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SHS PARENT ASSOCIATION BULLETIN

September 19, 2012

Calendar Items

- Sept 20 [SHS Parent Open House](#)
- Sept 24 [School Board Annual Meeting](#)
- Sept 25 Band Parent Meeting
- Sept 27 AFS Information Night – 7 PM – SHS Conference Room
- Sept 27 [NHS invitation letters to be distributed](#) to qualifying juniors
- Sept 28 [Senior Photos Due](#)
- Sept 29 Flu Vaccines available at Village Hall – see Community Announcements, below
- Sept 30 [National College Fair in Milwaukee](#)
- Oct 1 [Youth Options](#) Application Deadline for Spring Semester
- Oct 5 Homecoming Parade and Football Game (And Chili Cookoff too!)
- Oct 6 Homecoming Dance

A Note from the Editor

Well, we are two weeks into the school year, and my household is finally settling into the new routine, I hope yours is too. But keep in mind that it is still the beginning of the school year, and now is as good a time as any for our teens to try out some clubs and activities. If you are wondering which SHS clubs are starting up this time of year, check the [daily announcements page](#) of the school website. Just glancing through a week's worth of announcements will give you insight as to what's going on at school as well as plenty of dinner table conversation. Check the announcements page regularly to keep up with school happenings.

Most SHS clubs accept new members throughout the year – so they don't have to figure it all out now – but with the huge array that SHS offers, consider nudging you reluctant child to try one or two, and your child who has a couple of favorites to maybe consider something new. They've got nothing to lose.

Debbie Eder, Parent Bulletin Editor

News & Announcements

Parent Open House – September 20 – TOMORROW!

- 5:30 Doors open for meet & greet, mingling and directory pick up in the administration lobby
- 6:00 Zero hour begins for parents whose students have zero hour this semester
- 6:17 1st hour begins – all parents should be at their child's first hour class
- 8:14 7th hour ends

[More specific timing and details here.](#)

Kleenex and Hand Sanitizer Collection – During Open House September 20

We will be collecting tissues and hand sanitizer for the classrooms during Open House on September 20. Please bring your contributions to the front lobby of the administrative building before or after open house. Thank you for helping to provide these much needed items for the SHS classrooms.

Student Directory Pick Up – During Open House September 20

Student Directories will be available for pick up beginning at 5:30 in the SHS Lobby. **KEEP IN MIND....** If a gazillion of you show up to get your directory at 6:00, some of you will be left standing in line when it is time to head off to your child's first

hour class. Our volunteers are always efficient, but seriously, they can only accommodate so many people in 10 minutes! So, if you can, come a bit early, relax and mingle with friends, neighbors and administrators and you'll also ease the pressure on the volunteer team. ~ Debbie

P.S. – PLEASE support YOUR Parent Association by purchasing a directory – this is our primary fundraiser of the year. If you did not preorder – we expect to have extras available for sale that evening.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – TEACHER DINNER – Thursday, October 11th

Parent-Teacher Conferences are coming up on October 11th and 12th. On Thursday, the teachers hold classes in the morning and then meet with parents from 12:30-8:00pm. That evening, they will have a short dinner break beginning at 5pm and running through 6:30pm.

The SHS Parent Association is again planning to serve dinner to our hard working teachers during this long day of classes and conferences. The teachers really enjoy this break mid-evening and truly appreciate the homemade creations of our many talented cooks. *This is where you come in:* we need some cooks to help with the food and some volunteers to help with set up, serving, and clean up. The October theme is Fall Harvest. We need folks to bring entrees, soups, hearty grain or green salads, fresh fruit, bread and butter, beverages, and desserts that feel in sync with the season. Should you prefer to volunteer for the event, Set Up will start at 4:00, serving from 5:00-6:00, and Clean Up will begin at 7:00.

If you would like to be part of this dinner for our wonderful SHS faculty and staff, please contact Connie Eastman at ceastman1@wi.rr.com or Lindy Yeager (Florsheim) at lflorsheim@weycogroup.com. THANK YOU!

College Search and Application Process

There was a fabulous turnout for the College Search and Application Forum last week – in fact it was so big that we had to move from the studio theater to the auditorium! Clearly this is information that parents and students are eager to learn about. **Look for a “special edition bulletin” next week** that will include hand outs from the forum, as well as a parent guide to the search and application process.

