

SHS PARENT ASSOCIATION

WEEKLY BULLETIN

May 28, 2014

Mark Your Calendars:

- May 28 [Finale Band Concert](#)
- May 30 [Music and More – SEED event](#)
- June 1 [Deadline for Juniors to ask for priority letters of recommendation for college](#)
- June 2 Culvers 4pm-9pm – 10% goes to 4th of July Parade
- June 3 Spring Orchestra Concert
- June 10 School Board Meeting – [agenda will be posted here](#)
- June 10-12 [Final Exams](#)

For Seniors

- May 31 [Senior Celebration](#)
- June 10 Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal 1:00-2:30
- June 12 Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal 1:30-3:15
- June 12 Graduation Tickets will be distributed after rehearsal
- June 12 [GRADUATION](#) – Congratulations to all seniors and their families!

[Online Calendar](#)

Note from Mr. Kenney

After a long winter, it's great that the weather is FINALLY getting warmer! However, I would like to remind all students that they must abide by our District dress code, [as outlined in policy 443.1](#), and cannot wear attire that causes, or is likely to cause, a disturbance to the high school's educational environment. There are just 13 school days left in the school year, and I encourage all of you to finish strong!

Tim Kenney, SHS Principal

Note from the Editor

Just like the first day of school, the last days of school bring a myriad of emotions for both students and parents. Some of us are ready for a change in routine, some have exciting plans, some look forward to the lazy days of summer, and for parents of seniors there are also all the bittersweet emotions associated with graduation. For me the beginning of the year is full of promise and new beginnings, and the end of the year is a reminder that time is marching by. As our children grow both physically and emotionally, they often take two steps forward and one step back, but it is a general forward march. And while they grow and time marches on, we need to figure out how much to push, how much to rein them in, when to let them fail, when to jump in and assist, and when to catch them. This parenting job is not for the faint of heart, but it is certainly rewarding – sometimes we have to look for the forest through the trees to find the rewards, but they are there. The end of the year is a good time to take stock and think about how our children have grown over the past year. Happy almost, but not quite, end of the school year – as Tim says, we aren't done yet, let's finish strong!

Debbie Eder
SHS Parent Bulletin Editor

P.S. – for those of you with excellent memories, yes, you've seen this before – it's a (mostly) recycled note from last year. It was the best I could do this week, and I liked it enough to repeat it.

SHS News & Announcements

Final Exam Schedule

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

SHS Awards Night

Congratulations to all who were recognized at last week's SHS Annual Awards Night. [See the complete list of recipients](#)

Senior Celebration - Parents

Parents of Seniors, by now you've RSVP'd for the Senior Celebration! If you've misplaced details on timing, etc. [you can find it here](#). Also, as you know, parents will be excused after the parent-child dance, while graduates will stay to enjoy the all-senior dance. During that time, a group of parents has planned to meet at Oakcrest to enjoy a parent night out. All are welcome to join.

Buzz Cuts a Great Success!

Thank you to all the SHS students who participated in Buzz Cuts last week! Shorewood raised more than \$10,000 for the MACC Foundation! [Click here to read a great article about it in Shorewood Now.](#)

Volunteer Opportunity – Junior Parents – Pay it Forward!

Traditionally, Junior Class Parents help with chaperoning and serving during the Senior Celebration so that the Senior Class Parents can enjoy the evening with their soon-to-be graduate. Think about how appreciative you will be of next year's junior parents while you are enjoying this special event with your child. This is by no means a difficult job – just a nice favor to do for this year's graduating class and their parents. [View more details about duties and timing here](#). If you are willing to pay it forward and help out this year, contact Becky Dennis at Rebecca.dennis@harley-davidson.com.

Parents of Juniors – College Applications

As you may know, many, but my no means all, colleges accept the common application. This allows students to complete their demographic information and write a major essay one time that can be sent to multiple colleges. Please note, that many "Common App" schools also require one or more additional, school specific essays as well as application fees – so students still must choose carefully which schools to apply to. Furthermore, many schools do not accept the Common App, including Madison and UW Milwaukee. For students who will be using the common application, the forms are to be completed online, however this year the Common App has released a sample "paper form" for those that would like to review it on paper. You may view a list of member colleges www.commonapp.org. You may view a copy of the "[sample application](#)" here.

