

# SHS PARENT ASSOCIATION BULLETIN

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## A Note from the Editor

When I was a kid, I wondered why we considered January first to be the “new year” when clearly (in my mind) the “new year” began in September. September was the month of new routines, new teachers, new friends – and it was certainly the right time to make resolutions, since everything was starting with a clean slate. So I say to all school age children/teens and their parents – Happy New Year!

This time of year truly is exciting. And while most of us, are sad to see the lazy days of summer come to a close, I know that many of you share my excitement for the new year. I’m not sure what I was doing in high school – but it wasn’t what these kids at SHS are doing. SHS offers something for everyone – from the traditional sports, to competitive academic teams to clubs that focus on hobbies or causes. Our long lunch period allows many of these clubs to meet during the lunch hour, meaning that a student need not choose between a varsity sport and scrabble club. Or between mock trial and drama. Or between Amnesty International and Cake Decorating Club, etc. etc. etc.... so yeah – there are some conflicts – but really they can do a LOT of things if they want to! Maybe these opportunities did exist when I was in high school – but I don’t think so.

I encourage each of you to encourage your teens to find something to get involved with at SHS. Some activities require several hours a week of time, others only once a week at lunch. And there IS something for everyone. I believe that students that involve themselves in school activities beyond academics will be more connected to their school, happier in general and as a parent – that means more agreeable to live with! If they are reluctant – work with them on “just trying it”. Showing up for Scrabble Club or Cake Decorating Club does not commit you to attending every meeting all year long... really these things are flexible..... (some of the more competitive things – not so much – but still you can go to the first meeting or two to figure out if it is for you or not.).... So talk them into trying something – really – it can’t hurt!

Just my two cents – which is probably about what it’s worth. But regardless... HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Debbie Eder  
SHS Parent Bulletin Editor

## Calendar – Upcoming Events and Dates to Note

- Aug 29 [Dine for D2D](#) – Oakcrest Tavern 5:00-9:00 pm – 10% of all proceeds will help build the bleachers.
- Sept 1 First Day of School
  - [First Day Bell Schedule](#) – go to page 3 of linked item
  - [First Week Schedule to Accommodate Class Meetings](#) – go to page 3 of linked item
  - [Regular Bell Schedule](#) (including Wednesdays and Half Days)
- Sept 5 Labor Day – No School
- Sept 13 School Board Meeting – Agenda will be posted [here](#).
- Sept 15 SHS Parent Open House – see [more information below](#)
- Sept 23 Senior Photos Due – see details [here](#)

The District Calendar for 2011-2012 can be found [here](#).

## Support YOUR Parent Association – Purchase a Student Directory

Please consider purchasing an SHS Student Directory, and/or making a contribution to the parent association. **THIS IS THE PARENT ASSOCIATION’S ONE AND ONLY FUND RAISER OF THE YEAR.** We use our monies to:

- bring in speakers for parents
- buy items for the school
- pay the listserv provider that allows us to distribute this e-bulletin
- support various student activities
- and more!

If you did not preorder at registration – you can still purchase a directory at Open House. Bring your form and check with you on September 15 to the Parent Association table that will be set up in the administration lobby. Sales were down a bit this year at registration – so we really hope that many of you who missed out then, will buy one at Open House. If you REALLY don't need a directory, consider making a small donation to YOUR parent association – you can do that with the same form.

[Download the directory order form here.](#)

### **Parent Open House — September 15 - Save the Date**

Mark your calendars for the SHS Parent Open House on September 15. This is the evening where parents follow their child's class schedule, hearing a brief presentation from each teacher. The schedule for the evening is:

- Administration Lobby Opens at 5:30 PM for parents to visit with administrators and other parents
- Parents begin visiting their children's classes at 6:00 (6:17 for those who do not have a zero hour)
- The evening continues with 10 minute classroom visits and 7 minutes of passing time between class periods until 7<sup>th</sup> hour concludes at 8:09 pm.

It's always an important and informative evening – and a nice opportunity to get the feel of how your child's day goes. Plan to attend!

### **Powerschool**

Be sure to make note of your child's powerschool login and password which will allow you access to their grades, attendance and tardies for each class throughout the semester as well as access to announcements from the school. The login and password information is located on your child's schedule, which they received at registration. When the powerschool site is up, you will be able to access it at <https://shorewood.powerschool.com/public/>

### **School Supplies**

Each year at this time, I receive quite a few phone calls and emails from new SHS parents, asking about school supplies. So, I figured I'd address it here. Unlike the elementary and intermediate schools, SHS does not have a school supply list, as students are not all taking the same classes. Some teachers will have specific items they want the students to use, many will not. They will let the students know in class.

What works for my kids is to go to school on the first day with some note paper (for us that is usually spiral notebooks – but it could be binders and loose leaf), a couple of folders, their calculator and some pens and pencils. Then over the next few days they determine what else they need, based on teacher requirements and their own personal preferences for organization. Within a few days, they are organized and have what they need. Now – if someone could just get them to stay organized for more than 2 weeks, I'd be ecstatic!

~Debbie Eder

### **Parenting Article of the Week..... (if you see articles worth sharing, send them to us!)**

Last year, I was sent an article by author Anna Quindlen and asked to share it with SHS parents. It was very well received, so I decided to share the [link to the article](#) again this year – for those of you that missed it or would like to reread it. This article is a great reminder for all parents that while we may be nostalgic for the past, there is much to celebrate about our children's young adulthood. And while we may have stumbled as parents from time to time, our children seem to thrive in spite of our mistakes. That being said,.... Keep parenting your high school children – you haven't crossed the finish line yet! For those of you who are sending one off to college – enjoy this time as you both transition into their young adulthood. They are ready to soar – be proud, you deserve it.

### **College Planning Information**

If you and/or your child is ready to start thinking about the college search and application process, you may want to review the [Parent Association's Guide](#) to this process. Note, the guide that is currently available is from last year, but most of the information is still applicable. As we prepare to update this document, please send any comments or thoughts you may have to improve it to [news.shsparentassn@gmail.com](mailto:news.shsparentassn@gmail.com).

### **ACT Test Preparation**

Two ACT Test Preparation Programs of which we are aware:

- Nicolet Recreation Department – see page 29 of the [Nicolet Bulletin](#)
- UWM – See [UWM Trio and Pre College web page](#) (scroll down page for fall and future dates)

### **Dine for D2D – August 29**

On Monday, August 29 – Dine at the Oakcrest Tavern between 5pm and 9pm when 10% of all proceeds will go to D2D to help build the bleachers! Thank you to Oakcrest Tavern for supporting SHS and the community with this event. Have a great meal, support a great cause, and visit with other Shorewood families who are also dining for D2D that evening. What fun!

### **D2D Says THANK YOU!**

D2D would like to thank the following businesses for supporting the D2D bleacher project: Pete Gramoll-American Family Insurance, Culver's, Harley's Store for Men, Goody Gourmet's, Wells Fargo Bank, Edward Jones Investments, Hayek's Pharmacy/Scenario Hair Design, Kircher Family Dentistry, David Frank Landscape, True Process Inc., East Garden, Einstein Brothers Bagels, Environmental and Development Solutions Inc., Holton Brothers In., Handeland Flooring, Cutting Group, Burghardt Sporting Goods, Three Lion's Pub, Design Group Three, Thirst and Vine, Sendik's on Oakland, North Star Bistro, Shorewood Press, North Shore Bank.

Please support these businesses that have supported us, and let them know that you appreciate their contributions!