

SHS PARENT ASSOCIATION

BULLETIN

August 4, 2014

Mark Your Calendars:

Aug 5	Fall Sports Meeting – athletes and parents 7:00 pm
Aug 12	School Board Meeting – agenda will be posted here
Aug 12	New Student Orientation (Parents, too) 7:00 pm
Aug 14	SHS Registration 3pm-7pm
Aug 15	SHS Registration 8am - noon
Aug 16	REDgen Speaker – Transition Years
Aug 28	FresHound Meet-n-Greet Social 1:00 pm, SHS Front Lawn
Sept 2	First Day of School (adjusted bell schedule)
Sept 5	School Spirit Day
Sept 23	SHS Open House (aka Parent Night)
Sept 26	Senior Photos Due

[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

As you know, registration will take place on August 14 & 15. For those of you who are new, I've created a "[helpful hints for registration](#)" page, but the most important things to remember are to bring your checkbook (many items require separate checks), and to be careful of your timing. If you hit it just right, you'll have no lines at all and breeze through the stations quickly. However, there often seems to be at least one "bottleneck" period. Most years, people begin lining up well before the doors open on the first day of registration, so there can be long waits if you arrive right at opening time of day one, or even the first half hour or so after doors open on the first day; and not surprisingly the evening hours can become a bit busy as well. The administration has put a few changes in place this year in an effort to make the process as efficient as possible. So we can all hope that everyone will breeze on through this year.

For more details about registration and other beginning of the year information look for the email that you should have received last week from SHS (this email is being sent by the parent association, not the school.) See below for links to the school emails.

Debbie Eder
SHS Parent Bulletin Editor

SHS News & Announcements

Did You Receive the School Newsletters Last Week?

If Not, Please READ – this is VERY Important!

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.

Note that the newsletter you are currently reading comes from the Parent Association. **We try to synchronize our mailing lists but it is possible to be included in one database but not the other. You will NOT receive all information timely unless you are in both databases.**

Last week's email from school included information the items below. **(Contact the school if you did NOT receive it, so that you do not miss important, time sensitive information in the future)**

- Registration and Fee information
- New Powerschool Access information
- Orientation and First Day Bell Schedule
- Free and Reduced Lunch Information
- Senior Photo Information
- Important Calendar dates
- Specific Information for each grade level
- Much, much more – be sure to read both newsletters!

Make sure you read the newsletters carefully, as they are loaded with time sensitive information!

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

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

Volunteer Opportunity

We need volunteers to work at the Parent Association table at Registration on August 14 &15. This is a fun job, as you will greet parents (a.k.a. friends and neighbors) as they visit our table to pre-order student directories and confirm their own directory data. If you are interested contact Mary Gorman at mrobrecht@sbcglobal.net or 964-4775 and let her know which shift you would like to work

- Thursday 2:50 pm – 5:10 pm
- Thursday 5:00 pm – 7:15 pm
- Friday 8:00 am – 10:15 am
- Friday 10:00 am – 12:15 pm

SHS Activity Code

All students and parents should be familiar with the SHS Activity Code of Conduct. The Shorewood School District expects students involved in extracurricular activities to represent themselves, their school, their community, and their families in a positive manner. To that end, it is also expected that these students will adhere to the Shorewood High School Activities Code of Conduct. Students who are in violation of the code will be held accountable for their behavior. Each student participant commits to the expectations of the Code throughout **the entire calendar year, in season and out of season, at school and away from school.** [You may view the Activity Code Handbook here.](#) Parents – please take some time to read and discuss with your students.

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 their 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

Athletics in the News

Catching up on some summer news.....

Shorewood NOW ran two great articles about the SHS boys and girls track teams' state meet results

- The boys team had a great meet winning the 4x800 relay and having strong performances in several other events. [Read about it here.](#)
- The girls track team featured a school record performance by the 4x100 team as well as several other great races including some by "Team Florsheim". [Read more here.](#)

2013-2014 Athletics Summary

Athletic Director, LeVar Ridgeway presented a summary of the school's athletic achievements including conference, state and other honors won by SHS athletes during the 2013-2014 school year at a recent School Board Meeting. [Read his report here.](#)

Spring & Summer Sports Awards

Congratulations to the SHS spring season athletes who were recognized at their team banquets this spring and summer. [See the complete list here.](#)

Congratulations, Kudo's and Thank You's

Best Buddies – Outstanding Chapter

Best Buddies International has recognized Shorewood as the Chapter of the Year in Wisconsin for the 2013-2014 school year. Congratulations to all the buddies for their ongoing dedication to the great program.

