

# SHS PARENT ASSOCIATION

## SUMMER BULLETIN

August 25, 2014

### Mark Your Calendars:

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| Aug 26  | School Board Meeting – <a href="#">agenda will be posted here</a> |
| Aug 28  | FresHound Meet-n-Greet Social 1:00 pm, SHS Front Lawn             |
| Sept 2  | First Day of School ( <a href="#">adjusted bell schedule</a> )    |
| Sept 5  | School Spirit Day   |
| Sept 23 | SHS Open House (aka Parent Night)                                 |
| Sept 26 | <a href="#">Senior Photos Due</a>                                 |

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

[Online Calendar](#) - customizable

### Do You Know Someone Who Should Be Added to this email List?

#### Send them these links:

- Current parents and parents of alumni should [use this form](#)
- Community Members and staff should [use this form](#)

### Note from the Editor

Ready or not – here it comes another school year! As I say every year, while I know the end of summer is bittersweet for many of us, it's also an exciting time. New classes, new teachers, new classmates, a clean organized backpack (which for some kids (e.g. mine!) is a once a year event); as well as returning to friends and activities that were missed during the summer – all make the beginning of the year feel fresh, and for most us at least a little exciting. So enjoy these last days of summer, but look forward to another year of growth for your child.

For those of you who are sending a child to college this year (or in a year or two or three), there are a myriad of sweet articles about letting go and watching your child take flight. And everyone who's been reading this bulletin for a while knows I share a link to one or two of those each year. But this year, I also [found one that is a bit more practical](#). Actually, I didn't find it – it was sent to me by former SHS Parent Jane Frederick, who has a wealth of experience with college admissions, applications and administration. I don't necessarily agree with everything the author says, but much of it makes sense to me, and can be thought provoking not only for those who are sending kids off now, **but also for parents who are thinking about how to make sure their child will be prepared for the leap to college a year or more from now**. Take a couple of minutes to read it if you are so inclined.

Debbie Eder  
SHS Parent Bulletin Editor

P.S. I know many of you had long waits during registration (see below for link to Mr. Kenney's letter about this), but at least as far as I know, [no one gave birth while waiting](#) – so there is an upside!

## SHS News & Announcements

### Late Registration

Thank you to all of the families who have registered for the 2014-15 school year! If you still need to complete registration, please feel free to stop in the main office OR attendance office at Shorewood High School. We have all of the documents that you will need, along with the student schedules. We can also accept payment of fees at that time. Office hours for this week will be from 7:30am to 3:30pm, Tuesday through Friday.

### News from Mr. Kenney

Hopefully you received two emails from Mr. Kenney on August 15. If you did not, please contact the SHS office to let them know that you need to be added to THEIR distribution list (*this email comes from the Parent Association list.*) The two emails that you should have received on Friday, August 15 were:

- [Registration Recap](#) (and plan for improvement) - from address was "Alert Now Message"
- [Hiring Update](#) – from address was "School District of Shorewood"

**Editor's Note** – These emails came from two different from addresses. If you received one email but not the other, be sure to let the office know which email you did not receive.

### **Drama Season Updates**

Due to the inability to obtain rights to one of the scheduled productions, as well as changes in drama department staff, the 2014-2015 drama season has been updated. The fall musical will be Little Shop of Horrors, the winter play will still be Rumors, and the spring musical will be Cabaret. Look for season ticket information this fall.

### **Athletic Booster Club Membership**

If you haven't yet done so, please consider joining the booster club for the 2014-2015 school year. The booster club assists our SHS athletes with everything from uniforms and equipment to partial funding of the athletic trainer position. [Click here to download a membership form.](#)

### **Athletics in the News**

- Baseball Team Made Strides this year – [Shorewood NOW](#)
- Shorewood/Messmer Football Team Moving Up to Woodland Conference – [Shorewood NOW](#)

## **Congratulations, Kudo's and Thank You's**

### **Coach Newman Named Brooks Inspiring Coach**

Congratulations to SHS cross country and track coach, Dominic Newman has been named a Brooks inspiring coach of the year! Over 1500 coaches were nominated for the award. As a top 25 finalist Coach Newman received cash and equipment for his teams and was honored at an award ceremony in Seattle. [Read more on the district blog.](#)

### **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](mailto:news.shsparentassn@gmail.com).

## **District and Community Announcements**

### **District August Newsletter**

On August 4, you should have received the district's August newsletter via email. [Click here to view it online.](#)

### **Annual Notifications**

On August 11 you should have received an email from the district with a copy of the Shorewood School District's Parent and Student Notifications for the 2014-15 school year. Each year, the District is required by the state Department of Public Instruction to present community residents with a copy of these annual notifications. [To view the email and find a link to the notifications, click here.](#)

### **Plein Air Shorewood – September 17-20**

Plein Air Shorewood will feature 60 professional plein air artists painting outside throughout Shorewood for four days. Come share in the excitement. [Read more and see the schedule here.](#)

## **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](#)
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### **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). Submissions are due by Monday evening for inclusion in that week's bulletin.

