

SHS PARENT ASSOCIATION

REMINDERS

August 12, 2014

Dear SHS Parents,

It's a busy week! Below are a few reminders of upcoming events:

~Debbie

Freshman Orientation – August 12

Orientation takes place tonight and is intended for **ALL new students AND their parents**. The event will begin with a presentation in the SHS auditorium at 7:00 pm.

After the presentation portion of the evening, students and parents will move to the SHS Arena where all will have an opportunity to learn about some of the many clubs and activities open to SHS students.

To all new students and parents - Welcome to Shorewood High School!

SHS Registration – August 14 and 15

August 14 - 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

August 15 - 8:00 am to noon

Each student/family may register at their convenience during one of those two days. It is usually best if parent and child attend together, but if that is not possible, one or the other can go. If the student goes by themselves, they will need a way to pay for school fees. If a parent goes without the student, the student will need to have their yearbook/student ID picture taken after school starts.

[Read more details about registration](#) in the newsletter you received (via email) from SHS.

[Read helpful hints](#) from the SHS Parent Association.

Transition Years Presentation – August 16

This Saturday, August 16th at 10:00 A.M., Barbara Hale-Richlen will make a presentation entitled: "The Transition Years: Understanding the Vulnerability of our Youth." This presentation is important for all parents as children are continually making transitions. This presentation has been organized by REDgen, a group of Northshore parents who came together after multiple suicides in our communities. Please consider attending this important presentation. The REDgen organizers said it best: "We invite members of the community into courageous dialogue to encourage personal insight and promote resiliency and growth in our youth and families".

Colectivo coffee and baked goods will be served. Also at this event will be the REDgen and Charles E. Kubly Foundation sponsored booklets: Transitions: Resiliency Through Change, A Reflection Guide for Parents of Transitioning Youth. They will be free to those who attend.

Click [here](#) and [here](#) to see flyers for both this event and the complete series.

Support YOUR Parent Association

Please, while at registration, pre-order your student directory. While the kids most often use their cell phones to keep track of each others' contact information, WE often still need an old fashioned directory to find contact information. If you are trying to reach a parent of one of your child's new friends or teammates to discuss carpools, supervision, or to coordinate various events – you'll want a way to contact them. And, not only is the directory useful to YOU, it is beneficial to our community of parents as it is the Parent Association's ONLY fundraiser of the year.

We use the funds raised to provide assistance to teachers in various ways, bring speakers for parent forums, to pay for the listserv provider that brings you the weekly bulletin (I'm a volunteer, so no cost there – but we still have to pay for the service), and much more. Please, buy your directory this year!

Concussion Baseline Testing

You should have received an email from Athletic Director, LeVar Ridgeway on August 8 informing you of the opportunity for your child to receive baseline concussion testing at school on August 11. If your athlete missed the opportunity but you would like them to have this test, you can make an appointment with Dr. Kevin Dalhman by calling 414-352-8828. The cost is \$30.00.

This optional test establishes the normal function of an athlete's brain; think of it as a pre-season physical for the brain. The test challenges memory, reaction time, speed, and concentration, but is not an IQ test. Should a concussion occur, this is one of the tools that medical professionals can use to evaluate the recovery of the concussion by comparing the baseline test to a post concussion test. This comparison, along with other concussion evaluation tools, will be used to determine the time frame for safe return to sport.

And looking ahead....

- The Freshound Meet-n-Greet Social is at 1:00 on August 28.
- The first day of school is September 2 and will have an [altered bell schedule](#).
- School Spirit Day is September 5 – students are encouraged to wear their red and grey. (logo spiritwear is usually available for purchase during registration – please consider supporting the Athletic Booster Club and purchase an item or two.)
- Open House (aka parent night) is scheduled for September 23. Mark your calendar so you don't miss this opportunity to visit each of your child's classrooms, meeting each of his/her teachers.
- [Senior Photos](#) are due September 26. Get your photos taken SOON!

Looking for More Information Calendar Items?

View the [Full Year District Calendar](#) - pdf version

View the [Online Calendar](#) - [customizable](#)