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# SHS PARENT ASSOCIATION SUMMER BULLETIN

July 25, 2012

## Note from the Editor

For the past two years I've shared my own list of helpful hints for registration. In general, SHS registration is a pretty simple process – get in line and stop at various stations to complete paperwork and pay fees. But there are a few things that can make it go a bit more smoothly. If you are an old timer, you probably know most of them – if you are new to SHS, I had you in mind as I prepared this document. It's a little lengthy, so I moved it to just before the reminders section of the bulletin. You may also download a printable version of the [Registration Hints](#). To see registration information from school including details as to fees and other items, see the [summer newsletter that was mailed home from school](#) this week.

Debbie Eder  
SHS Parent Bulletin Editor

## Calendar Items

- Aug 7 Fall Sports Meeting (parents and students) @ 7 pm in the SHS Auditorium
- Aug & 10 SHS Registration from 8 am to Noon in the SHS Arena
- Aug 15 SHS Freshmen/New Student (and Parents) Orientation @ 7 pm in the SHS Auditorium
- Aug 17 Senior Class Picnic
- Aug 22 AFS Welcome Picnic – all are welcome – 5:30 – Hubbard Park
- Aug 28 New Student Picnic
- Sept 4 First Day of School
- Sept 20 Parent Open House (evening event for parents to follow students' daily schedule, meet teachers)
- Sept 28 Senior Photos Due

[View Complete Year Important Calendar Dates](#)

## Bell Schedules

- View the Daily Bell Schedules on the SHS website - <http://www.shorewood.k12.wi.us/page.cfm?p=2764>.
- View the first day Bell Schedule and Class Meeting Bell Schedules in the [summer mailing](#).

## School Mailing

If you haven't yet, you should soon receive a [mailing from school](#). It contains a lot of important information, so please read it carefully. In addition to a letter from Principal, Matt Joynt, and information about registration (including fees) there are details about the first day bell schedule, orientation, scheduling, health issues and much more.

## Volunteer Opportunity

We need volunteers to work at the Parent Association table at Registration on August 9 & 10. This is a fun job, as you will greet parents (a.k.a. friends and neighbors) as they visit our table to pre-order student directories and confirm their own directory data. If you are interested contact Mary Gorman at [mrobrecht@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mrobrecht@sbcglobal.net) or 964-4775 and let her know which shift you would like to work

- Thursday 8:00 am – 10:15 am
- Thursday 10:00 am – 12:15 pm
- Friday 8:00 am – 10:15 am
- Friday 10:00 am – 12:15 pm

## Fall Athletics

Fall sports start dates and other information was included with the summer mailing. You may [view the online version here](#).

## Fall Sports Meeting – August 7

A mandatory meeting will be held for all fall athletes and their parents on August 7 at 7:00 PM. All teams and parents will meet in the Auditorium for general information before moving to their individual sport meetings with coaches.

## Activities Handbook

Copies of the activities/athletic code will be available at the athletic meeting on Aug 7 and at Registration on Aug 9 and 10. All students are expected to read and understand the code and sign a form saying they have done so. The code covers athletics, co-curricular and extra curricular activities as well as extended field trips. The handbook will be available online later in the month. When it is ready, you will be able to view it at [www.shorewoodschools.org](http://www.shorewoodschools.org). Once there, choose Shorewood High School (under “our schools”) and then click on “about us”.

## SHS Directory

- Please pre-purchase your student/family directory at registration. This is the Parent Association’s ONLY fundraiser of the year. We use the funds to bring in speakers for parents, buy items for the school, pay the listserv provider that allows us to distribute this e-bulletin, and more.
- [Download the directory order form here](#) – and bring it with you to registration, where the parent association will be taking orders – we expect to have directories available for pick up at Open House on September 20. Directories cost \$15 for the first one, and \$5 for a second directory to the same family.
- During registration, please be sure to confirm your directory data – and sign to give us permission to publish your email address, if you so choose.

## AFS Welcome Picnic

Please come meet and greet SHS new AFS students Nanna from Denmark, Diana from Italy and Yussei from Bolivia at the AFS annual picnic at Hubbard Park. Wednesday, August 22 from 5:30 - 7:00 PM. All are welcome, please bring a dish to pass. This is a great, informal opportunity to find out more about AFS.

Questions? Call Ravenna Helson at 332-7020

## Recent Graduate Selected to USAV All Tournament Team!

Congratulations to Adam Kessenich who was selected as a member of USA Volleyball's 18-year-old Boys All-Tournament Team at the 2012 USAV Boys Junior National Championships. Kessenich's team, the West Allis Lightning B18, captured the National Championship title by defeating Southern California Volleyball Association 18-Quicksilver in three exciting sets, 25-27, 25-22, 15-10.

