

SHS PARENT ASSOCIATION

WEEKLY BULLETIN

September 18, 2013

Mark Your Calendars:

- Sept 19-21 [Plein Air Shorewood](#) – Community Art Festival
Sept 19 [Einstein's Fundraiser](#) for Best Buddies Trip - 5-7 PM
Sept 19 Band Parents Meeting – 7 PM – SHS Band Room
Sept 24 Picture Retake Day
Sept 24 [Wisconsin College Fair](#) – Concordia University
Sept 24 School Board Meeting – agenda will be posted [here](#)
Sept 26 SHS Open House (aka Parent Night)
Sept 29 [National College Fair](#) – Wisconsin Center
Sept 27 [Senior Photos Due](#)
Sept 30-Oct 5 Homecoming Week

[Full Year District Calendar](#) - pdf version

[Online Calendar](#) - customizable

A Note from the Editor

There have been several additions to this distribution list over the past week or so, so allow me to once again introduce myself. My name is Debbie Eder, and this is the ninth and final year that I will have a student at SHS. I became involved in the SHS Parent Association about 5 years ago. The following year, I approached the administration with the idea to begin this newsletter. Never did I expect it to become a 5 year project! While it is one of the more time consuming volunteer gigs that I've taken on, it is also one of my favorites. Each week, as I work on the bulletin, I try to think like a "new parent" and ask myself what someone would want to know about anything from registration, to prom, to college financial aid, etc. if they approaching one of those activities for the first time. So while some of what I put here is redundant for "old timers", I hope I am being helpful to those who are first timers for an event or activity.

In addition, I try to highlight some of the good news from school – whether it is athletics, or academic competitions, student achievements or staff innovations – so that as a community we can enjoy the accomplishments of not only our own teens, but of those of our friends and our neighbors as well as our kids' classmates.

If you have submissions for the bulletin, please send them to me either at news.shsparentassn@gmail.com or at Debbie@ederfamily.com by Monday evenings for inclusion in that Wednesday's bulletin. If there's information you are seeking that you think would be appropriate for the bulletin, let me know and I'll see what I can do.

Debbie Eder
SHS Parent Bulletin Editor

SHS News & Announcements

SHS Open House

Watch your mail this week for information on this year's parent Open House. Open House will take place on September 26. After a meet and greet time with administrators in the lobby, parents will then follow their child's daily schedule.

- The lobby will open at 5:00 so that parents can meet members of our new administrative team, pick up their student directory and mingle with each other.
- Zero hour will begin at 6:00.
- 1st hour will begin at 6:17 pm.
- 7th hour will conclude around 8:15

- Complete details will be included in your mailing

Editor's Note: I always hear many positive comments after Open House, not only about the enthusiasm of the teachers and the classroom curriculums but also about the opportunity to “walk in their child’s steps” in a fast forward type of way, passing friends and neighbors in the hallways and finding out how far it is from the 3rd floor of the admin building to the first floor of the science building!

Kleenex and Hand Sanitizer Donations Needed

During Open House on September 26, the Parent Association will be collecting tissues and hand sanitizer for SHS classrooms. Please drop contributions off in the main lobby.

Directory Distribution

Student Directories will be available for pick up in the lobby during Open House on September 26. If you did not preorder, there will be extras available for purchase. The cost is \$15 for one directory, and \$5 for each additional directory to a family. Remember this is the Parent Association’s only fundraiser of the year, please help us to continue to support SHS students, staff and parents. We will be using funds raised this year to sponsor the very well received Freshman and Junior retreats; to pay the service that allows us to bring you this newsletter, to sponsor speakers for various including our annual “college application” forum, and to support our students and staff in a variety of ways.

Band Parents – Meeting September 19

Welcome to the 2013-14 school year! The Shorewood Band program is packed full of exciting events and opportunities, and many of them kick off immediately. The **Shorewood Band Parent Associaton (SBPA) General membership meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 19 at 7pm in the SHS Band room.** We hope to see many familiar and new faces-- all band parents welcome! The SBPA is recruiting right now for the Fall fundraisers--**Gourmet's Delight Cheesecake sale** (we will have samples available at the September 19th meeting) and our very popular **Holiday wreath and garland sale!** Please contact Sue Froelich at psfro@hotmail.com if you are interested in helping and/or chairing these fundraisers.

