

SHS PARENT ASSOCIATION BULLETIN

August 31, 2011

A Note from the Editor

This week's edition includes reminders for those who are looking for last minute information before school starts tomorrow. Keep in mind, you can find archived bulletins at <http://www.shsparentassn.com/bulletin-archive.html>.

Note also, that we have an **update to the ACT Test Preparation Class List** – as we learned this week that the Shorewood Recreation Department is also offering a class. It's been added to the list below.

And there are a couple of new announcements below as well. So read on – and happy last day of summer vacation!

Debbie Eder

SHS Parent Bulletin Editor

Calendar – Upcoming Events and Dates to Note

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

ACT Test Preparation – update from last week – Program in Shorewood now included in list of offerings.

Three ACT Test Preparation Programs of which we are aware:

- Shorewood Recreation Department is offering two classes
 - Sept 8 – Oct 20 at SHS
 - Oct 24 – Nov 28 at Nicolet High School
 - For more information and to register for either, see [page 13 of the rec dept. bulletin](#), or go to the [registration website](#) and click on the course number.
- 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)

Student Support Services Introduces a New Resource for College Planning

Family Connection is a comprehensive website that you can use to help in making plans about courses, college and careers. Family Connection is linked with Naviance Succeed, a service the school uses to track and analyze data about college and career plans, so it provides up-to-date information specific to SHS. To learn more about how this resource can help you and your child, and for logon instructions, see the letter you received with your child's registration materials. Or [click here](#) to view an electronic version of that letter.

Online College Fair – October 13 – Information from the Student Support Services Office

A free online college fair will be held on October 13 from noon until 9 PM. [Click here](#) for more information and details.

Chamber Music Offering through the Shorewood Recreation Department

- Are you 10 - 99?
- Want to play chamber music?
- Have friends you'd like to play with?
- Call the Shorewood Recreation Department at 963-6913 for information about an after school chamber music program starting in September. All ages are welcome! See the bulletin for details, or call Ravenna Helson at 332-7020 with questions.

Shorewood Booster Club

The Shorewood Athletic Booster Club supports our athletes by assisting with the purchase of equipment, supplies & uniforms, by helping to cover the salary of our athletic trainer and much more. To read more about the Booster Club and what they do, see their [membership form](#). We hope you will then use the form to join at one of the many membership levels.

Parents of Athletes – Travel Release Form

We've had numerous requests for an online link to the [Travel Release form – so here it is!](#) Use this form if your child will need to drive with you, rather than on the bus, home from an athletic event.

Athletic News & Information

- Congratulations to sophomore swimmer, Kristin Malone, who set a POOL RECORD in the 50 yard freestyle !
- Greyhound Roundup on Shorewood Patch - <http://shorewood.patch.com/articles/greyhound-roundup-swim-team-off-to-strong-start>
- Greyhounds win opening football game! <http://www.shorewoodnow.com/sports/128279738.html>.
- [Athletic Schedules](#)

Bulletin Submissions

Bulletin submissions should be sent by Monday evenings for inclusion in that week's Wednesday bulletin. (Of course, you can send earlier, too!) Send submissions to news.shsparentassn@gmail.com.

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

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 7th 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.

Information about using powerschool, and how to access your child's grades as well as login and password information is included in the letter you received from Mr. Harris with your registration materials. (You can also find password information on the bottom of your child's school schedule.) To login to powerschool, go to <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.