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# SHS PARENT ASSOCIATION SUMMER BULLETIN

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## A Random Note from the Editor

We use this bulletin to share information with parents. Sometimes it is information from school or parent groups. Sometimes it is a follow up to something students should have brought home. And I frequently hear from parents that they wouldn't have known about an event or a deadline if they had relied solely on their student. I couldn't help thinking about this last night while watching the Olympics on TV.

During the Olympic High Jump competition, a Russian competitor who had already cleared the bar several times, came up to jump again. Except he couldn't find his shirt. Literally. They showed him looking in his bag, under the bench, etc. (Don't ask me why he had taken it off.) A referee came to him, told him he had just one minute to jump so he should wear a different shirt. He pinned his official number (again don't ask me why it wasn't attached to his missing team shirt – but I guess that worked out for the best) onto a plain t-shirt and jumped away, clearing the bar again. Now those of you who have children that are always organized and with the program will probably not understand this; but while watching him hunt for his shirt, all I could think was “oh, I feel so badly for his mother”. Seriously, even while representing his country at the Olympic games, after wearing his official team shirt for several rounds, he managed to detach the number from the shirt and lose the shirt. I'm guessing his mom wasn't shocked – maybe disappointed, but I'm quite certain this is not first time he's misplaced something kind of important.

So, for those of you who wonder when your teens will stop leaving their lunch on the kitchen counter and start remembering to tell you they need posterboard more than 6 hours before a project is due – I say “lower your expectations”. Don't give up, keep trying to teach them these lessons, maybe you'll get lucky and be pleasantly surprised – but expect nothing – even if your kid becomes an Olympian.

Oh.... and the high jumper went on to win the gold medal! I hope his mom had stopped shaking her head before the medal ceremony. They never showed her on TV, but my empathy for her, whoever she is, is profound!

So, that's my random note of the day. The more serious/school related note follows the calendar items.

~Debbie Eder, Parent Bulletin Editor

## Calendar Items

- Aug 9 & 10 SHS Registration from 8 am to Noon in the SHS Arena
  - View details about fees and much more in the [summer mailing from school](#)
  - View [hints from a parent](#)
  - [Download the directory order form](#). (And don't forget to confirm your directory data at Parent Association Table at Registration.)
- Aug 11 [Atwater Beach Party and Shorewood Fireworks](#)
- Aug 15 SHS Freshmen/New Student (and Parents) Orientation @ 7 pm in the SHS Auditorium
- Aug 17 [Senior Class Picnic](#)
- Aug 22 AFS Welcome Picnic – all are welcome – 5:30 – Hubbard Park
- Aug 28 New Student Picnic
- Sept 4 First Day of School - Ninth Graders will run through their full schedule twice. Once with just their class early in the morning, then with the entire student body for the rest of the day.
  - Grade 9 Zero hour begins at 7:35
  - Grade 9 1<sup>st</sup> hour begins at 7:45
  - Grades 9-12 1<sup>st</sup> hour begins at 9:10 am
  - Grades 9-12 7<sup>th</sup> hour ends at 2:27
  - Grade 9-12 Zero hour is at end of day from 2:32-3:07

View [Detailed First Day Bell Schedule](#) in the Summer Mailing  
[View regular bell schedules here](#).

- Sept 7 School Spirit Day – All Students encouraged to show their spirit by wearing school colors or a t-shirt from an SHS club, interest, or athletic team. See [details in the summer mailing](#).
- Sept 20 Parent Open House (evening event for parents to follow students' daily schedule, meet teachers)
- Sept 28 [Senior Photos Due](#)

[View Complete Year Important Calendar Dates](#)

### Note from the Editor

For those of you that have been around for a while, and only skimmed the [summer mailing](#) since you've "been there – done that"; you may want to take another look. There are lots of new things going on at SHS this year that were highlighted in the newsletter. For example, did you notice that the Wednesday Schedule this year will include a dedicated homeroom period? Or that an Academic Laboratory has been added and will be mandatory for certain students with an "Open Hour"? Did you notice that SHS will have a Campus Supervisor this year? If not, you might want to take another look and read more about the exciting changes going on to make our great school even better.