Volunteer Opportunity – Senior Parents – Set Up for Senior Celebration

We will be setting up tables chairs and decorations for the Senior Celebration this Friday, May 30 beginning at 5:00 am. We expect to be done within a few hours or less– but timing will depend on how many of you offer to help. Remember – many hands make light work. And this is fun opportunity to be part of creating a fabulous space for the celebration that will happen the next evening. If you are interested, contact Becky Dennis at Rebecca.dennis@harley-davidson.com.

End of Year Library Media Center - Dates to be Aware of:

- Tuesday, May 28: Last day for SHS students to check out library books
- Wednesday, May 29: All checked out library books due back to the Library Media Center
- Thursday, May 29: Yearbooks are held in the Library Media Center for students who still have Library books checked out or Library fines due.
- Friday, June 6: Students with Library books still checked out or Library fines due, will go on the no exam list until those library books are returned or library fines are paid.

Also, the Library Media Center will have regular hours during exam week, EXCEPT that it will be closed on Thursday, June 12th.

SHS Athletic News

Sports Shorts – May 22 – [Shorewood NOW](#)
[Athletic Master Calendar](#)
[Individual Team Schedules](#)

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:

- Apply to be a Ripples Copy Editor
- ELL Night – Friday. See Mrs. Krueger if you're planning on attending
- Clubs and Groups: She's the First, Chinese Club,

Congratulations, Kudo's and Thank You's

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

Culvers – 4th of July Parade Fundraiser

Support Shorewood's 4th of July on Monday, June 2nd from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Culver's of Shorewood. Please help us bring three 100+ drum and bugle corps (including one from New Jersey) to Shorewood! Culver's will be donating 10% of all sales (dine in, carry out, and drive-thru) to the Shorewood Foundation to help offset the costs of the 4th of July parade.

Music and Fun – June 7

The Village's Welcome New Neighbors Program will be hosting a morning of music and fun for all residents (new and old!) at the Department of Public Works on Saturday, June 7 from 10-11 a.m. (Free parking will be available.) At the event, Shorewood residents will have an opportunity to tour these historical buildings and find out what happens behind the scenes. There will also be free coffee and live bluegrass music with the stylings of Jesse Walker Hitch sponsored by Three Lions Pub. RSVP for a welcome kit to Jenny Heyden, WNN Director, at welcome@villageofshorewood.org or by calling 414-847-2721.

Summer Reading – Shorewood Public Library

The 2014 Teen Summer Reading Challenge has begun. Your student can now sign up at the Shorewood Library **or** at the media center at school.

The program is a little different this year – featuring a game card that encourages engagement with the library, alongside lots of reading to keep the brain active.

As always, the summer will bring a bunch of excellent programs for teens, as well as ongoing volunteer opportunities that are a great way to have fun and be involved. If you're wondering what will keep your teen busy this summer, encourage them to take a look at the Library's website (shorewoodlibrary.org/teens/summer_reading_challenge/) to explore the events and the volunteer program.

Photo Contest – Shorewood Public Library

The 2nd Annual Teen Photo Contest at Shorewood Library starts June 1. This year's contest again runs through July 31 and is open to students in grades 7-12 (entering in Fall).

The contest encourages teens to take great photos that is inspired by or captures the meaning of the summer reading theme. This year's theme is "Spark a Reaction." I encourage photographers to include a caption for their image describing how they think it embodies the theme.

Participants can submit up to three original photos either on the contest Tumblr (shorlibteens.tumblr.com – no need to have a Tumblr account to submit) or via email to splteen@mcfls.org. Submissions must be accompanied by a full name and email address to be considered.

The winning photo is displayed in the library's Teen Space. The winning photographer also received a prize pack to encourage them to further develop their talents!

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*******

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.

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](#)

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.](#)

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](#)

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.

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.

Registration for 2014-2015 School Year

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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- To get started, register and select Shorewood SEED Foundation as your charity of choice
- [View the flyer here.](#)