

SHS PARENT ASSOCIATION

WEEKLY BULLETIN

September 10, 2014

Mark Your Calendars

- Sept 13 [Plein Air Workshop](#) – kids and teens
- Sept 15 [REDgen](#) showing & discussion of [Race to Nowhere](#)
- Sep 17-20 [Plein Air Shorewood](#)
- Sept 23 SHS Open House (aka Parent Night)
- Sept 23 School Board Meeting – [agenda will be posted here](#)
- Sept 26 [Senior Photos Due](#)
- Sept 26 Homecoming Football Game
- Sept 27 Homecoming Dance

[Full Year District Calendar](#) – pdf version – subject to changes

[Online Calendar](#) – customizable

Message from Tim Kenney

Shorewood High School is looking forward to hosting our SHS parents for Open House on Tuesday, September 23rd at 6:00pm! The doors will be open at 5:30pm and we will begin with 1st hour at 6:00pm. Please note; if your child has a ZERO hour class, the meeting with the teacher will occur AFTER 7th hour. [Click here for a template](#) of your child's schedule. Encourage your student to fill in the necessary information for you to successfully navigate the hallways of SHS. While students get five minutes of passing time between classes, we are providing seven minutes for the parents. If this is not enough time, please rest assured that no detentions will be given :). We look forward to seeing you!

Note from the Editor

Now that class meetings are completed and school days are running on the [regular bell schedules](#), you can expect many school clubs and groups to start meeting – often times at lunch, so as not to conflict with athletics and other after school activities. Clubs and other activities are a great way for kids to connect with their school and participate in something that is of interest to them – or maybe try something new! Some clubs have been part of SHS for years, some come and go depending upon student interest, and new ones are formed each year. In the past they've included activities related to academics, to service projects, to food and culture and to hobbies and fun activities. There really is something for everyone – and for some kids there are many many somethings! Most club meetings are included in morning announcements – so encourage your child to listen carefully and try a few out to see what they like!

Debbie Eder

SHS Parent Bulletin Editor

SHS News & Announcements

Volunteer Opportunity

Student directories will be ready for distribution (or purchase if you did not preorder) before, during and after open house. We need a few parent volunteers to assist on September 23. If you are able to help either from 5:15 to 6:00 pm, or from 8:00 to 8:45, please contact Mary Gorman at mrobrecht@sbcglobal.net. These time slots are before and after Open House, so you will not miss visiting any of your child's classes.

Band Parent Association Meeting – Sept 15

Join us for the Shorewood Band Parent Association (SBPA) Fall Meeting and Fundraiser Kick-Off Extravaganza on September 15 at 7:00 pm in the SHS Library (second floor of the admin building.) Come meet our new SHS Band Director, Nick Castonguay! At this meeting, each of our Shorewood Band teachers, Nick Castonguay, Justin Olson, and Robert Hughes will share what they have planned for the year and how you can get involved.

Also learn all you need to know for Fall Band Fundraisers. We are again sponsoring the sale of wreaths and cheesecakes to help band students in 6th - 12th grade earn money to fund upcoming band trips. Fundraisers start soon!

Cheesecake samples will be served!

Band Instruments Needed – Tax Deductions Available

Do you have an old band instrument laying around the house, collecting dust but still in good working condition? If so, please consider donating it to SHS.

SHS Band Director, Nick Castonguay would like to ensure that students who are unable to afford the cost of a rental instrument still have the opportunity to be part of the SHS band. All instruments can be put to good use, but if you happen to be able to donate a bari-saxophone – the band department would be especially appreciative! If you or someone you know is interested in making a donation, you may have the instrument appraised and the business office will then be able to provide you with a tax deduction letter. For more information, please contact Mr. Castonguay at ncastonguay@shorewood.k12.wi.us.

Also – please spread the word to friends and neighbors who may have instruments in need of a good loving home.

Homecoming Announcements

Spirit Week – September 22-26

Student Council is planning and organizing a week of events including powder puff football games and themed dress up days for students.

Parade – September 26

All school groups, clubs, athletic teams, etc. are welcome to enter a float. Those that are planning to do should let Mr. Krolikowski know as soon as possible. The parade will leave the school and go from Shorewood Blvd. to Maryland to Lake Bluff to Murray ending near the football field. Time TBA.

Parents if your student is part of group that is creating a float and you can offer assistance or space in which to work, it would be much appreciated!

Football Game – September 26

The homecoming game is always well attended by students and families – parents – come join the fun!

Homecoming Dance – September 27

The homecoming dance will take place on Saturday, September 27 in the SHS Arena from 8:00 – 11:00 pm. Tickets cost \$10 per student and will be available at school in the days leading up to the parade – NO tickets will be sold at the door! The theme this year will be superheroes.

Questions

If you have questions about homecoming, please contact Student Council Advisor, Jim Krolikowski at jkrolikowski@shorewood.k12.wi.us.

