continue doing the newsletter for one more year. I think that after that, I will be ready to move on and it as I get farther and farther away from the day to day action, it'll become trickier for me to track down some of the information. So that's my way of telling you that I will be eventually retire from this volunteer gig, but not for another year. In the meantime, if someone is interested in taking over in a year, and wants to talk to me about it and/or begin to share duties next year, I'd be more than happy to hear from you.

Debbie Eder
SHS Parent Bulletin Editor

SHS News & Announcements

Senior Celebration RSVP's & Payment Due Thursday, May 22

Parents of Seniors: After several attempts, it's become clear that the e-vite program is not cooperating with the Senior Celebration Committee. Hence – **stop waiting for your evite and please consider the announcements you've received to be your invitations.** This event is always, joyous and sentimental and generally boasts near 100% attendance. We are certain that this year's event will be just as special as prior years'. A HUGE thank you to Becky Dennis for her hard work and planning! The evite fairies have not been kind to her – I'm sure this has been much more of a headache than she expected. Please make her life a little easier and mail your rsvp and payment today if you haven't done

so already! Send it to Becky Dennis 2014 E. Menlo Blvd. Shorewood WI 53211. (If you can't print the rsvp form – don't worry, just send your check!) - [Click Here for Cost and other Details about the Event](#)

[Click here for an RSVP Form](#)

If you have questions, contact Becky Dennis at Rebecca.dennis@harley-davidson.com

Editor's Note: I am frequently asked about the dress for this event. While there is a range of what people wear, in the past, most of the girls have worn dresses or skirts and most of the boys have worn slacks and a nice shirt and many (maybe even most, but I'm not certain) have also worn a tie and/or a jacket.

Final Exam Schedule

Final Exams will take place on June 10, 11 and 12. [Click here to view the final exam schedule.](#)

Buzz Cuts

Buzz Cuts for Cancer will take place this afternoon (May 21) at 2:15 in the SHS Arena. This event is always filled with positive energy both from the participants and the spectators. If you have time this afternoon, stop on by! It is open to all, and you'll go home feeling better than you did when you came.

Student Version of Pieces – Thursday, May 22

This past April 24, the adult version of *Pieces "In My Own Voice"* was presented in Whitefish Bay and was well attended by many North Shore Parents. Designed to raise awareness with regard to mental illness, the student version of this production is scheduled to be shown in the Shorewood High School Auditorium beginning at 7:00 PM on Thursday, May 22. The play itself is just 35 minutes long, but will be preceded by a mental health fair beginning at 6:00 PM and followed by a talk back session. The play will specifically address ADHD, depression, post-traumatic stress, bipolar, schizophrenia, and suicide. We feel this is an appropriate play for SIS students with a parent/guardian. SHS students can attend alone, but we are strongly encouraging all students to attend with a parent/guardian if possible. [Please read more on the district's blog.](#)

New! Mountain Bike Club

We are excited to offer a new opportunity to student athletes this year! The Shorewood Mountain Bike Club will be available to students that will be in 7th through 12th grades during the 2014-2015 school year. Athletes will begin honing their fitness and bike handling skills this summer while gearing up for four fall races. To find out more, plan on attending our parent/athlete meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 28 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the SIS commons. [View the flyer here.](#)

2014-2015 Calendar Approved

Members of the School Board officially approved the 14-15 calendar during their meeting on last Tuesday. No changes were made to the start time for SIS or SHS. Instead, the District and Board will review possible calendars and schedules next fall. Any possible changes would not be made until the 15-16 school year.

[View a pdf of the calendar here](#)

[Read more about the process on the district blog](#)

Letters of Recommendation Update

In the reminders section of this bulletin, you will find information for Juniors requesting letters for recommendation for colleges. In addition to what was included last week, is the School Report Form used by SHS for Non Common Application Schools. **Also, please note that juniors should be asking for "letters of recommendation", not "teacher evaluations" or "school reports" at this time – those pieces of information are included for reference only.** Parents of Juniors – please encourage your child to review the written and video instructions in order to take care of the preliminary work required and then ask for letters of recommendation by June 1. (See reminders for links to all documents)

SHS Nominated for ACT Honor

Shorewood High School (SHS) is one of Wisconsin's four nominees for the second annual ACT College and Career Readiness Campaign. SHS was recognized for its commitment to college and career readiness, preparing students for what they'll face after graduating from high school—whether that's entering the workforce, or enrolling in a technical college or four-year university. SHS is also among 12 national semifinalists. Winners will be announced soon. [Read more here.](#)

SHS Athletic News

Sports Shorts – May 15 – [Shorewood NOW](#)