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.shsparentasn@gmail.com.

District and Community Announcements

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.

District Advancement Officer

Ted Night, the District's new Chief Advancement Officer began working full time in Shorewood on June 30. We welcome him to the district. Read more on both the [district website](#) and in [Shorewood NOW](#).

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.

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*****

SHS Registration

August 14 - 3:00 pm to 7:00 am

August 15 - 8:00 am to noon

Each student/family may register at their convenience during one of those two days. It is usually best if parent and child attend together, but if that is not possible, one or the other can go. If the student goes by themselves, they will need a way to pay for school fees. If a parent goes without the student, the student will need to have their yearbook/student ID picture taken after school starts.

Freshman Orientation – August 12

Freshmen orientation will be held on August 12 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. The activity fair, which begins immediately after the auditorium portion of orientation, has been moved from the North Gym (where it's normally held) to the arena, as primary elections will be held in the North Gym.

Honor Roll

Congratulations to all SHS students who earned a place on the Spring 2014 honor roll. Students with a 3.4 grade point average or higher qualify for the honor roll; students who earn a 4.0 or higher grade point average qualify for the high honor roll. [You may view the spring 2014 honor roll here.](#)

Graduation Photos

You may view graduation proofs and order prints from the professional photographer on the [lifetouch website](#).

Office Summer Hours

The SHS Office summer office hours are from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm. [Click here to see summer hours for all district schools.](#)

Fall Sports Meetings – July 31 & August 5

This summer, the District's athletic department will hold two fall sports meeting: one on July 31 at 6 p.m. in the auditorium, and the second on Tuesday, August 5 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium.

- **Football players and their parents should attend the meeting on July 31 as football practice begins on August 4, and players & parents need to fill out forms before athletes can begin practice.**
- **Other athletes and their parents should attend the Aug 5 meeting.**

If you cannot attend your assigned meeting, please contact Athletic Director LeVar Ridgeway at Lridgeway@shorewood.k12.wi.us or at 414-963-6926 to make other arrangements

Fall Sports Start Dates

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

Sports Physicals

All athletes must have a physical card on file before they may begin participation in school sports.

- Physical exams taken April 1 and thereafter are valid for the following two school years.
- Physical exams taken before April 1 are valid only for the remainder of the school year and the following school year.
- In the year when an examination is not required and a physical exam card is already on file from the previous year, an alternate year card may be submitted in lieu of a physical exam card.
- Find athletic forms on the district website at <http://www.shorewoodschoools.org/page.cfm?p=2694>. (Note the physical exam form needed is either the "WIAA Preparticipation Physical" form, OR the "WIAA Alternate Year Physical Card".
- Athletic forms and fees can be dropped off in the SHS main office.

REDgen Speaker – Transition Years – August 16

Saturday August 16th, 10am, Shorewood Public Library - Dr. Barbara Hale-Richlen will present on the vulnerability of transition years (e.g. grade to middle school, middle to high school, high school to college). [View the flyer here.](#)

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 16th.

Please Share with Incoming Families

If you know a family who will be new to SHS next year and may not be included in the parent association's email list, please share with them the [link to the recent email](#) that was sent to class of 2018 parents, and also ask them [to join our distribution list](#).

Advanced Placement (AP) Test Results

The College Board does not mail AP score reports to students. Scores are now available online. To view them, go to www.apscore.org.

Northshore Resiliency Coalition Settles on New Name with Speaker Series Forthcoming

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 this upcoming August, September and October. Accordingly, please save the following dates, with more information to be provided as final details associated with this series are established.

* Saturday August 16th, 10am, Shorewood Public Library - Dr. Barbara Hale-Richlen will present on the vulnerability of transition years (e.g. grade to middle school, middle to high school, high school to college). [View the flyer here.](#)

* 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 (tentatively), 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> .

District Website

Shorewood Schools Website – 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](#)

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- 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.](#)