College Planning Announcements

College Planning

Several years ago the SHS Parent Association, prepared a guide to the college search and application process for SHS parents (and students too!) We didn't (and still don't) claim to be experts, but we pooled information from various sources, added in our own words of wisdom, and created the document. If you need official advice or guidance, please do additional research and/or contact a college admissions advisor or Student Support Services. Also be aware that information may become out of date over time – (the Explore and Plan testing information is most certainly out of date.) Basically, we ask that you **do not rely on this as your sole source of information**, but hopefully you will find it to be a useful starting point. You may find it on the [Parent Association Website](#).

ACT Workshops

Two upcoming ACT test prep options of which we are aware:

- Shorewood Recreation Department see page 25 of the [fall activity guide](#)
- UW Milwaukee – [click here for more information](#)

College Representative Visits

From now through late fall, colleges from around the country will be sending representatives to meet with interested students at SHS. This is a great way for juniors and seniors to learn more about specific colleges without travelling to do so. Often the representative is the same admissions officer who will also be reading the student's applications, so while this is not an interview, but an informational group meeting, it does give students the opportunity to make an impression. Also, some colleges (by no means all) take "demonstrated interest" into account during the admissions process. These meetings are just one of many ways that as student can demonstrate interest in a school.

To see the list of schools currently on the schedule [log into your Family Connection Account](#) click on "colleges" and then on "view all upcoming college visits". Check back often as the list will be updated frequently. Parents, if you have not yet registered for a Family Connection Account, [click here to learn how to do so](#).

National College Fair

College Fairs are a great way for students to meet with a large number of representatives from colleges in a short period of time in order to learn more about specific schools. Schools who consider "demonstrated interest" a factor in admissions, will often consider a visit to their table at a fair as additional demonstrated interest. Two upcoming fairs:

- National College Fair – September 28 – Wisconsin Center – For more information, a list of participating colleges, and to register, [click here](#).
- Wisconsin Education Fairs – held at various locations around the state during September and October – for more information go to <http://www.wefs.org/>.

District & Community Announcements

Supplemental Math Course – Update

[Click here to view the updated flyer](#) regarding the supplemental math course to be taught by a Shorewood resident and university professor, Krishna Pillai.

Happy Birthday to Lake Bluff

Lake Bluff opened its doors on September 8, 1924 – Happy 90th Birthday Lake Bluff. And next year, Atwater will celebrate its 100th birthday!

Bulletin Submissions and Sign Up Forms

Need an Email Address Added to this 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 Monday evening for inclusion in that week's bulletin.

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

Powerschool

- Students received their new powerschool passwords at school last week.
- Parent passwords will be distributed later – for now you may ask your student to show you powerschool information with their password.

Open House – September 23

Save the date! SHS open house (aka parent night or back to school night) will be held on Tuesday, September 23. The evening is scheduled to begin at 6:00 pm, and is an opportunity for parents to follow their student's daily schedule and learn about each of their child's classes.

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.](#)

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.](#)

District September Newsletter

If you missed the District September Newsletter which was sent via email, [you may view it here.](#)

Save the Date - SEED Trivia Night – October 17

Save the Date! Shorewood SEED Foundation will host a new social event and trivia night at The Milwaukee Beer Bistro. Start brushing up on your trivial knowledge and save the date, Friday October, 17! Watch for more details, coming soon.

Supplemental Math Course to be Offered

A supplemental math course to enhance the offerings at SHS is planned to be offered by a Shorewood resident and University Professor this fall. [Click here for more information.](#)

REDgen Race to Nowhere Showing & Discussion – September 15

As part of the Resiliency Through Change Speaker Series, REDgen will be showing the film Race to Nowhere on September 15 at 7:00 pm in the Whitefish Bay High School Auditorium. After the showing there will be an expert panel available to answer the audience's questions. This movie is pertinent for parents of middle and high school students as their children are of age to experience the stress discussed in the movie. [View the flyer here](#)

Plein Air Quick Paint for Kids of All Ages – Sept 13

On Saturday, September 13, a professional Plein Air artist will lead a hands on guided workshop for kids of all ages. [RSVP is required](#). Then on September 17-20, 65 Plein Artists will be painting outdoors throughout the Village of Shorewood. Read about [additional children and teen Plein Air events](#) here. Find the full schedule and other information at <http://pleinairshorewood.com/>.

Recreation Department Featured Program

Dance for Musical Theater Grades 6 – 9

In this class, students will learn and study a wide vocabulary of dance terminology encompassed in the Musical Theatre Dance Style. They will learn dance combinations from musical numbers to help understand the idea of telling a story through dance, how to use their bodies on stage, and build confidence to audition for productions! Dance for Musical Theater will prepare children with the techniques used in different variations of Shorewood Drama Productions. 5, 6, 7, 8! For more information and to register [please visit the recreation department web page](#).

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> .

District Website

Shorewood Schools Website – www.shorewoodschools.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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