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# SHS PARENT ASSOCIATION BULLETIN

September 21, 2011

## A Note from the Editor

Homecoming week is here, which is an exciting time for our teens, as they celebrate SHS with a variety of spirited activities. As many of you know, I chose to begin this bulletin two years ago, not only as a means of informing parents of what is going on at SHS, but also to highlight some of the great things that happen at OUR school. SHS is filled with great teens who do all kinds of fabulous things week in and week out, but please keep in mind that even the most responsible of kids can make an occasional poor decision. The excitement of homecoming can sometimes bring more temptations than other times of the year. Please, help keep our children safe by paying attention to what they are doing, who they are with, comparing notes with other parents, etc. In short – trust but verify – it’s one of my favorite parenting mottos. (And if we all do it, then our kids can’t complain that each of us is the ONLY mom or dad checks up on them or who talks to other moms and dads about plans and activities... so help me out here guys!)

Debbie Eder  
SHS Parent Bulletin Editor

P.S. Be sure to read the letter you received in the mail last week from Mr. Joynt about the school’s expectations for homecoming, (different from the “opening of school” letter, which is linked below).

## Opening of School – Letter to Parents from Mr. Joynt

If you missed it last week, please read the [letter from Mr. Joynt](#) regarding the Opening of School for 2011!

## Calendar – Upcoming Events and Dates to Note

- Sept 22 AFS Information Night
- Sept 22 Photo Retakes (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 29 Milwaukee Film Festival Showing of Memento Mori – written by 2011 SHS Grad Celia Carroll
- Sept 30 Youth Options Applications Due for Spring Semester
- Oct 5 & 6 Parent Forum – Guiding Your Student through the College Application and Selection Process

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](mailto:news.shsparentassn@gmail.com).

## News & Announcements

### Interested in a Year, a Semester, a Summer, Or Gap Year After Senior Year Abroad?

**Come to the SHS library this Thursday, September 22 at 7:00.**

This year SHS has AFS returnees from Panama, Egypt, Germany and France. They will be on hand to talk to you about how this process works; preparing to leave, taking SATs and fulfilling academic requirements, cultural awareness training, visa preparation, applying for AFS scholarships. Come discover if this might be right for you or someone you know, now or later. AFS has been active at SHS for more than 50 years. Each year our returnees bring back much to our community.

They will give extended presentations on their experiences on Nov13. Questions? contact Kathy Kopperud or Brian Schulteis our AFS advisors at SHS.

### **Guiding Your Student through the College Application & Selection Process – October 5 & 6**

Join the SHS Parent Association and the SHS Student Support Services for a lively discussion about the process of applying to and selecting a college. Jane Frederick, Ph.D., experienced college counselor and parent of a 2011 SHS graduate, will share her professional expertise about what makes a college search successful.

- What should you do when your child is a Sophomore? Junior? Senior?
- What resources are available to you at school or online?
- What is the role of the parent? The student? The school?

Email your questions in advance to: [omearastillwell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:omearastillwell@sbcglobal.net).

**Please join us on either October 5 or 6 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the SHS Library.**

The same program will be offered on both October 5 and October 6, no need to come both dates.

[Click here](#) to view the flyer for the program, which contains additional information.

### **Volunteers Needed – Teacher Dinner – October 13**

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on October 13 and 14 this year. On Thursday, October 13, the teachers hold class in the morning and then after a short lunch break, meet with parents from 12:30-8:30. During that time they will each have a half hour long, much needed, dinner break beginning at 5pm and running through 6:30pm.

The SHS Parent Association has a long tradition of providing nourishment to our teachers during this long day of classes and conferences. The teachers have come to count on this event and look forward to the homemade creations of our many talented cooks. This is where you come in – we need some cooks to provide them with dinner and some volunteers to help with set up and clean up. The October theme is *Italian Night* and we need folks to bring main dishes, fruit, salad, bread and desserts. Should you prefer to volunteer for the event, Set Up will start at 4:00 and Clean Up will begin at 6:30.

