

# SHS PARENT ASSOCIATION

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

September 17, 2014

### Mark Your Calendars

- Sep 17-20 [Plein Air Shorewood](#)
- Sep 23 SHS Open House (aka Parent Night)
- Sep 23 School Board Meeting – [agenda will be posted here](#)
- Sep 24 Senior Homeroom – College Application Info (during school)
- Sep 26 [Senior Photos Due](#)
- Sep 26 [Homecoming Parade & Football Game](#)
- Sep 27 [Maker Faire](#)
- Sep 27 [Homecoming Dance](#)
- Sep 28 [National College Fair](#) in Milwaukee
- Sep 30 Picture Make Up Day
- Oct 1 [Youth Options Application Deadline](#)

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

[Online Calendar](#) – customizable

### Message from Tim Kenney

We continue to enjoy a smooth start to the school year as our students settle in to their routines and get down to work. We are looking forward to sharing an evening with you next Tuesday, September 23rd at our annual Open House. Information about Open House is available on our district website and a follow up communication will be coming later this week via AlertNow.

Adding to the excitement and energy is Homecoming Week, September 22nd - 26th, followed by an all school dance on Saturday, September 27th in the Shorewood High School Arena from 8:00 - 11:00pm. Students can enjoy the Powderpuff Football games on the evening of Thursday, September 25th as the 9th graders take on the 10th graders, followed by the 11th grades taking on the Class of 2015. Friday, September 26th will feature an all-school Pep Rally in the afternoon, followed by a parade at 5:00pm and the Homecoming football game at 7:00pm. More information will follow as we hope to see as many people as possible in attendance at these events.

Have a great week!

Tim Kenney, SHS Principal

## SHS News & Announcements

### Powerschool Log on Concerns

Earlier this month, all “old” parent powerschool accounts were deactivated. If you have not yet reactivated your account, you need to do so using the information you received via snail mail a week or so ago. To see a generic [copy of the letter, click here](#). Use this link for more [detailed instructions](#) regarding creating your account. (Note: students received their new log in information at school.)

### Student Directory Pick Up

Student directories are expected to be available for pick up during Open House on September 23. Plan to stop by the lobby before or after visiting your child's classes, or during a "free period". If you did not preorder your directory, there will be extras available for sale.

### **Please Donate Boxes of Tissues – Drop Off during Open House**

Please consider donating a box or two of tissues for classroom use when you come to open house next week. With the change of weather, there are already plenty of sniffles going around. Please, save our students from having to blow their noses on institutional toilet paper – donate a box or two if you can. Thank You!

### **Homecoming – Additional Announcements**

- The homecoming parade will leave the SHS parking lot at 5:00 pm on Friday September 26. All floats and groups must be in the lot by 4:30 pm – preferably earlier.
- Girls powderpuff games will be held on Thursday, September 25 – freshmen vs. sophomores at 6:00 pm and Juniors vs. Seniors at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to come and cheer!
- Previous announcements included information about spirit week, the parade, the football game and the dance. [View them here.](#)

### **Athletic News**

- [Cross Country Teams sweep West Allis Invite – Shorewood Now](#)
- [Football team wins Woodland Conference Opener - Shorewood Now](#)
- [Weekly Recap from SHS Athletic Director, LeVar Ridgeway](#)
- See links to THREE videos featuring SHS runner, Morgan Florsheim, in the "Congratulations, Kudos...." section of this bulletin!

## **From Student Support Services**

### **Family Connections Passwords**

The login information to access Family Connection has now been updated for students. Student Logins are the same as their recently updated PowerSchool username and password. Please go to <http://connection.naviance.com/shorewood> to access your account.

### **Youth Options – Application Deadline October 1**

Students interested in participating in Youth Options during second semester must submit applications by October 1. [Instructions are posted](#) in the Student Support Services section of the district website.

### **ACT Test Prep**

Upcoming ACT Test Preparation classes of which we are aware:

- UW Milwaukee – [Click here](#) for more information

### **Senior Homeroom on Sept 24 – College Application Procedures**

Seniors will be meeting in the Auditorium during homeroom on Wednesday, Sept. 24 to discuss applying for college, using Family Connection, and requesting letters of recommendation. There will be some changes in procedure from how this was done in the past, so it's important that you attend. If you cannot make this meeting, please stop by the Student Support Office to speak with your counselor and get the updates.