The USAV All-Tournament Team is a prestigious honor recognizing the top athletes of the tournament in each age group. Kessenich was recognized as the elite "libero" of the Championships - a player specializing in defensive skills. Characteristics of a libero include quick feet, great passing, leadership, and an aggressive defender - he must be willing to do whatever it takes to keep the ball in play. As a former standout libero for the SHS Greyhounds under Coach Kevin Gemignani, Kessenich will play volleyball for St. Ambrose University in Davenport, IA this fall.

## Alumni Picnic and Barbara Gensler Tribute

[View photos of the picnic and tribute as well as video of the tribute finale here.](#)

[Read about the Barbara Gensler Tribute here.](#)

## Past Bulletins and Documents

To view past bulletins and related documents – visit the parent association website at [www.shsparentassn.com](http://www.shsparentassn.com).

## Registration Information – from a Parent’s Perspective

(Download a printable version of the [Registration Hints](#) here)

SHS Registration is on August 9 and 10 this year from 8 am – noon each day. During registration, your child will receive their class schedule & have their yearbook/I.D. photo taken (seniors – I.D. only – [senior photos are submitted separately](#)) and you will pay your child’s school fees, etc. This will be my 8<sup>th</sup> year registering a child at SHS. I know some of you have

done it many more times than that, but for others of you this is new, so let me give you some hints from a parent's perspective. (These are just hints as to how to best navigate registration; for details as to what happens at registration, what fees are required, etc. see the [summer newsletter](#) that was mailed home from school this week.)

- **New This Year** – Due to numerous requests, we will include email addresses for parents who opt to have theirs included in this year's directory. There will be a station for you to stop at to confirm that your directory data is correct and that we are only publishing information that you want to have published. On that form, you will be able to give us permission to include your email address in the directory if you so choose. (Note that our intent is to share parent email addresses – students don't use them.) Please do NOT skip this registration station.
- **Plan your timing wisely.** **The administration is not kidding when they say that the first part of the first day is typically the busiest time.** If you were to drive by the SHS Arena at 7:45 am on the first day of registration you might wonder if Aaron Rodgers or Donald Driver is inside signing autographs – as the line to enter can be snaking through the parking lot. (I've never arrived early enough to figure out how early the line starts forming – but either it's very early or a TON of people arrive between 7:40 and 7:50, as that's when I usually arrive to work at the parent association table.) But when the very efficient staff opens the doors at 8 AM, they are starting with quite a logjam. I've seen people who register on the first morning wait an hour just to get to the first station.

Now here's a caveat to the above – we've been telling people this for the last couple of years, and it turns out that you've listened. So last year the line wasn't quite as long at 8:00 am as it had been previously, but it was still long. Maybe not Aaron Rogers long – maybe Charles Woodson long.

And here's where timing becomes a gamble – last year I wrote that the second half of the first day is typically slow – but you listened so well that the line at 10:30 am on day one was quite long last year. So, I can't really predict crowd control. Just know that there are busy times and slow times. So far, the second half of day two has always been really slow – but as soon as I write that, it may change.

- **Bring your checkbook.** You will need separate checks for your registration fees, yearbook order, Ripples subscriptions, student directory orders, school photo orders and no doubt some other things I've forgotten. Of course, cash is acceptable too, and if I recall correctly, credit cards are accepted for at least some of the above items, but definitely not all. Many of the items are optional purchases, but **be prepared with enough checks so that you can pay for what you both need and want to purchase.**
- **Read the School Mailing.** If you haven't already, you should soon receive a [mailing from school](#) – review it for the details as what you can expect at registration **including specific fees.** (And read all the other info too –it is loaded with good stuff – registration info, calendar info, first day info etc. etc. etc.) Recall, this here document, is just some hints from a parent – for the details as to what really happens at registration – you'll need to read the official document from school!
- **A plug for Ripples.** There are usually Ripples staff members on hand selling home delivery subscriptions to the SHS Student Newspaper. **From my perspective, Ripples is the best news in town.** You can attempt to rely on your student to share his/her copy with you, but I encourage you to **consider supporting Ripples by purchasing a home delivery subscription.** The fee is usually quite reasonable, and our student journalists do a great job of sharing both community and school news – including many items that you won't always hear about from your child.
- **Save Time at Registration – Do Some of the Paperwork Ahead of Time**
  - **The directory order form** can be [downloaded here](#). Bring it and and your check with you to registration. (Remember this is the Parent Associations ONLY fundraiser of the year!)
  - **Picture order forms** were included with the summer mailing from school – complete it and write your check ahead of time.
  - **There will be other forms to complete and checks to write once you get there**, but I recommend doing what you can ahead of time.
- **Keep a Copy of Your Child's Schedule for Yourself.** This will come in quite handy when you attend Parent Open House on September 20 – as classrooms are much easier to find if you know the room numbers! (And by the second week of school, your child will most likely have long forgotten room numbers – so they won't be as much help as you

might expect.) I also find it handy to have the schedule on hand during the school year, for the times when I need to make an emergency orthodontist appointment, etc.