Daily Announcements

[Check announcements daily online](#) so you don't miss out on what's happening at school. They are cleared from the website every week. Snippets from recent announcements include:

- Sign up to Play Duck, Dodge & Volley – proceeds support women in Uganda
- Seniors vs. Staff Basketball Game – May 22
- Freshman T- Shirt Orders
- Sophomore Class t-shirt orders
- Junior class t-shirts
- Cheerleading Info Session
- Boys Soccer Meeting
- Do you like John Green Novels? Are you a Nerdfighter? Have you read The Fault in Our Stars? If you answered yes to any of the above questions come to "A Night of Awesome" at the public library on May 30 From 5-7p.m. Check out our posters or talk to Lauren or Sydney for more info! DFTBA!
- Clubs and Groups: Gay-Straight Alliance, Chinese Club, Buzz Cuts, She's the First, Chinese Club, Key Club, Thespians

Congratulations, Kudo's and Thank You's

SHS Senior Wins College Sponsored National Merit Scholarship

Congratulations to senior Daniel Whittle who is being offered a college-sponsored Merit Scholarship for use at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, where he will be attending school next year.

Drama – Tommy Award Winners

Congratulations to the casts and crews of BOTH SHS Musicals this year, as they each won Outstanding Musical Awards by Wisconsin Tommy Awards. In addition, several students won individual awards as well. (If you saw either of these productions, you aren't surprised – SHS Drama had a fabulous season this year!) [See the complete list of SHS winners here.](#)

National Honor Society

Congratulations to the SHS Junior and Seniors who were recognized at the National Honor Society Ceremony last night. View the list of students on the [second page of the program.](#)

SHS Senior Wins National Honor Society Scholarship

Congratulations to SHS senior Anjana Murali, who was named one of 200 state finalists in the National Honor Society from the NASSP (National Association of Secondary School Principals). She is one of 200 finalists chosen from among nearly 5,000 applications and will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

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.

District and Community Announcements

Business Operations and Construction Project Management Systems

The District is taking steps to improve its business operations and construction project management. [Read more in this letter from Dr. Lexmond.](#)

Mental Health Support Group

If you are caring for a child or teen with or at risk for a mental illness, the REFRESH support group connects parents and caregivers to share experiences, struggles and joys, learn strategies and gain information through specific discussion topics. The group meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month at Ozaukee Family Services. [View the flyer here.](#)

Past Bulletins, Bulletin Submissions, Etc.

Do You Know Someone Who Should Be Added to this List?

- Current parents and parents of alumni should [use this form](#)
- Community Members and staff should [use this form](#)

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.

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

Grad Grams – Orders Due May 20

A Grad Gram is a great way to send all your favorite graduates a personalized note of congratulations. Send a message to one, a few, or the entire graduating class. Each member of the class of 2014 will receive their own booklet with messages written specifically to them. Be sure to have your message included in the booklets of your own children, their friends, your neighbors, the kids you've watched grow up, and those who you've chauffeured and fed over the years.

To learn more [view this flyer](#)

To order online or to print a paper order form, go to <http://shorewoodbands.org/gradgrams>.

Be sure you don't miss anyone – [view a complete list of the SHS Class of 2014](#)

If you have any questions, please send an email to us at shorewoodbandparentassn@gmail.com.

Juniors - College Letters of Recommendation

During two recent homeroom periods, juniors learned about requesting letters of recommendation for college applications. Please note the priority time for making requests is from May 15 to June 1. Students who make requests after June 1, may find that their preferred teacher has already reached their limit. Note that there are **several steps that must be completed before a student may make a request of a teacher**. To learn how to request a letter of recommendation:

[Read this handout](#) that Juniors received in homeroom

[Watch the two videos](#) that students were shown during homeroom

If you are interested in what the recommendation forms look like, you may want to view the samples from the common application. (These are last year's forms, which may or may not be used again next year. Note schools that do not use the common application, will have their own forms, which may differ from these.) ***These are not to be requested at this time, only letters of recommendation should be requested now.***

[Sample teacher evaluation form](#) – Sample Only – actual forms may differ

[Sample school report form](#) – For Common Application Colleges

[Sample SHS School Report Form](#) – used for Non Common Application Colleges

Reviewing these forms may influence which teacher your child chooses to ask for a recommendation.

Seniors – Graduation and Celebration Information

Parents of Seniors should have received an email last week with information about the Senior Slide Show, The Senior Celebration, Graduation and Grad Grams. In addition you can expect to receive a mailing from school with more information on upcoming senior events. [You may click here to view a pdf version of that email, which has now been updated to include links to the letters that will be mailed home.](#)

Seniors Must Complete Survey Prior to Receiving Graduation Tickets

During homeroom, seniors will receive information about the senior exit survey that they are required to submit by May 30 in order to receive their graduation tickets. The survey can be found on the family connection website, which they use their powerschool username and password to access. In order to accurately complete the survey they will need to gather information about their financial aid, scholarships and awards.