### **Family Connection Training for Parents during Open House on Sept 23**

School counselors Mrs. Johansson and Mrs. Norris will be available to meet with parents in the West Computer lab on the second floor of the Administration Building during Open House to assist in setting up and utilizing Family

Connection. Feel free to stop in during any "free period" in your child's schedule to register for an account and find out how Family Connection can help you and your student navigate the college application process. Please keep in mind that this time will be used for Family Connection training only. If you wish to discuss an individual matter, please e-mail your child's counselor to set up an appointment, or visit the Student Support Office anytime between 7:30 and 3 p.m., Mon-Fri.

## **District & Community Announcements**

### **Maker Faire – September 27-28**

A Maker Faire will be held in Milwaukee on Saturday and Sunday, September 27 & 28. Maker Faire is a fun, family-friendly show-and-tell festival celebrating innovation, invention and creativity. Maker Faire Milwaukee will feature makers showing off technology, art and craft making, electronics, pyrotechnics, engineering, gardening, and other projects created by the makers themselves. There will also be workshops, competitions and more. The Shorewood School District will be offering a FREE bus to the event on Saturday. For more details and to reserve a spot on the bus, please see this [letter from Superintendent Lexmond](#).

### **State Report Cards Released**

State School Report Cards were released this week and Shorewood continues to exceed expectations both at the district level and at each of the individual schools. [Read more here](#).

### **District Schools Received Visit from Plein Air Artist**

Plein Air Artist, Jenny Anderson visited and painted at each of the district schools last week. [Read more here](#).

### **Recreation Department – Featured Programs**

#### **"Totally Love Yourself for Teen Girls"**

This workshop is designed to address the many challenges that teen girls are up against as we help them discover inner tools for seeking balance in their lives. Through fun, individual and group activities we will explore topics such as self-image, friendship, self-rejuvenation, and much more!

- Grades 6-9
- Sunday, September 21st from 1:30-5:30pm at SHS
- \$55 for Residents of Shorewood

### **Babysitting – American Red Cross, Vendor Program**

This is an ideal course for current and future babysitters, teaching them the best way to keep children safe while in their care. Feeding, diapering, safety, professionalism, first-aid, leadership and safe play are some of the topics that will be covered. Be sure to wear comfortable clothes and bring a water bottle and a snack. Grades 5-12.

**Date:** Wednesday, October 22 – 29

**Time:** 2:45 – 6:15 pm

Participants may [register through the Shorewood Rec Dept](#) for these and other programs.

### **Free Movie – the Lorax – September 21**

SEED is hosting a FREE movie event for the families of Shorewood. Come see The Lorax on Sunday, September 21 at 2pm in SHS Auditorium. Doors open at 1:30, concessions will be for sale but admission is free!

### **Staff Profiles**

Two new staff members were recently profiled on the District Blog.

- [Read about Maylan Thomas](#), Technical Theater Director
- [Read about Katelin Watson](#), District Communications and Advancement Coordinator

### **Milwaukee Area Teens Organize Suicide Awareness Benefit Concert - Sept 28**

Beginning with Twitter communication that surfaced their love for the same sorts of music, three Milwaukee area teens have organized a benefit concert in support of increasing awareness regarding teenage depression and suicide. The concert is taking place on Sunday, September 28, from 4:00-8:00 PM at the Waukesha County Expo Center, and features musicians Braiden Wood, Dylan Holland and Jacob Whitesides. Tickets may be obtained at [www.thinkthroughyourlife.org](http://www.thinkthroughyourlife.org), with all proceeds being donated to NAMI - the National Alliance on Mental Illness. For a more complete story on how this concert came to be thanks to the efforts of three impressive young ladies, see <http://www.elmgrovenow.com/news/teen-trio-teams-up-to-take-on-suicide-depression-b99342382z1-273604271.html>.

## **Congratulations, Kudo's and Thank You's**

### **SHS Junior Recognized Multiple Times This Week!**

SHS cross country runner, junior Morgan Florsheim has been recognized multiple times this week – as she excels both as an athlete and a student. Watch three videos featuring Morgan:

- [Journal Sentinel Featured Student Athlete](#)
- [Journal Sentinel Video Interview of Morgan](#)
- [Morgan wins the Arrowhead Invite in exciting race](#)

Congratulations Morgan!

### **Know Students, Staff, SHS Clubs, etc. Who Deserve Recognition?**

Please let us know of an SHS student, staff member or school group who deserves recognition, whether your own child, a friend, a 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](mailto:shsparentassn@gmail.com).

## **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](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). Submissions are due Monday evening for inclusion in that week's bulletin.

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

### **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.

### **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](mailto: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 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](mailto: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.**

### **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.

### **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. The final event of the series will be:

\* 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>.

## **Reminders - 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](#).

## 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/>.

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## District Website

Shorewood Schools Website – [www.shorewoodschools.org](http://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](#)

## District Communications

[District Blog](#)

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