Also, please note that there are several volunteer opportunities in this bulletin. Please look through them and find one or two that you are interested in!

Debbie Eder  
SHS Parent Bulletin Editor

### Volunteer Opportunity - Help Welcome Back the Teachers & Staff to SHS – August 31

As our students are enjoying the last few days of summer, the SHS staff will be hard at work preparing for another great year for our teens. Help show them our appreciation by contributing to the Parent Association's Staff Welcome Breakfast – breads, muffins, donuts, fruit, yogurt, quiche, hard boiled eggs, juice, etc. would all be appreciated. Chris Stello and Doris Dix are heading up this event, if you are interested in helping them please contact Chris at [clstello@wi.rr.com](mailto:clstello@wi.rr.com) for further information.

### Faculty Lounge "Design on a Dime" – Committee Members Needed

The SHS faculty lounge is in desperate need of a makeover. This effort will ideally be done during this summer so it is ready when our wonderful teachers return in August. This job requires creativity, enthusiasm, some elbow grease and a few friends to help and we must do this on a shoestring budget. If you are interested, please stop into the lounge while you are at Registration on Thursday or Friday to have a look at the lounge and to get you thinking. Lindy Florsheim is coordinating volunteer work days over the next three weeks and would appreciate getting your ideas and having helping hands to share the work: [Lflorsheim@weycogroup.com](mailto:Lflorsheim@weycogroup.com).

### AFS Supporter? Like to Plan a Party? We've Got a (Volunteer) Job for You!

Shorewood AFS board has an opening for Hospitality Coordinator. Working with other board members and the AFS Club, this volunteer board position supervises set up and clean up, and supplies paper goods and water for AFS events. These events include the Welcome Picnic on August 22, Returnee Presentation on November 14, and the International Dessert Night January 29. He/she reserves space at the Village Center for the January event. In May he/she coordinates with the host of the Farewell Picnic. AFS also hosts the Showcase rehearsal pizza dinner at SHS. If you can help with this please contact Brian Schulteis at [bschulteis@shorewood.k12.wi.us](mailto:bschulteis@shorewood.k12.wi.us), or Ravenna Helson at [rahelson@gmail.com](mailto:rahelson@gmail.com).

### Volunteer Opportunity – New Parent/Family Liaison

Are you a returning SHS parent who would like to reach out to new families? Or are you a new SHS parent whose had a child in the district for several years? SHS is a very friendly place, but sometimes new families report that it's a bit hard to break into the parent circle (no more making connections while pushing swings at the playground), or that they were surprised by something that was not surprising to the returnees. If you'd like to be a new parent liaison – please contact Lindy Florsheim at [Lflorsheim@weycogroup.com](mailto:Lflorsheim@weycogroup.com). Let's make the transition as seamless for parents as new students usually report it is!

### Volunteer Opportunity – Monday Muffins Chairpersons

Because we like our teachers so much, and appreciate all that they do for our children throughout the year, we'd like to feed them on a more regular basis than we've been doing in years past. Food is the universal sign of appreciation, isn't it? We

are planning on offering them morning snacks one Monday of each month – muffins, quick breads, etc. and since we like alliteration, we've decided to call it Monday Muffins. But we need a chairperson or two for this. The job will involve finding bakers and setter uppers each month for this event. (Don't worry..... you can use this bulletin to recruit!) If you are interested in being a chairperson, please contact Lindy Florsheim at [Lflorsheim@weycogroup.com](mailto:Lflorsheim@weycogroup.com).

### **Fireworks and Beach Party – Aug 11**

The Independence Day fireworks were postponed this year due to fire hazard. They have been rescheduled for this weekend as part of the annual Atwater Beach Party. [Read more here.](#)

### **Primary Election – August 14**

The Wisconsin Primary will be held on August 14 this year. Wisconsin Act 75 made some significant changes to Election Laws. To view information about these changes and to view a sample ballot, [click here.](#)

### **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).

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

### **School Mailing**

If you haven't yet, you should soon receive a [mailing from school](#). It contains a lot of important information, so please read it carefully. In addition to a letter from Principal, Matt Joynt, and information about registration (including fees) there are details about the first day bell schedule, orientation, scheduling, health issues and much more.