College Application and Selection Process Forum – Save the Date – Oct 8

On October 8, the SHS Parent Association will host our annual College Search and Application Forum. Details will come soon, but we are pleased to announce that Jane Frederick has once again agreed to be our presenter. Jane’s expertise and words of advice are very well received each year, and we are fortunate to have her as part of our community! Thank you Jane!

Parents of Seniors – College Application Materials

During the senior class meeting last week, students were given materials regarding college applications. If you haven’t seen them yet, you may want to ask you child before they get too crumpled at the bottom of the backpack. Please note that seniors will need to use the Family Connection Account (see below) in order to have their transcripts, letters of recommendation and school forms sent to colleges electronically.

Best Buddies Fundraiser – Einstein Bagels – September 19

Be sure to stop by Einstein’s Bagels on Oakland Ave this Thursday, September 19! The restaurant will be staying open an extra two hours (from 5-7 p.m.) and will be serving a special menu as part of a fundraiser the SHS Best Buddies Organization! The organization is planning a trip this spring, and a portion of the proceeds on Thursday will be donated to the effort! You can [click here](#) to watch a video about the trip or you can [click here](#) to learn more about the trip and organization. And, [click here](#) to view the menu items available during the fundraiser.

Service Academy Day, Presented by USAA.

This free event will take place on **Wednesday, September 25th** and is your student’s opportunity to connect with USMA West Point, United States Naval Academy, United States Air Force Academy, United States Coast Guard Academy and United States Merchant Marine Academy. Students may login to CollegeWeekLive anytime from **2:00 PM to 10:00 PM EDT on September 25th** to learn more about each of the US Service Academies and learn about life as a cadet and beyond.

SHS Athletics

Weekly Athletic Update Read the Shorewood Athletics Update: [Week of September 16.](#)

Athletics in the News: Sports Wrapups – Sept 10 – Girls Tennis, Boys Volleyball, Girls Swim, Boys & Girls Cross Country – [Shorewood NOW](#)

Athletic Schedules

[Athletic Master Calendar](#)

[Individual Team Schedules](#)

Daily Announcements

[Daily Announcements](#) are available on the SHS page of the district website. Some of the announcements that your teens heard this past week:

- Powderpuff Football during homecoming week – sign up with your class reps
- First meeting for Fall Musical Tech Crew will be after school on Friday 9/20.
- Tech theater students who want to go on the March trip should sign up by Friday. See Mr. Spreadbury with questions or to get paperwork.
- Boys Basketball – open gym
- Lots of clubs are beginning to meet – including: Best Buddies, Clark Street School Club (volunteer tutors), Anime Club, Key Club, Guatemala Club, Pegaus (SHS literary publication), Jewish Culture Club, Ripples (student newspaper), Stock Club

[Check announcements daily online](#) so you don't miss out on information. They stay posted for about 1-3 days.

District and Community Announcements

Shorewood Schools Receive High Marks

The Shorewood School District and each of the district schools have received high marks on the recent State Department of Public Instruction Report Cards. Read more in the [district blog entry dated September 17](#).

Q-ticles Raffle to Support Shorewood SEED Foundation

Q-ticles will have their 2nd Anniversary Party at the end of September. They are having a raffle with a grand prize of a \$100 gift certificate to Q-ticles. The 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th place winners will receive a \$50 gift certificate. ALL of the proceeds from this raffle will go to the Shorewood SEED Foundation!

Please consider supporting Shorewood Schools while giving yourself a chance for a little pampering! Completed forms should be returned directly to Q-ticles by Thursday, 9/26. Please contact Christin Wille at christinwille@gmail.com with any questions. Click here to print out the raffle tickets [RAFFLE TICKET FORM](#).

Volunteers Sought For Sixth Annual "Shorewood Connects" Yard Clean-Up Day

Help older and disabled adults, have fun, and earn NHS hours!

Saturday, November 2nd, is scheduled as the sixth annual "Shorewood Connects" Yard Clean-Up Day, linking neighborhood volunteers with older adults and disabled adults who need help winterizing their yards. Volunteers are needed between 9:00 a.m. and 12 p.m. to rake leaves, clean out garden beds, trim hedges, and empty hoses at the homes of older and disabled adults for whom these tasks would prove difficult.