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

### **Pick Up Your Student Directory**

**If you pre-ordered a student directory**, and did not pick it up during Open House, you or your child may pick it up in the SHS office.

**If you did not pre-order, but would like a directory**, you may purchase one in the SHS office. The cost is \$15 for the first directory per family, \$5 for each additional. This is the Parent Association's ONLY fundraiser of the year!

### **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.

### **Memento Mori – Short Film Written by 2011 SHS Graduate, Celia Carroll – September 29**

Celia Carroll's script was chosen by Milwaukee Film as the winner of last year's Collaborative Cinema Competition. Her script has now been made into a film titled **Memeto Mori** and will be shown during the Milwaukee Film Festival on September 29. For more information and to purchase tickets go to <http://www.milwaukee-film.org/tixSYS/2011/filmguide/Title/MM>.

### **Spirit Week & Homecoming**

- To read about all the Spirit Week and Homecoming Activities planned for this week, including the parade, football game and dance – [click here](#).

- Be sure to read the letter from Mr. Joynt that you received via U.S. Mail regarding exciting events and the school's expectations for homecoming and spirit week.

### **In the News – Teaching September 11**

Read about SHS Social Studies Teacher, Brian Schulteis' teaching of September 11.

<http://www.shorewoodnow.com/news/129824643.html>.

### **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:*

- Student Council reminds all students to earn points for their class (and have fun too!) by dressing up and attending home athletic events during spirit week.
- Be sure to let Student Council Reps know if your group will be walking in the parade – no last minute adds!
- Buy your homecoming dance tickets in the front hall. And wear your Jungle Attire on Saturday night.
- Senior Photos are due September 23 (or late fee will apply)
- Senior Quotes are due October 5
- Interviews for Harvard Model UN are this week
- Thank you to those who helped rearrange the library this summer: Ilya Litvin, Kirill Korolev and Nori Moy. All students come on in and “check out” the new look.
- We need two more families to host French students from October 9 – October 23
- It's not too late to join intramural kickball – stop in the rec department to sign up
- Numerous Club and Group Meetings including: Volunteer Shorewood, Quidditch Club, Pegasus, Youth Haiti, Science Club, Disc Golf, Robotics/Engineering Club, Gay-Straight Alliance, Chinese Club, Ripples Photography, AFS, Stock Club, Cake Decorating, and Mock Trial.

Editor's Note: Lots of Clubs are beginning their meetings. Encourage your student to go to some of these meeting and see which one(s) they may 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! Just look at the list above (which is only a portion of the many offerings) .... most kids can find something on there to try.

### **Village and Community Events**

- **Shorewood Waters Project** – Free Lake Michigan excursion, fishing clinic, rain gardens and more. To view the complete list [click here](#). To read details about select events, [click here](#).
- **Shorewood Reads** – All Shorewood community members are invited to participate in Shorewood Reads by reading **Montana 1948** by Larry Watson and participating in Shorewood Reads events which will include discussion sessions on September 29 and October 1 and culminate on October 5 with two appearances by the author at the Shorewood Library. For times and location and to learn more, [click here](#).

## **College Preparation and Search Information**

This section includes both new information and reminders –  
There's enough of it that I wanted to gather it in one place this week.

### **Parent Forum – October 5 & 6 – 7PM – SHS Library**

**Guiding Your Student Through the College Application & Selection Process: What You Should Know.**

See details above, and [click here](#) for the flyer, then plan to join other SHS parents for this informative presentation and discussion. (Same program both evening – no need to attend both nights!)