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SHS Parent Bulletin Editor

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

### **Freshmen Parents**

You should have received a letter in the mail with information about the Online Summer Orientation Program. Please read this letter carefully as it includes deadline information, as well as instructions for parents to view a demo of the program. You may view the [online version of the letter here](#), (but you'll need to refer to your hard copy to get your login information).

### **Letter to Senior Parents from Senior Council**

Parents of Incoming Seniors should have received an email earlier in the week with information about upcoming senior events, and parent support that is needed. If you missed it, [you can view it here](#).

### **Needed host family!!**

AFS has had a host family fall through for this coming school year (Aug 2012 - June 2013). Yusei Chibana is 16 years old, Bolivian of Japanese descent, a very good student, loves soccer and swimming, passionate about animals and wants to be an aquatic veterinarian. He is a very positive person, independent, and his english is good.

More information available on request.

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### **Fall Athletic Registration**

Details about fall athletic registration will be provided in the school mailing. Please note that all athletes must have a physical card on file before they will be permitted to participate. If your child still needs their physical, schedule their appointment soon!

Physicals performed before April 1 of any year are good for the remainder of that school year and the following school year. Physicals performed after April 1 of any year are good for the remainder of that school year and the following 2 school years. Each athlete must submit an athletic physical card each year – either a physical card or an alternate year physical card.

You may obtain physical cards at school or can be downloaded and printed from the wiaa website at <http://www.wiaawi.org/Health.aspx>.

### **Note from Matt Joynt, SHS Principal**

Dear SHS Parents,

I hope this communication finds you and your family in the middle of a relaxing and rewarding summer break from the regular school schedule. While many assume that it is quiet on a high school campus in the summer time, our custodians and maintenance employees, office staff members, and summer school teachers have been working feverishly to get the campus ready for another busy school year.

Please be looking for the SHS Parent Newsletter in your mailboxes in the near future. It will contain a wide array of information related to our upcoming school year including information specific to school registration and other August events that will help prepare our students for a successful transition into the 2012-13 school year. Please reserve the following dates on your summer calendars:

- August 7: Fall Sports Meeting (parents and students) @ 7 pm in the SHS Auditorium
- August 9 & 10: High School Registration from 8 am to Noon in the SHS Arena

- August 15: SHS Freshmen/New Student Orientation @ 7 pm in the SHS Auditorium

Please know that students will receive their class schedules upon paying school fees at the registration event.

Every year a few parents ask why the high school does not hold registration hours in the evening in addition to the morning hours. While I understand the inconvenience that this might cause some parents, it is worth noting that high school registration – compared to elementary and intermediate school registration - is a complicated process. Registration at the high school requires about 20 people to work the event. Some are paid and others volunteer. Just like it is challenging to make it to registration during the "regular work day," it is also challenging to get that many workers trained and available to work the event outside of the "regular work day." While we would much prefer that people register during our registration event, our office staff will work with families to register all the way into the start of the school year. That being said, the company that takes yearbook pictures, the booster club, the students involved in selling the yearbook, etc. will only be available during our posted registration event.

I hope to see you soon as we head into the 2012-13 school year!

Matthew Joynt

Principal, Shorewood High School

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### **Senior Photos – Due September 28**

Senior Photos should be submitted for the yearbook by September 28. If you are having a professional photographer take your child's photo, you should make arrangements soon. A letter with details about types of acceptable photos and how to submit them was included with the report cards of rising seniors. [You may view the online version here.](#)

### **Honor Roll**

Congratulations to the SHS students who were on the Spring 2012 honor roll. You may [view the honor roll here.](#)

Students with a semester GPA of 4.0 or higher are placed on the high honor roll, those with 3.4 - 3.99 are on the honor roll.

### **School Supplies**

**Another Mini Note from the Editor** – It's about this time of year that my phone usually starts ringing with new SHS parents asking about school supplies. After years of being handed a supply list each summer, it's a bit of an adjustment to not have one. Since students take a wide range of classes at SHS, there is not a "one size fits all" supply list. Rather, you can safely assume that your child will need paper and writing utensils. Some students prefer spiral notebooks, others prefer loose leaf and binders or folders. They won't need crayons or markers or glue – well maybe they will later – but they'll need them as projects are assigned – not to store at school all year. Some teachers have specific requirements – so don't buy everything right away – but in my experience, most teachers are somewhat flexible. The math calculator is one item you will want to be sure they have. The summer mailing (look for it in July) usually is quite clear on which calculator is needed (often the same one they used in 8<sup>th</sup> grade). If you need to purchase a calculator, keep your eyes open for sales and rebates, which can significantly reduce the cost. ~ Debbie

### **School Board Documents**

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.

### **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.)

### **Raise Money for SEED while You Shop Online**

- Use [GoodSearch.com](http://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](http://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.](#)