College Representatives Visiting SHS

Dozens of colleges have already scheduled times to meet with SHS students at school. This information sessions are open to juniors and seniors and are a great way for students to learn about specific schools and also to make a good impression on the admission counselors who will eventually read and review their applications. To see which schools are coming and when – log into Family Connections (see the reminder section below for details). Students must obtain a pass 24 hours in advance. Colleges coming in the next 10 days include: Miami of Ohio, Knox, St. Olaf, Lakeland, Carleton, Union, Furman, Puget Sound, Fairfield, St. Lawrence U., Middlebury, MSOE, Loyola of Chicago. More are added regularly so check family connections often!

Keep up with SHS Updated Information and Upcoming Events

SHS has added a page to their website to help parents stay abreast of upcoming events and updated information. Find the page at <http://shorewoodschoools.org/page.cfm?p=3110>. Or go to www.shorewoodschoools.org -> Our Schools -> Shorewood High School -> SHS Info & Upcoming Events. This page will contain details about upcoming events or answers to questions that the office is getting frequent calls about. Check it frequently.

Customize Your School Calendar

To view/print a customized calendar, [follow these directions](#). This will allow you to view only events for specific schools or specific sports, etc.

School Absences

If your student will be absent from school for any reason (ie. illness, medical appointment, family event, etc.) please notify Ms. Rentmaster in our attendance office at 414-963-6922 to ensure that the absence is excused. Due to a large volume of calls, you may be directed to voicemail, which Ms. Rentmaster checks several times a day. Please be assured that all messages regarding absences will be received.

Editor's Note - In past years, some parents and students have been surprised by the consequences associated with unexcused absences, including the loss of exam exemption privileges. Read about the school attendance policy on pages 11-13 of the [Student Parent Handbook](#).

Upcoming Mailing from SHS

You should soon receive a newsletter from SHS in your snail mail. It includes information about Parent–Teacher Conferences, Winter Sports, and much more. [View the online version here.](#)

Band Parent Meeting – September 25

Shorewood Band Parent Association Fall General Membership Meeting: Tuesday, September 25, 2012, 7:00 PM, SHS Band Room - Information regarding the Band's fall fundraiser (student travel) will be distributed. (Cheesecake samples will be available.) Volunteer opportunities are still available.

AFS Informational Meeting – September 27

Informational AFS meeting for students and parents. If you are interested in participating in an AFS travel program, or hosting a student, come find out more on Thursday September 27, at 7PM in the SHS conference room, 1st floor administration building. Parents and returnees who have participated in these programs will be on hand to discuss the many options available. Year, semester, summer and Gap year home stay programs are possible. Scholarship information available. Shorewood High School accepts three hosted students per year. For more information please contact Mr. Schulteis or visit AFS Club at lunchtime.

Chili Cook Off to Benefit MACC Fund – October 5

Do you or your teen have a great chili recipe? Enter the inaugural chili cook-off for the MACC Fund! Join us October 5th after the homecoming parade at the south End of football field to compete for prizes or just help us taste test. Entry information is available in the office, or email Ms. Bromley at lbromley@shorewood.k12.wi.us to enter. If you can't enter a chili – be sure to buy some! . All money raised goes to the MACC Fund in preparation for the Shorewood Games this spring. Thank you for supporting the Shorewood Games!

Daily Announcements

Daily Announcements are now available on the SHS page of the district website. If your child missed the morning announcements, or you are curious as to what they heard, (or should have heard), you may read the announcements online. To find the announcements go to the district website (<http://www.shorewoodschoools.org>), choose the high school page, and then click on “daily announcements” on the green menu on the left hand side of the page. [Or click here to go directly to the announcements page.](#)

Recent Announcements include information about:

- Model UN, Art Club, Photo Club, Stock Club, Forensics, Gay-Straight Alliance, Thespians, Broadcast Shorewood, Volunteer Shorewood and more clubs!
- Intramural Kickball
- Homecoming Floats
- Junior Class T-Shirts
- Ripples
- Chili Cookoff
- Spring Break Trip to Spain
- Various Athletic Announcements – Congrats, Come out and Cheer, etc.
- Much, much more!

School Lunches

Read about changes to the school lunch menus, how to pay and how to set up, use and check your child's lunch account in [this Shorewood Patch article.](#)

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.