### **Family Connections**

Family Connections is a new tool to assist SHS students and parents with the college search and application process. To access Family Connections go to <http://connection.naviance.com/shorewood> and use your powerschool logon and password data to enter the site. Once there, some things you will be able to do:

- View a checklist of tasks you should be completing in upcoming weeks and months

- Use the college search function to obtain a list of colleges that you may wish to consider based on geography, size, cost, admission statistics and other data you choose to select.
- View the list of upcoming college representative visits to SHS
- Input names of colleges you are interested in – you may then view
  - Application Deadlines for those schools
  - Scheduled visits of those schools to SHS
  - View what schools have application overlap with that school for SHS students (click on overlaps)
  - Specific information about SHS students application success to that school (click on school stats)
    - Note this information is still being updated
    - Eventually this will include information about test scores, gpa's and admission success rate
  - Admissions data from the school (not SHS specific) – click on grey box labeled “admissions”
- Request that transcripts and recommendations be sent to schools to which they are applying
- Read messages and access documents from Student Support Services
- More! Lots More!

Each parent and student should spend a bit of time poking around this very useful site.

### Family Connections – Parent Data – IMPORTANT

Parents – it is important that you register in family connections with your current email address. To do this, log on with YOUR powerschool logon and password which is different from that of your student. Then update your email address.

### College Fairs

- **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>.
- **Wisconsin Education Fairs**
  - Will be held at various locations throughout Wisconsin in the fall (Milwaukee area in October)
  - Schedule, list of participants and more can be found at <http://www.wefs.org/>.
- **Online college fair** will be held on October 13 from noon until 9 PM. [Click here](#) for more information and details

### College Representatives at SHS

Juniors & Seniors interested in meeting with any of the many college representative that will be coming to SHS this fall are reminded to get their passes from the Student Support Services Office at least 24 hours in advance. Meeting with these representatives not only allows students to learn more about specific colleges, but also allows them to show “demonstrated interest” in that college – something that some (not all) schools consider in the admissions process. To see the list of representatives scheduled to visit SHS, use Family Connection – <http://connection.naviance.com/shorewood> and log in with your powerschool password. Check back often, as the list will be updated as additional visits are scheduled. (Additional details about how to log on and find the information are in the Reminders section of this bulletin.)

### ACT Test Preparation

Three ACT Test Preparation Programs of which we are aware:

- Shorewood Recreation Department is offering two classes
  - Sept 8 – Oct 20 at SHS
  - Oct 24 – Nov 28 at Nicolet High School
  - For more information and to register for either, see [page 13 of the rec dept. bulletin](#), or go to the [registration website](#) and click on the course number.
- Nicolet Recreation Department – see page 29 of the [Nicolet Bulletin](#)
- UWM – See [UWM Trio and Pre College web page](#) (scroll down page for fall and future dates)

## ATHLETIC NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS

**Greyhound Update** – Football, Soccer, Swimming, Cross Country, Tennis and Volleyball  
<http://shorewood.patch.com/articles/greyhound-update-boys-volleyball-team-captures-first-league-match>.

**Football** – Greyhounds score 41 points in first quarter against Hope School.  
<http://www.shorewoodnow.com/sports/129774488.html>.

**Sports Wrapups** - Volleyball, Swimming, Cross Country and Soccer.  
<http://www.shorewoodnow.com/sports/129772158.html>.

**Photos – Boys Volleyball** <http://shorewood.patch.com/articles/photo-gallery-shorewood-boys-volleyball-vs-new-berlin-united#photo-7779839>.

## CONGRATULATIONS, KUDOS AND THANK YOU'S

**New Horizons Student, Ari Romero-Flagg Writes and Wins Grant for Nonprofit – WOW!**

Read how Ari was moved to action and the success he had in winning a grant for Sweet Water Organics & a Milwaukee School. <http://shorewood.patch.com/articles/students-grant-grows-food-for-school-in-milwaukee#photo-7787140>.

**Great job Ari – you make the community proud!**

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**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.shsparentasn@gmail.com](mailto:news.shsparentasn@gmail.com).

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

**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 .

**Applications for AES Scholarships 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>.

**Using Family Connections to Determine when College Representatives are Visiting SHS**

- 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.
- 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.

### **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.