

SHS PARENT ASSOCIATION

WEEKLY BULLETIN

September 24, 2014

**** This email has been updated to reflect a correction in the homecoming parade route, which will end on MURRAY, not Morris, as previously stated****

Mark Your Calendars

- Sept 24 Senior Homeroom – College Application Info (during school)
- Sept 26 [Senior Photos Due](#)
- Sept 26 [Homecoming Parade](#) ** Route information corrected**
- Sept 26 [Homecoming Football Game](#)
- Sept 27 [Maker Faire](#)
- Sept 27 [Homecoming Dance](#)
- Sept 28 [National College Fair](#) in Milwaukee
- Sept 30 Picture Make Up Day
- Oct 1 [Youth Options Application Deadline](#)

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

[Online Calendar](#) – customizable

Note from the Editor

A couple of weeks ago I wrote about the large number and wide variety of activities our students available to SHS students. While some require large time commitments, many do not. Due to SHS's extended lunch hour, many groups are able to meet at lunch and therefore don't interfere with the more time consuming activities such as athletics or performing arts. I'm not sure how common this is now, but I know this is very different from my high school experience – and one I encouraged my children to take full advantage of.

Unfortunately, this year the school is unable to post the daily announcements online, but I did stop in the office the other day and read through some of the recent announcements. I was not disappointed! In just the last week or so, the following student groups have been meeting – Model United Nations, Slam Poetry, Supernatural Club, Anime Club, Science Club, Ovarian Club, Gay-Straight Alliance, Science Fiction Club, Chinese Club, Film Club, Key Club, Minecraft Club, Ethnic Foods Club..... and More! Again, encourage your child to find one or more clubs to try out – something they've always liked and/or something new. Clubs can be eye opening for kids on my levels – new activities, expanded friend circles and they can help students to really feel connected to their school.

Debbie Eder

SHS Parent Bulletin Editor

SHS News & Announcements

College Search & Application Process

Parent Forum – (Students too) - October 8

The SHS Parent Association will host our annual College Search and Application Forum on October 8, at 7:00 pm in the SHS Library and we are pleased to announce that Jane Frederick has once again agreed to be our presenter. An experienced college counselor and parent of a 2011 SHS graduate, she will share her professional expertise and personal anecdotes on what makes a college search successful.

Parents/guardians and their teens (especially juniors and seniors) are encouraged to attend, as Dr. Frederick explores misconceptions of the college search process while emphasizing what needs to be done during senior year and junior year especially. This lively presentation is full of good information & valuable resources to help enhance your current search or inspire the direction for upcoming college exploration. 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! [For more information view the flyer.](#)

Directory Pick Up

Student directories that were not picked up during Open House will be available in the office beginning next week. If you did not preorder, there will be additional directories for sale in the office.

Homecoming Festivities all Week

With Homecoming Week half over, there are still plenty of opportunities to get involved, watch an activity, or enjoy Greyhound Pride! [Click here for a list of the remaining events.](#)

*** Note – last week's email had an error in the parade route, which ends on MORRIS, (not Murray).****

Daily Announcements

A sampling of announcements read at school the past week include:

- Meeting for those interested in the Art Trip to France and Spain
- Buy a superfan t-shirt for only \$10 and get in free to all home regular season games this year
- Powderpuff practices, meetings, etc.
- Peer Mentors
- Cheerleading dance practice
- Submit art and writing to Grey Matter
- Meeting for those interested in being in the Pit Orchestra for Little Shop of Horrors
- Nominate a teacher to participate in the rap battle or the pie eating contest
- All those pursuing the Global Education Achievement Certificate, see Mr. Schmidt.
- And more including lots and lots of club meetings. (see editor's note, above)

District & Community Announcements

Shorewood and the Common Core

Superintendent, Marty Lexmond recently issued a letter to the community regarding the Common Core. [You may view it here.](#)

SEED Trivia Night – October 17

Join us for trivia and fun at Milwaukee Beer Bistro, 2730 N Humboldt. A cash prize will be awarded to the winning team. \$25/person (\$10 is tax deductible) includes 2 beverages of your choice, snacks and the trivia game. Reservations can be made online at <http://www.shorewoodseed.org/news/> Questions? email tracey_grabowski@yahoo.com

Shorewood Band Parent Association News

Come check out the SHS Pep Band (along with the SIS Pep Band) this Friday, September 26th--they will be performing during the SHS Homecoming football game against South Milwaukee at 7pm!