### **AFS Welcome Picnic**

Please come meet and greet SHS new AFS students Nanna from Denmark, Diana from Italy and Yussei from Bolivia at the AFS annual picnic at Hubbard Park. Wednesday, August 22 from 5:30 - 7:00 PM. All are welcome, please bring a dish to pass. This is a great, informal opportunity to find out more about AFS.

Questions? Call Ravenna Helson at 332-7020

### **Alumni Picnic and Barbara Gensler Tribute**

[View photos of the picnic and tribute as well as video of the tribute finale here.](#)

[Read about the Barbara Gensler Tribute here.](#)

### **Fall Athletics**

Fall sports start dates and other information was included with the summer mailing. You may [view the online version here.](#)

### **Activities Handbook**

Copies of the activities/athletic code will be available at the athletic meeting on Aug 7 and at Registration on Aug 9 and 10. All students are expected to read and understand the code and sign a form saying they have done so. The code covers athletics, co-curricular and extra curricular activities as well as extended field trips. The handbook will be available online later in the month. When it is ready, you will be able to view it at [www.shorewoodschools.org](http://www.shorewoodschools.org). Once there, choose Shorewood High School (under "our schools") and then click on "about us".

### **SHS Directory**

- Please pre-purchase your student/family directory at registration. This is the Parent Association's ONLY fundraiser of the year. We use the funds to bring in speakers for parents, buy items for the school, pay the listserv provider that allows us to distribute this e-bulletin, and more.
- [Download the directory order form here](#) – and bring it with you to registration, where the parent association will be taking orders – we expect to have directories available for pick up at Open House on September 20. Directories cost \$15 for the first one, and \$5 for a second directory to the same family.

- During registration, please be sure to confirm your directory data – and sign to give us permission to publish your email address, if you so choose.

### **Freshmen Parents**

You should have received a letter in the mail with information about the Online Summer Orientation Program. Please read this letter carefully as it includes deadline information, as well as instructions for parents to view a demo of the program. You may view the [online version of the letter here](#), (but you'll need to refer to your hard copy to get your login information).

### **Letter to Senior Parents from Senior Council**

Parents of Incoming Seniors should have received an email earlier in the week with information about upcoming senior events, and parent support that is needed. If you missed it, [you can view it here](#).

### **Fall Athletic Registration**

Details about fall athletic registration will be provided in the school mailing. Please note that all athletes must have a physical card on file before they will be permitted to participate. If your child still needs their physical, schedule their appointment soon!

Physicals performed before April 1 of any year are good for the remainder of that school year and the following school year. Physicals performed after April 1 of any year are good for the remainder of that school year and the following 2 school years. Each athlete must submit an athletic physical card each year – either a physical card or an alternate year physical card.

You may obtain physical cards at school or can be downloaded and printed from the wiaa website at <http://www.wiaawi.org/Health.aspx>.

### **Senior Photos – Due September 28**

Senior Photos should be submitted for the yearbook by September 28. If you are having a professional photographer take your child's photo, you should make arrangements soon. A letter with details about types of acceptable photos and how to submit them was included with the report cards of rising seniors. [You may view the online version here](#).

### **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 have specific requirements – so don't buy everything right away – but in my experience, most teachers are somewhat flexible. The math calculator is one item you will want to be sure they have. The summer mailing (look for it in July) usually is quite clear on which calculator is needed (often the same one they used in 8<sup>th</sup> grade). If you need to purchase a calculator, keep your eyes open for sales and rebates, which can significantly reduce the cost. ~ Debbie

### **School Board Documents**

School Board documents are always available by going to <https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicHome.aspx?ak=1000450>, clicking on the meeting for which you are interested and then clicking on the agenda packet for that meeting.

### **Travel Release Form**

Parents of athletes – please remember that student athletes are expected to ride the bus back to school with the team after each away game/meet. Each time that you will be transporting your child on your own, you will need to complete a [travel release form](#). (Some parents like to keep a copy in their cars – in case they forget to have one with them.)

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

- Use [GoodSearch.com](http://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](https://www.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.](#)