SHS Finale Band Concert – May 28

On Wednesday, May 28, the Shorewood High School Band will present its Finale Concert, at 7:00 p.m., in the Shorewood High School Auditorium, 1701 East Capitol Drive. The program, which features the SHS Concert Band and Wind Ensemble, will include a performance of Arthur Pryor's Blue Bells of Scotland by senior Charles Stahl (trombone) and a combined finale performance of a medley of music commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. A brief awards ceremony and reception, honoring this year's Band students, will follow, shortly after the concert.

ACT Test Preparation

The Shorewood Recreation and Community Services Department will be offering an ACT Workshop on Mon through Friday the week of June 16 from 10:00-11:30 am. The course is open to students entering 11th and 12th grade and the cost is \$220 for residents and \$270 for non-residents.

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 20 years of experience successfully preparing students to take the ACT. This course is for high school juniors and seniors for the 2014-15 school year. For more information and to register visit the [Recreation and Community Services webpage](#).

Current Seniors – Still Looking for a College?

Some seniors may think that if they haven't been accepted or applied to a college by now that it isn't possible to attend college in the fall. Here is a link to review a list of colleges in the US that are still accepting applications and admitting students for the fall of 2014. [College Openings Update 2014](#)

Senior Celebration – Volunteer Opportunity

The Senior Celebration Committee is looking for several volunteers to **assist with set up and decorating on May 30 at 5:30 pm**. Many hands makes light work, so please consider helping out with this fun activity. If you are interested, contact Becky directly at Rebecca.Dennis@harley-davidson.com.

See FROZEN on June 1 for FREE!

SEED is hosting a FREE movie event for the families of Shorewood. All are welcome on Sunday June 1 at 2:00 pm in the SHS Auditorium. Doors open at 1:30, concessions will be available for sale, but admission is free! Questions? Email Tracey_Grabowski@yahoo.com.

District Start Time Survey Results

[Click here to view the survey results](#) from the District survey that was conducted earlier this year in regards to our schools' daily start times.

Recreation Department – Featured Programs

Tennis – Parent/Child Beginner - Grade 1 - Adult

Come learn tennis with your child(ren). Learn the basics of forehand, backhand, volley and serve. Little to no experience is necessary for participants.

Jr. Tennis Club

Grade 3 – 12

The Junior Tennis Club features concentrated drills and competitive tennis against other clubs for those dedicated young players. Grade 3-5 will not play against other communities. Players MUST have had previous tennis lesson experience. Participation in league matches will be rotated among all players. Intermediate matches are on Wednesdays and high school matches are on Thursdays. We will have practice at SIS on days where our groups have a competition in another community. Limited school transportation will be provided. Parents will be needed to car pool to matches in the Greater Milwaukee Area. A t-shirt will be provided.

For more information and to register visit the [Recreation and Community Services webpage](#).

STEM Opportunities

Ms. Cabaniss has created a STEM Opportunities web page with links to science, technology, engineering and math opportunities for students in and around Milwaukee. [Check it out](#), and check it often as she will regularly update it.

Music & More - SEED Event on May 30

Please mark your calendar for Music & More on Friday, May 30th at 7pm at the home of Pam & Paul Miller (2700 E. Shorewood Blvd). This is a new SEED event that will replace Wine & More.

The cost is \$50 per person, which includes wine, beer, hors d'Oeuvres and entertainment from some of Shorewood's most talented students. It will be a fun evening and raise funds to support Shorewood Public Schools. [RSVP online today!](#) Or mail contributions to: Melissa Nelsen, 2618 E. Shorewood Boulevard, Shorewood, WI 53211.

Hershey Track Meet

The Hershey Track Meet for boys and girls ages 9-14 (age as of Dec 31) will be held on May 30 at the SHS Track. Local winners will advance to the district meet. More information and registration forms available at the recreation department.

Registration for 2014-2015 School Year – Dates Changed

SHS registration for the 2014-2015 school year will be held on August 14 from 3-7 p.m. and on August 15 from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. Please note: This is a change from the original dates listed on the District calendar that was distributed at the beginning of the school year.

District Website

Shorewood Schools Website – www.shorewoodschoools.org

Important Documents

[Student/Parent Handbook](#) and/or [Curriculum Handbook](#)

[Activities Code of Conduct](#)

[Athletic Forms](#)

[Athletic Travel Release Form](#)

[Daily Bell Schedules](#)

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- Use [GoodShop.com](https://www.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.](#)