

SHS PARENT ASSOCIATION

SUMMER BULLETIN

August 28, 2013

Mark Your Calendars:

- Sept 3 First Day of School – schedule available on [page 3 of summer mailing](#)
- Sept 6 School Spirit Day – Students, wear a Shorewood T-Shirt!
- Sept 10 School Board Meeting – agenda will be posted [here](#)
- Sept 26 SHS Open House (aka Parent Night)
- Sept 27 [Senior Photos Due](#)

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

[Online Calendar](#) - customizable

A Note from the Editor

Once again the summer has flown by, and in less than a week, our teens will be back at school, and we'll all be adjusting to our new routines. I'm sure many of us are having conversations with our kids about expectations and habits for the new school year – it's always an exciting time full of fresh starts and new beginnings. And some of us are also having discussions with our teens about "pranks". Parents of seniors received a letter last week from Tim Kenney, SHS Principal, outlining not only the consequences of inappropriate pranks but also the concerns that the administration has regarding them. Last fall, Victoria Nelson, SHS Senior, wrote an excellent [editorial for Ripples](#), in which she gave a good, healthy student perspective regarding the consequences of "crossing the line". I encourage you to read this and share with your own teen – I think it will open the door to some great family discussions.

And while I may sound like a broken record – I'll say it one more time: **welcome or welcome back to SHS!** Parents – this is your child's school, but we hope you will feel at home here too. As your Parent Association Co-Presidents, Lindy, Joanne and I hope that you and your teen each have a fantastic school year. Please let us know if you have any comments or suggestions for the Parent Association.

If you'd like to support the parent association, you can look for volunteer opportunities to come periodically via email. To support us financially, you may purchase a student directory. If you did not preorder one during registration, there is still time – this is our one and only fundraiser of the year – which allows us to sponsor the fall freshman and junior retreats, to bring speakers for parent forums which address a variety of parenting concerns, to pay for the service that allows us to bring you this newsletter and much more. Please support YOUR Parent Association. To order your directory and/or make a donation, [download the order form](#) and send it along with your payment to Shorewood High School, 1701 E. Capitol Dr., Shorewood, WI 53211 – ATTENTION Parent Association. We will continue to accept pre orders through September 18.

Debbie Eder
SHS Parent Bulletin Editor

SHS & District News & Announcements

School Year Updates

An email was recently sent to parents regarding various updates for the coming school year. It included information about the District Wellness Vision & the top priorities – Build Community, Focus on Growth and Transform Learning. It also included information about suicide prevention steps that are continuing to be taken and additional support that will be in place for students to access counselors. If you missed this email, you may read it in the [Miscellaneous E-Newsletters Section of the District Website](#). Click on the August 23 entry titled "2013-2014 School Year Updates".

Best Buddies are Going to Hawaii

For years our buddies with special needs have watched their peers load buses for Italy, Guatemala and St. Louis over spring break. Now they can have a similar high school experience! During the spring of 2014, the Shorewood High School Best Buddies will be traveling to Hawaii and exploring the ecosystems of the state. The trip will be the culmination of the group's "hands on" Hawaii project as well as applying critical social and travel skills. [View this heartwarming video about the Best Buddies program and the upcoming trip](#), and learn how you might be able to assist.

Vaccine Reminders

If your student is 11 or 12 years old, talk to your doctor about the meningococcal vaccine. If your student is between the ages of 16-18, it might be time to get his/her meningococcal vaccine or booster. Get more info here: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd-vac/mening/default.htm> or here: <http://voicesofmeningitis.org/>

SHS Students Perform Well on ACT Test

Once again, SHS students scored well above the state average on the ACT test, while also boasting one of the highest participation rates. [Read more in Shorewood Patch](#).

Athletic News and Announcements

Spotlight on Athletics – Video

Watch the newest entry in the Shorewood Short Video series. This one highlights [Shorewood Athletics](#) at all levels and is narrated by our new Athletic Director, LeVar Ridgeway.

Weekly Athletic Update

Read the [August 26, Weekly Athletic Update](#) from LeVar Ridgeway on the district website.

Cross Country Team in the News

The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel had a great story about the SHS Boys Cross Country team on Sunday. [Read it here](#).

Football Season Preview

Shorewood NOW had a nice article about the great strides the Shorewood-Messmer football team has made over the past few years, and the goals they have for this year. [Read it here](#).

Shorewood-Messmer (Messwood) Football Player in the News

Did you see Messwood player, Jonathan Carson, on the front page of the Journal Sentinel Sports Section last week? If not, [click here to read the article](#) about this outstanding player and fine young man.

Past Bulletins, Bulletin Submissions, Etc.

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

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

Past Bulletins and Documents

To view past bulletins and related documents – visit the parent association website at www.shsparentassn.com.

Bulletin Submissions

Send your bulletin submissions to news.shsparentassn@gmail.com or to Debbie@ederfamily.com. Submissions are due by Monday evening for inclusion in that week's bulletin.

*******Reminders from Prior Weeks*******

School Supplies

SHS has posted a [school supply list on the website](#). Classes without specific requirements listed will generally require that students have writing utensils and papers, but specific types/styles may be up to the discretion of the student. In addition, teachers may inform students of additional items needed at the beginning of the semester or as the semester proceeds.

Bell Schedules – First Week and Beyond

First Day Schedule: School will begin on September 3. Freshmen should report to their first hour class at 7:45 am (those with zero hour should report there at 7:35). After a quick run through of classes just for freshmen, all students, grades 9-12 will begin the day with first hour at 9:10 am. This allows freshmen to walk through their schedule and meet each teacher before the day begins with upperclassmen. See specific details on page 3 the [school newsletter](#) that was mailed home in July. The end time for the day will be 2:27 for most students, but will be later for those with a zero hour. Again, refer to page 3 of the school newsletter for details.

First Week Schedule: On Wednesday, Sept 4, there will be a regular “Wednesday Schedule”. September 5, 6, 9 and 10 will have altered schedules to accommodate class meetings. See the specifics on page 4 the [school newsletter](#) that was mailed home

Regular Bell Schedules: Once each class has had their class meetings, the regular bell schedule will go into effect. You may view [both the Daily Schedule and the Wednesday Schedule here](#).

Parents of Athletes – Travel Release Form

The [SHS Athletic Travel Release](#) form has been updated. Please use the current form if your child will not be riding the team bus any athletic event.

SHS Athletic Director

Read this [article from Shorewood NOW](#) to get to know our new Athletic Director, LeVar Ridgeway a little better.

Save the Date – SHS Open House

SHS Open House (a.k.a Parent Night) will be held on Thursday, September 26. The final schedule has not yet been published, but it generally begins with some meet and greet time in the lobby around 5:30 and then parents head to their child’s zero hour class around 6:00 pm, and their 1st hour class around 6:15. From there, they will follow their child’s daily schedule throughout the evening.

Important Documents

Are you looking for any of these important documents? If so, click on the links below

[Student/Parent Handbook](#) and/or [Curriculum Handbook](#)

[Activities Code of Conduct](#)

[Athletic Forms](#)

District Communications

[District Blog](#)

[School Board Meeting Recaps](#)

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

[District Hiring Updates](#)

[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.](#)