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# SHS PARENT ASSOCIATION BULLETIN

August 22, 2012

## Calendar Items

- Aug 22 AFS Welcome Picnic – all are welcome – 5:30 – Hubbard Park
- Aug 28 New Student Picnic
- Aug 30 Staff Welcome Breakfast hosted by Parent Association
- Sept 4 First Day of School
- Sept 7 School Spirit Day – All Students encouraged to show their spirit by wearing school colors or a t-shirt from an SHS club, interest, or athletic team. See [details in the summer mailing](#).
- Sept 13 Parent (and student) Forum – [College Search and Application Process](#)
- 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](#)

## A Note from the Editor

Welcome to the new subscribers to this bulletin. We are glad you are here. We use this bulletin to share information about school and parent activities, about student events, and to tell you some of the great things happening at SHS. Joanne Lipo Zovic, Lindy Florsheim and I are the three co-presidents of the SHS Parent Association this year. But as Parent Bulletin Editor, I also get to share my random thoughts with you from time to time. Let me be up front – I'm no expert, I have no teaching or counseling, or other expertise. I'm just a parent, who likes to ramble. That's what you'll find in this here section of the bulletin – if it's not your cup of tea – skip it and move on to the more factual and pertinent information that follows.

The SHS Parent Association exists to support our school, or teachers and staff, and our students. And it also exists so that we may support each other while we all ride the roller coaster of parenting teens. This job we have is joyous and fun, but no one says it is easy. A teen's job is to grow up and gain independence, and our job is to keep them grounded, and safe and give them enough rope to learn from mistakes, but not so much that the mistakes become insurmountable. And no matter how much they believe they don't need you – they do!

One way to make your job a bit easier is to get to know the parents of your children's friends. There are 4 words that my husband has attempted to ban from our children's mouths – “everyone, no one, always and never”. He hasn't been terribly successful, but our kids do tend to know that whenever they use one of these words, we can find at least one exception to their assertion – and we do so by knowing their friends' parents. So reach out to each other – you don't have to become best friends, but at least become friendly with each other. And please, for those of you that have been in the district for years and years, make sure to introduce yourselves to the new parents in the crowd – they need allies too!

~Debbie Eder, Parent Bulletin Editor

P.S. It's even easier to get to know the parents of your child's friends if you know their names and phone numbers! Please support YOUR parent association by purchasing a student directory. Return your [order form](#) to SHS and note “parent association” on the envelope. We use the money we raise to purchase items for school, to pay for the listserve provider that helps me get this bulletin to you, to bring you speakers (we already have 2 forums planned for the fall!) and much more.

## News & Announcements

**Parent Forum – College Search and Application Process – Sept 13 – 7:00 PM – Studio Theater**

Back by popular demand, we are pleased to present, "**Guiding Your Child Through the College Application & Selection Process – What You Should Know**", featuring Jane Frederick, PhD. Based upon feedback we received after last year's forum, we're encouraging parents to bring their children to this forum as well.

This forum will be targeted to Juniors and Seniors however all SHS parents and their children are welcome to attend.

Join the Shorewood High School Parent Association and Shorewood Student Support Services for a lively discussion about the process of applying to and selecting a college. Jane Frederick, Ph.D., experienced college counselor and mother of a 2011 Shorewood graduate, will share her professional expertise about what makes a college search successful.

- What should you do be doing right now as a Junior? Senior?
- What resources are available to you at school or online?
- What is the parent's role? The student's? The school's?

### **Clubs and Activities at SHS**

If you were at Freshman Orientation, you saw a sampling of the Clubs at SHS. What was represented at the Club Fair, was just a portion of the opportunities our kids have. There is so much to do at SHS, and I'd encourage all of you to encourage your children to pick one or two or more clubs to try. Some are competitive and require serious time commitments, but many are available as drop in clubs. Most meet at lunch – so sports don't conflict with them. Your child has nothing to lose by going to a club meeting and checking it out – and they are likely to meet new friends, develop new passions, and, while I'm not a proponent of doing something "just for the resume" – one of their new interests may actually end up looking really good on their college resume. [View a list of clubs on the school website](#) – but know that students continue to form and add clubs during the year. ~ Debbie

### **Parent Forum – Risky Behaviors in Shorewood – Save the Date - October 15**

What's going on with SHS students in terms of risky behaviors? Learn about the results of the Youth Risk Behavior Survey taken by SHS students in 2011 and join in the discussion about the implications for parents, students, and the school.

### **First Day Bell Schedules**

On the first day of school, ninth Graders will run through their full schedule twice. Once with just their class early in the morning, then with the entire student body for the rest of the day.

- Grade 9 Zero hour begins at 7:35
- Grade 9 1<sup>st</sup> hour begins at 7:45
- Grades 9-12 1<sup>st</sup> hour begins at 9:10 am
- Grades 9-12 7<sup>th</sup> hour ends at 2:27
- Grade 9-12 Zero hour is at end of day from 2:32-3:07

View [Detailed First Day Bell Schedule](#) in the Summer Mailing

[View regular bell schedules here.](#)

### **Athletic Schedules**

[Click here to see the fall athletic schedules for all teams.](#)

### **School Supplies**

Once again, my phone is ringing with questions from new parents about school supplies. 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. (Read about which one in the mathematics section of the school fees list in the [summer mailing](#).) If you need to purchase a calculator, keep your eyes open for sales and rebates, which can significantly reduce the cost. ~ Debbie

### **Monday Muffins**

This year, we will be offering morning treats to SHS and district staff one Monday each month. If you'd like to be a baker one time or many times, please contact Cathy Pinter at [cmpinter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cmpinter@sbcglobal.net).

### **Past Bulletins and Documents**

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

### **Bulletin Submissions**

Send your bulletin submissions to [news.shsparentassn@gmail.com](mailto:news.shsparentassn@gmail.com) or to [Debbie@ederfamily.com](mailto:Debbie@ederfamily.com).

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

### **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

### **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.](#)

### **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.](#)