

SHS PARENT ASSOCIATION BULLETIN

September 14, 2011

A Note from the Editor

This edition includes lots of info from both the Student Support Services Office and the Library. Also, homecoming is really early this year – so your child may already be thinking about it. For those of you new to SHS, you may be surprised to learn that SHS homecoming is not a formal affair, as it is at many schools. In fact it is quite casual, and many (probably most) kids go with a group of friends, rather than dates. Student Council is planning a week of activities leading up to homecoming (that's next week!), and information about it, as well as ways that YOU can help, is in this bulletin. Note, as of this writing, some event times have not yet been finalized - they'll be announced at school in the days to come, so ask your child for more specific information you may be looking for.

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SHS Parent Bulletin Editor

Opening of School – Letter to Parents from Mr. Joynt

Please read the [letter from Mr. Joynt](#) about the Opening of School for 2011!

Calendar – Upcoming Events and Dates to Note

- Sept 15 SHS Parent Open House
- Sept 19-23 Spirit Week
- Sept 20 Powderpuff football games – under the lights!
- Sept 22 Photo Retake (or first take if you missed it at registration) Day
- Sept 23 Senior Photos Due – see details [here](#)
- Sept 23 Homecoming Parade and Game
- Sept 24 Homecoming Dance
- Sept 27 School Board Annual Meeting – Agenda will be posted [here](#).
- Sept 27 Band Parent Meeting
- Sept 30 Youth Options Applications Due

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

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.

Parent Open House – September 15

Details about Parent Open House can be found in the mailing you recently received from school or the [September 10 Bulletin](#).

Student Directory Pick Up (and Sales)

Student Directories will be available for pick up (preorders) or purchase at Open House tomorrow (Sept. 15)

- 5:30-6:10 (prior to visiting classes) in the Administration Lobby
- 6:10 – 8:15 Those of you who's child has an “off hour” can stop by the administration lobby during that time. We will be staffed very thinly, but we should be able to accommodate you.
- 8:15 – 8:45 In the Administration Lobby AND the Auditorium Lobby – come to either location
- If you are unable to get your directory during Open House – next week's bulletin will tell you how to get yours.

From SAFE – School District Annual Meeting September 27 – 7PM SHS Library

The School District of Shorewood will be holding their annual meeting on September 27. At this meeting, community members IN ATTENDANCE have the right to vote on the District Budget for the 2011-2012 school year. This means that if 5 community members attend the meeting – those 5 have ALL the say in our district's budget this year – meaning that it is possible for a very small minority of people to make major changes to what the "community" actually wants. This is legally binding – so it is important that a representative sample of the community attend. Other districts have seen small groups of people make or attempt to make major changes to budgets that had been crafted with community input months ago. If you care about the budget, please attend this meeting so that your voice can be counted.

Band Parent Meeting September 27

Shorewood Band Parent Association General Membership Meeting will be held on September 27 at 7:00 PM in the SHS Band Room. Parents will receive information regarding fundraising for the SHS Band Spring Break Trip to Wald Disney World .

News from Student Support Services (formerly Guidance)

- **Applications for AES Scholarships are due October 7.** While these scholarships are offered by AES Engineering Solutions, they are NOT just for engineering students. For more information go to: <http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm>.
- **Colleges are beginning to send representatives to SHS to meet with students.**
 - All juniors and seniors are welcome to meet with these representatives.
 - Students must have a signed pass from the guidance office 24 hours in advance.
 - To see which schools are sending representatives on which days,
 - Use Family Connection – <http://connection.naviance.com/shorewood>
 - Log in using your student's powerschool login and password information
 - Click on the colleges tab
 - There is a section labeled " Upcoming College Visits"
 - You can see the scheduled visits for the next few days
 - Click on "view all upcoming college visits" to see future weeks
 - Expect this to be updated frequently as more colleges schedule visits to SHS
 - Learn more about Family Connections at the Student Support Services Presentation at the conclusion of Open House.
 - Attending these sessions, not only allows a student to learn more about a specific college, it also allows them to show "demonstrated interest" in that college – something that some (not all) schools consider in the admissions process.
- **National College Fair Coming to Milwaukee – October 9**
 - Frontier Airlines Center 12:00 – 3:30
 - Students (and parents) can meet with representatives from 200 colleges
 - Workshops will be offered
 - Free!
 - Pre-Registration is not required, but will streamline your admittance
 - For more information, and to pre-register for the fair, go to <http://www.nacacnet.org/EventsTraining/CollegeFairs/ncf/Fall/Pages/11FMil.aspx#general>.
- **Youth Options – Applications Due September 30**
 - Youth Options is the program through which high school students take classes at local colleges.
 - Applications for spring semester classes are due September 30.
 - Forms are available in the Student Support Services Office.

From the SHS Librarian, Susan Hersch

- For the SHS library home page, go to: <http://ssdlibrary.shorewood.k12.wi.us>
 - Besides teacher links, there is a link to powerschool, a link to the district, links to college info, links to research databases... and much more.

- There's a link on the SHS homepage that leads you to the library, but it's not showing in Safari, only in Firefox right now, so you may need to type and then bookmark this address.
- At the conclusion of Open House on September 15 at 8:15 pm there will be a presentation in the computer lab off of the library regarding Powerschool.
 - Parents can use powerschool to monitor their children's assignments, grades, and progress. Ms. Hersch will be handing out logons and passwords as well as showing a short 'how to' video.
 - This runs concurrent with the presentation by Student Support Services in the auditorium
 - If anyone needs powerschool info after the counselors' presentation in the auditorium, they can still stop by, Ms. Hersch will stay late, no worries.
- The SHS library purchased tons of new books over the summer, and students are already pulling books off of our displays!
 - If your child liked Hunger Games, she/he is sure to be thrilled by Ship Breaker--a National Book Award winner.
 - Students who like Jodi Piccoult will enjoy our new books The Sky is Everywhere and Hate List.
 - Fans of Sharon Flake should see our new collection of titles by award-winning author Jacqueline Woodson.