It's fundraising time!! Band students will be given fundraising materials for the **Gourmet's Delight Cheesecakes** and **Noble Valley Farms Wreaths** Fundraisers (for band students in grades 6-12) on **Friday, September 26th**. **Orders and money (Checks only--NO CASH) are due in your student's band room by Wednesday, November 5th.**

Did you know? The money that your student raises is kept in a personal band account designated for each student. The monies raised during each fundraiser accumulate throughout your student's band career and can be used to defray the cost of their SIS and/or SHS band trip(s) during their time in the Shorewood School District. Questions?? Please contact Sue Froelich at psfro@hotmail.com.

If you're a parent of a band student, you are an automatic member of the Shorewood Band Parent Association! The Shorewood Band Parent Association exists to help its student members get the most out of their experience in the Shorewood band program. **Please consider making a direct donation** by visiting www.shorewoodbands.org to make a secure online donation or by sending a check to:

SBPA
P.O. Box 11845
Shorewood, WI 53211

Donations help provide funding for guest artists, clinicians and composers; classroom equipment, enhancements and technology; band awards and certificates; scholarships and more!

All donations will be acknowledged in the Band concert programs, unless you specify otherwise. Suggested giving levels are:

Maestro---\$250+

Conductor---\$100-\$249

Gold Baton---\$50-\$99

Silver Baton---Up to \$49

Thanks for your support of Shorewood Bands!

Congratulations, Kudo's and Thank You's

SHS Student Named Young Change Maker

Ananya Murali, SHS Junior has been identified as a young change-maker by the Youth Service of America and she is the recipient of this year's SUMMER OF SERVICE AWARD. She will be receiving \$1,000 award to help make a lasting, positive change in the world. Ananya will use that amount to conduct her Girl Scout Gold Award Project in December, 2014. Congratulations Ananya!

SHS Alumnus Paints Milwaukee Mural

The next time you are coming south on I-43 and take the Green Bay Avenue exit on your right to go down Capitol Drive, you will see a large mural of the Andromeda Solar System. Thousands of drivers see this mural every week and it was painted by a Shorewood High School Alumnus....Benjamin Janik from the Class of 1998!! Ben has painted murals around the country, including Chicago, San Francisco, Tampa and Miami Beach, Florida.

SHS Alumnus Publishes Book

While at SHS, Jacob Kushner, class of 2006, was the editor-in-chief of the Shorewood Ripples newspaper his senior year, and he has since gone on to become a notable writer! His book "China's Congo Plan," which was his master's thesis at Columbia University, was just reviewed by The New York Review of Books! Check out the review and more of Jacob's writing at <http://jacobkushner.com/>.

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.

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.

Bulletin Submissions

Send your bulletin submissions to news.shsparentassn@gmail.com or to Debbie@ederfamily.com. Submissions are due Monday evening for inclusion in that week's bulletin.

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

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/>.

Homecoming

Previous announcements about homecoming included information about spirit week, the parade, the football game and the dance. [View them here](#).

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.)

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.

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](#).

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!

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, 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>.

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.

Also – please spread the word to friends and neighbors who may have instruments in need of a good loving home.

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.

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> .

District Website

Shorewood Schools Website – www.shorewoodschoools.org

Important Documents

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

[Activities Code of Conduct](#)

[Athletic Forms](#)

[Athletic Travel Release Form](#)

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