This is a great opportunity to make a difference in your community with other students, SHS athletic teams and SHS clubs. This volunteer activity also satisfies National Honor Society (NHS) recognition under "Helping Older Adults" and "Working with the Environment." Organizers are hoping to recruit 140 volunteers this year to meet an increasing demand for services.

Students, Adults and Families interested in volunteering are asked to pre-register with Michelle Boehm, Shorewood Connects Yard Clean Up Coordinator by October 25 at (414) 698-4369 or michelle.boehm@sbcglobal.net.

Shorewood Village Survey

What do YOU think? Shorewood Trustees and staff want to know! Please tell us what you think by taking a few minutes to complete the Village's Resident Survey.

If you are a resident, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/Shorewood-Survey> or visit Village Hall or the Library for a hard copy or available computers. **The survey will close on October 18.** Your input as a resident of Shorewood will serve as an important guide for the Village Board as it plans to meet the needs of residents - now and in the future

Plensa Birthday Breakfast

Shorewood School Board President, Rob Reinoffer and Village President, Guy Johnson invite all community members to "Plensa's Birthday Breakfast" on Friday September 9 from 7am to 9am at Atwater Park. Read more in the September 11 posting of the [District Community Blog](#).

Atwater Principal

An Atwater Interim Principal has been hired. Read more in the September 9 posting in the [Hiring Updates Archive](#).

North Shore People Network Forum Series Kicks Off Next Week

The North Shore People Network (NSPN) is founded on the belief that every child, regardless of his or her differences, is on a path to becoming a contributing and fulfilled adult citizen of multiple communities. NSPN is a collaborative group of parents, professionals, educators, self-advocates and community members focused on ensuring equitable educational and community opportunities for children of all abilities as they work toward life goals we all seek. Through resource and information exchange, forum discussions and networking, NSPN provides a variety of avenues to learn, share ideas and collaborate toward small and large scale improvements in opportunities for children with learning, physical, medical, cognitive or developmental differences. To this end, the first of several NSPN forums will take place on Wednesday, September 25, from 6:20-8:30 PM at the St. Francis Children's Center. [Click here for more details](#)

Past Bulletins, Bulletin Submissions, Etc.

Do You Know Someone Who Should Be Added to this Email 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 by Monday evening for inclusion in that week's bulletin.

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

New Powerschool Passwords

You should have received a letter in the mail last week with your updated login and password information for your student's powerschool account. To access powerschool go to <https://shorewood.powerschool.com/public/>. If you have any questions or concerns regarding accessing powerschool, call the SHS Principal's office at 963-6929.

Family Connection

SHS uses a program called Family Connection for a variety of activities. Parents were emailed in August with their Registration Code to set up their own account since it is different from the student account. They will need the code that was sent in that email to register for an account. After putting in the registration code, the parent will be asked their email

address and to create a password. The counselors don't have access to this account info so if forgotten, the parent will have to click on "forgot my password" to have one sent to the email he/she set up. Also, if the parent has already set up an account, they should not set up another one. Students will use their powerschool login and passwords to access Family Connection.

All Students at SHS have their own Family Connection account and should be exploring careers and colleges all 4 years. Some of the things that Family Connection is used for in addition to exploring careers and colleges include:

- Freshmen do activities that relate to Family Connection via their Peer Mentor Groups on Mondays at lunch.
- Sophomores will do an activity using Family Connection with the School Counselors in a one day session in the computer lab via their Team Concepts P.E. class.
- Juniors will do an activity using Family Connection with the School Counselors in a two day session in the computer lab via their Lifetime Activities P.E. class.
- Seniors use Family Connection to organize colleges they have decided to apply to and have their Transcripts, Letter(s) of Rec, and other school forms sent electronically.

Customize Your School Calendar

You can create a customized school calendar that includes events for specific schools, as well as specific types of events (athletic, arts, vacations, etc.). Follow these [step by step instructions](#) to create your calendar.