Homecoming – September 23 & 24

- Homecoming Parade – September 23 – Time and Route to be announced
- Homecoming Game – September 23 Students & Parents come on out and cheer! Go Messwood!
- Homecoming Dance – September 24
 - SHS Arena – time to be announced
 - No tickets will be sold at the door – purchase in advance at school
 - Students should listen to announcements for details on when and where to purchase tickets
 - Only SHS Students may attend

Homecoming Parent Help Request

Jim Krolikowski is the new Student Council Advisor this year. With homecoming just 3 weeks after the first day of school, he and Student Council have their hands full doing all that needs to be done to create a memorable weekend for SHS students. We have complete faith that their hard work will pay off for all who participate. There are some things that parents can help out with too:

- Driving Cars for the Parade. Many students clubs and groups will be participating in the parade, and many of those will be looking for cars to be part of their group. (Adult drivers, please!). You could do this for your own child's group, or another group. Either way – contact Jim Krolikowski.
- Help with decorations for the dance.
 - Donations of Materials or Items for Decorations
 - Assist Student Council with making decorations.
- General Planning Assistance

If you'd like to help with any of the above contact Jim Krolikowski at JKrolikowski@shorewood.k12.wi.us.

Spirit Week – September 19 - 23

Spirit week will get everyone in the mood for homecoming! This year spirit week activities include: Pajama Day, Gender Bender Day, Generations Day (when teachers will dress up as students), Jersey ShoreWOOD Day & Red and Grey Day. And the ever popular **Powderpuff football games** to be held under the lights on September 20!

From The SHS Daily Announcements

This is a sampling, (by no means all), of some of the morning announcements the students hear each day at school. Look at the exciting things going on at SHS:

- Girls – contact your student council class representative if you want to participate in the powderpuff game
- Pick up the spring supplement for last year's yearbook
- Freshmen – don't forget to attend your assigned Peer Mentor group meeting
- Intramural Kickball begins on 9/15. Get your team together and register with the rec department
- Meeting for those interested in going to Guatemala at spring break – see Prof. Leslie

- The Doghouse is open every day after school to buy your snacks!
- College Visits are beginning this week. Get your passes at least 24 hours in advance.
- Congratulations to the Messwood Football team on a great win last Friday!
- Lots of Clubs are beginning their meetings – I saw notices for Guatemala Club, Cake Decorating Club, AFS, Mock Trial, Chinese Club, Stock Club, Photo Club, Model UN, and I know there are many more coming this week! Encourage your student to go to some of these meeting and see which one(s) they want to join. Attending a meeting or two is a no obligation event! And missing the first meeting doesn't mean that they can't join later!

ATHLETIC NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS

Greyhound Update in ShorewoodPatch – football, soccer, swimming , tennis & volleyball.
<http://shorewood.patch.com/articles/greyhound-update-football-team-just-one-of-the-weeks-winners>.

Sports Wrapup from ShorewoodNOW – tennis, football and soccer <http://www.glendalenow.com/sports/129342183.html>.

Photos from SHS Football Game - <http://shorewood.patch.com/articles/photo-gallery-messmer-shorewood-football-vs-hope-school#photo-7688852>.

Photos from SHS Soccer Game - <http://shorewood.patch.com/articles/photo-gallery-shorewood-boys-soccer-dominates-whitnall>.

New Shorewood/Messmer Football Coach Brings Hope - <http://www.glendalenow.com/sports/129390368.html>.

CONGRATULATIONS, KUDOS AND THANK YOU'S

Congratulations to Senior, Deme Hellwig – Winner of Prestigious Music Scholarship

Read about Deme's success at <http://shorewood.patch.com/articles/shorewood-seniors-voice-lands-her-full-ride-scholarship>. Editor's Note – If you've heard Deme sing – you know why she won this. If you haven't, you might want to make a point to attend an SHS Choir concert this year!

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.shsparentassn@gmail.com.

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

Host a French Student This October – A Life Changing Experience – FAMILIES STILL NEEDED!

Note – Your child does not need to be enrolled in a French class for you to be eligible to host.

From October 9-23, Shorewood High School and the community will have the opportunity to welcome back students from Lycée Alphonse Benoît. We would like to invite new families to consider hosting a French student and take part of a continuing international exchange. Shorewood is honored to be part of the program with Lycée Alphonse Benoît which provides families with the unique opportunity to open their homes to students both here and abroad.

During the stay, French students will accompany their American correspondent to classes and participate in excursions around the state of Wisconsin and in Chicago during the school week. Weekend activities will be decided by the American host families. If you would like to host a student or have any questions about the program, please contact SHS French Teacher, Chris Jacquart at 414.963.6920 ext. 3112 or via e-mail at cjacquart@shorewood.k12.wi.us.

My Discovery of the Week – Teacher Websites

Maybe I was the last person to know this, but in case some of you also missed it – I figured I'd share my latest discovery: there are links to some teacher websites on the SHS Library page. I'm not sure if this is a comprehensive list – but the sites that are on it look pretty useful for students, and sometimes parents too. To see the list of teacher pages (more) go to: <http://ssdlibrary.shorewood.k12.wi.us>.

~ Debbie

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.

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.