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

### **Did You Receive the School Newsletters On July 30?**

On July 30, you should have received an email from SHS. This email contained links to two very important newsletters, one from the main office and one from student support services. IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE YOURS please contact the school to have your email address added to their database. As the school moves away from paper communications it is important that you keep your email address updated.

[Click here for the Parent Newsletter from the Main Office](#)

[Click here for the Student Support Services Newsletter](#)

### **2014-2015 School Calendar Update**

The fall parent-teacher conferences days scheduled on October 9th and 10th conflict with the Shorewood Intermediate School Outdoor Education activities. The Outdoor Education dates were committed to in a contract three years ago and cannot be changed. Because of this, the fall parent-teacher conferences days FOR ALL SCHOOLS will move from October 9 and 10 to October 16 and 17. If this change causes a conflict for families that planned travel on the 9 and 10 as a long weekend, please continue with your plans. Any absences that occur because of our error will not count against students.

To see a complete version of the 2014-2015 calendar, [click here](#). All families will be given a copy of the calendar at registration in mid-August.

### **Freshound Meet-n-Greet – August 28**

Freshmen students are invited and encouraged to attend a Meet-n-Greet Social with peer mentors at 1:00 on August 28. This will be an opportunity to meet your peer mentor group, to have questions answered and to receive your class t-shirt. The event will take place on the SHS front lawn, (or the arena in case of rain). Peer Mentor groups will meet on Mondays during lunch for the first 6 weeks of school.

### **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 will have suggestions or requirements and will announce those at the beginning of the year – so don't buy everything right away – but in my experience, most teachers are somewhat flexible. There is usually a specific calculator that is required for math classes. If you need to purchase a calculator, be sure you are purchasing an acceptable model and keep your eyes open for sales and rebates, which can significantly reduce the cost. ~ Debbie

### Fall Sports Start Dates

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| Aug 5  | Football                     |
| Aug 11 | Boys Soccer                  |
| Aug 12 | Girls Swimming               |
| Aug 12 | Girls Tennis                 |
| Aug 18 | Girls and Boys Cross Country |
| Aug 18 | Girls Volleyball             |
| Aug 25 | Boys Volleyball              |

### REDgen Book Club – August 24

It's time to get a little summer reading going - so it's a perfect time to get your copy of the August REDgen book club selection **Letting Go with Love and Confidence** by Kenneth Ginsburg.

This is a book on the "How's and When's" of adolescence, like, "how do I raise my child to be successful" or "how can I talk to my kid about sex" - and things like, "when is my teen ready to go to the mall with out supervision?" or "when should I let my teen take public transpiration alone?'. And while it is a good book for any parent, it is especially useful to parents who have children in 5th or 6th grade as they can become more prepared for the adventures of adolescence! So, please pass on this information to folks who have younger kids! [View the flyer here.](#)

This book will fit nicely into the series that REDgen is planning for our community. The series is called **Resiliency Through Change** and will start this August 16<sup>th</sup>.

### Northshore Resiliency Coalition Speaker Series

In the aftermath of several tragic deaths this past summer, concerned community members came together to form a group initially referred to as RED or RED2, then REDbird. Our new name is REDgen (<http://www.redgen.org>).

REDgen is a community action group consisting of parents, community members, schools, interfaith congregations, mental health professionals and university employees. We are committed to working together across systems to promote balance and resiliency in the lives of our youth and families. We hope to develop a new generation of resilient youth with a healthy understanding of what success means. As a next step in advancing these aims, REDgen is planning a three part **Resiliency Through Change** speaker series for August, September and October. Accordingly, please save the following dates.

\* Monday September 15th, 7pm, WFBHS auditorium - showing the Race to Nowhere (<http://www.racetonowhere.com>) documentary movie followed by an expert panel talk back.

\* Wednesday October 22nd, 7pm, Nicolet auditorium - University of Pennsylvania's Dr. Kenneth Ginsburg will speak on the topic of resiliency. For more about his work see <http://www.fosteringresilience.com/about.php> .

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### District Website

Shorewood Schools Website – [www.shorewoodschoools.org](http://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](#)

## **District Communications**

[District Blog](#)

[School Board Meeting Recaps](#)

[District Monthly Bulletin "How are the Children"](#)

[Other District e-news archives](#)

[In the News](#)

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

- Use [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](#) 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.](#)