College Search Process

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. Two upcoming fairs:

- Wisconsin Education Fair – September 24 at Concordia University – for more information go to <http://www.wefs.org/>.
- National College Fair – September 29 – Wisconsin Center – For more information, a list of participating colleges, and to register, [click here](#).

ACT Test Prep

Two upcoming ACT Test Preparation classes of which we are aware:

- Shorewood Recreation Department – see pages 25 and 15 of the [Fall Activity Guide](#).
- UW Milwaukee – [Click here for more information](#)

Spring Supplements for Last Year's Yearbooks

The spring supplements for the 2012-2013 Copperdome are now available. They can be picked up in the main office or in the graphic design lab.

Parents of Last Year's Grads – NHS Members

A donation was made that allowed us to purchase NHS pins for last years seniors, "Class of 2013". Students were emailed late in the summer, but we realize that many of last year's seniors are already off to college and can't pick them up. If parents would like to pick the NHS pin up for their graduated senior they can stop in the main office this week, otherwise they can contact Mr. Aiello at baiello@shorewood.k12.wi.us. (Please forward this information on to others' who may no longer be receiving this bulletin.)

Bakers Needed

Would you like to help the high school staff start their months off on the right foot? Volunteer to help bake muffins/coffee cake on the first Monday of each Month. This is a great way to show the staff who work with our children each day how much we appreciate their efforts. There is no need to commit to every month. If you'd like to be a muffin baker, contact Cathy Pinter at cmpinter@me.com.

College Representative Visits

Colleges and Universities from around Wisconsin and the Country will send representatives (usually admissions officers) to SHS throughout the fall. To sign up to meet with specific representatives, students (juniors and seniors) must get a pass from the Student Support Services Office at least 24 hours in advance. The pass must be signed by the teacher of the class that will be missed. Check the list often as schools will be added as they call to schedule dates.

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”. [If you have not yet registered for a Family Connection Account, click here to learn how to do so.](#) Students will use their powerschool logins and passwords to access their accounts.)

Community Service Opportunity

If your student is looking for a chance to "give back", the Shorewood Woman's Club is seeking 3-4 volunteers to help move tables and chairs after their art sale on Saturday, October 5th. Volunteers are needed from 3:00 - 5:00 (approximately). The Woman's Club is a strong supporter of SHS and is raising funds for the scholarship they award at the end of the year to a deserving SHS student. This is an ideal project for anyone with some free time on a Saturday afternoon, including NHS students working in the category of older adults. Interested volunteers should contact Shorewood Connects Facilitator Sue Kelley skelley1@wi.rr.com.

Bell Schedules

You may view [both the Daily Schedule and the Wednesday Schedule here](#).

Parents of Athletes – Travel Release Form

The [SHS Athletic Travel Release](#) form has been updated. Please use the current form if your child will not be riding the team bus any athletic event.

Shorewood Plein Air Art Festival

The Village of Shorewood will be hosting its first ever Plein Air Shorewood event from Thursday, September 19th until Saturday, September 21st. The event will feature more than 50 talented artists painting in locations throughout the village. On the night of Saturday, September 21st the paintings will be up for sale during the event's gala/reception/auction at the Village Center/Public Library (located at 3920 N. Murray in Shorewood.)

Artists will also be engaging Shorewood students and families in the plein air art process. On September 12th, there will be a demonstration at Atwater during the school's parent orientation night. On September 18th, art students at Lake Bluff will be working a plein air artist from Wisconsin to learn about the technique. [Download the poster](#).

[For more information about the event, click here.](#)

Recreation Department – Highlighted Program

American Red Cross Babysitting Class

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.

Ages: 10 - 17 years

Time: 2:45 – 6:15 pm

Date: Wednesdays, October 9 & 16

For more information and to register, see the [Fall Activity Guide](#).

Important Documents

Are you looking for any of these important documents? If so, click on the links below

[Student/Parent Handbook](#) and/or [Curriculum Handbook](#)

[Activities Code of Conduct](#)

[Athletic Forms](#)

District Communications

[District Blog](#)

[School Board Meeting Recaps](#)

[District Monthly Bulletin "How are the Children"](#)

[District Hiring Updates](#)

[Other District e-news archives](#)

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- Use [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](#) 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.](#)