District, Village & Community Announcements

Flu Vaccines Available – September 29

The North Shore Health Department is providing Seasonal Flu Vaccination. Both flu shots and nasal mist are available (while supplies last). The cost is \$5 per child (6 month to 18 years., whether insured or not), payable by cash or check. The first clinic will be held on Saturday, **September 29, 2012 at the Shorewood Village Center (3920 Murray Ave.) from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED.**

Sign Up for Village Manager's Weekly Memo

Keep informed about village events and news via the Village Manager's Memo. To sign up go to www.villageofshorewood.org. Choose the communications tab. Then click on "manager's weekly memo" and enter your email address.

Lake Bluff is a National School of Character

Congratulations to Lake Bluff School for being recognized as a National School of Character. View the school's video about character education [here](#).

"United Nations of Shorewood"

Read about Shorewood's AFS Program at SHS as well as the Nepalese Community in Shorewood in this [Shorewood Patch article](#).

Athletic News & Highlights

Shorewood-Messmer (aka Messwood) Football Team Continues to Win

Read about the growing success of the program in this [Journal Sentinel Article](#).

SHS Soccer

Photos - <http://www.shorewoodnow.com/multimedia/photos/169559446.html>

Sports Wrap Ups from Shorewood Now

Boys Volleyball, Girls Swim, Girls and Boys Cross Country <http://www.glendalenow.com/sports/sports-wrapups-sept-11-r66pefs-169391346.html>.

Congratulations, Kudos & Thank You's

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*****

National Honor Society – Candidate Letters to be Distributed on September 27

Students who have a cumulative GPA of 3.6 or higher at the beginning of the first semester of Junior year, are qualified to apply to become members of NHS. Candidate letters will be distributed on September 27 to qualifying students. The first meeting will be held on October 18 and applications will be due on November 1. For more information about NHS, click on the National Honor Society Tab of [Mr. Aiello's website](#).

Juniors & Seniors – Sign Up to Meet with College Representatives

Junior and Senior Students are welcome to meet with college representatives that visit SHS. To do so, students must obtain a pass from the Student Support Services Office at least 24 hours in advance. These visits are an opportunity for students to learn more about a specific school, and also an opportunity to show “demonstrated interest” in a school, something which some (not all) schools consider in the admissions process.

To see which schools will be coming when, use family connections – go to <https://connection.naviance.com/fc/signin.php?hsid=shorewood>, log in and choose the “colleges” tab. Check back often, as additional schools will continue to be added. For assistance with Family Connection stop by the Library during Open House on September 20.

Youth Options Deadline – October 1

The Youth Options Program allows some Wisconsin high school students to take classes at various colleges and universities. If you would like more information, visit the [Youth Options website](#). The application deadline for the spring semester is October 1.

School Board Annual Meeting – September 24

The School Board's Annual Meeting is will be on Monday, September 24 at 7 p.m. in the SHS Library. All community members are welcome to attend. The Board will formally approve the 2012-2013 school year budget. The board will have a regular School Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. that night and adjourn for the Annual Meeting at 7 p.m. As the meeting approaches more details will be posted on the district website.

Executive Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Pupil Services Hired

Read more in the [Shorewood Patch article](#).

UWM ACT Workshops

If the recreation department's ACT workshop (see reminders section) does not fit into your child's schedule, you may want to consider the UWM ACT class. [Click here for more information](#),

College Search Process

Consider attending the National College Fair – September 30 – Frontier Airline Center – For a list of participating colleges, [click here](#). For more information and to register, go to <http://www.nacacnet.org/college-fairs/FallNCF/Pages/Milwaukee.aspx>.

ACT Workshop Offered by the Shorewood Recreation and Community Services Department

Students will gain direct experience with each of the four multiple choice sections of the ACT. They will become familiar with the types of questions they will encounter on the tests as well as learn a variety of strategies to attack those questions. The instructor has 19 years of experience successfully preparing students to take the ACT. This course is for high school juniors and seniors. More information can be found on pages 15 and 25 of the [Recreation Department Activity Guide](#). The first class will meet on September 13 – but sign up early to reserve your spot!

Parent Forum – Risky Behaviors in Shorewood – Save the Date - October 15

What's going on with SHS students in terms of risky behaviors? Learn about the results of the Youth Risk Behavior Survey taken by SHS students in 2011 and join in the discussion about the implications for parents, students, and the school.

District Website

Don't forget to check the district website when you are looking for information about school. The new site was rolled out last spring and new pages and functions continue to be added. <http://www.shorewood.k12.wi.us/>.

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](https://www.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.](#)