

SHS PARENT ASSOCIATION

WEEKLY BULLETIN

September 25, 2013

Mark Your Calendars:

- Sept 26 [SHS Open House](#) (aka Parent Night)
- Sept 26 [Q-ticles Raffle Deadline](#) – Benefits SEED
- Sept 29 [National College Fair](#) – Wisconsin Center
- Sept 27 [Senior Photos Due](#)
- Sept 30-Oct 5 Homecoming Week
- Oct 2 Room to Breathe – Movie Screening 6:35 pm SHS Auditorium
- Oct 8 School Board Meeting – [agenda will be posted here](#)
- Oct 8 Parent/Student Forum – College Search and Application Process
- Oct 10-11 Parent Teacher Conferences

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

[Online Calendar](#) - customizable

SHS News & Announcements

SHS Open House

By now you are well aware that Open House will be held tomorrow evening – Thursday, September 26. Those of you who are looking for a [quick link to all the timing and details, can find it here](#). Don't forget to support your Parent Association by purchasing a student directory, your Athletic Booster Club by purchasing spirit wear, and your kids by contributing tissues and hand sanitizer to be used in classrooms. You can take care of all three of those things in the Administrative Lobby which will open at 5:00 pm for a "meet and greet" with our new administrative team. Parents will begin attending their child's classes at 6:00 pm.

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. Additionally some parents and students have been surprised by which absences are excused and which are not. Read about the school attendance policy on pages 12-14 of the [Student Parent Handbook](#).

Homecoming and Spirit Week Festivities - September 30 through October 5

Student Council has many exciting events planned during Homecoming Week!

- **Spirit Week is September 30 through October 4** and leads up to homecoming with a dress up theme each day of the week. Monday will be Pajama Day. Tuesday will be Greek Day. Wednesday will be Movie Day, Thursday will be Decades day, with each class representing a specific decade and Friday will be Red & Grey Day! Parents please remind your students that dress codes still apply so while students should have fun and enjoy these days, they may not wear inappropriate clothing.
- **Powderpuff Games will be held on Thursday, October 3.** The Freshman-Sophomore Game begins at 6:00 pm and the Junior-Senior game begins at 7:00. All are welcome!
- **The Parade and Football Game will be on Friday October 4**

- The parade will leave the SHS Parking lot at 5:00 PM and travel on Shorewood Blvd to Murray to Lake Bluff Blvd. to Morris. (All floats must be in the parking lot by 4:30.)
- The football game will begin at 7:00 PM. Go Messwood!
- We hope to see many parents lining the parade route and then cheering for the Greyhounds!
- **The Homecoming Dance will be held on Saturday, Oct 5.**
 - The Dance will be in the SHS Arena from 8 pm to 11 pm.
 - Tickets Cost \$10.
 - Tickets will be on sale at school.
 - No tickets will be sold at the door.

Save Money and Support SHS Basketball

The Shorewood High School Boys Basketball team is selling Boston Store coupon books. These books cost \$5 each and have an instant \$10 coupon in them. The coupon books are only good for November 15 and 16. These books have additional coupons for clothing, kitchenware, luggage and more. Contact one of the players from the boys basketball team to purchase your book today.

College Admissions – Letters of Recommendation

Students who are requesting Letters of Recommendation and School Reports (which include counselor recommendations) for college admissions should follow the procedures outlined by the Student Support Services Office. Students (and parents) may find it helpful to review sample forms so that know what questions the recommenders are being asked.

- SHS School Report Forms were given to Seniors during their class meeting
- [A Sample Common Application School Report Form](#) can be found here
- [A Sample Common Application Teacher Evaluation Form](#) can be found here
- Specific College Recommendation forms (for colleges that do NOT use the Common Application) can be found on specific schools' websites.

PARENT FORUM – SPONSORED BY THE SHS PARENT ASSOCIATION

Guiding Your Teen through the College Application & Selection Process: What You Should Know

Tuesday, October 8, 2013 - 6:30-8:30pm - SHS Auditorium

Jane Frederick, Ph.D, experienced college counselor and parent of a 2011 SHS graduate, 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.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on October 10 from 12:30 pm to 8:00 pm (school will be dismissed at 11:30) and on October 11 from 8:00 am to 11:30 am. Unlike other district schools, no appointments are necessary. When you arrive you will see teachers seated at desks, and you may make your way from teacher to teacher in which ever order you choose. (Don't forget to bring a list of your child's teachers with you!) In order to avoid long lines building up, please keep your conference time to about 5 minutes. If you need more time with any teacher(s) you may schedule separate conferences with them. Note that Friday is usually less crowded (i.e. shorter lines) than Thursday, and that evening hours tend to be the most crowded.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED –STAFF DINNER – Thursday, October 10th

Parent-Teacher Conferences are coming up on October 10th and 11th. On Thursday, the teachers hold classes in the morning and then meet with parents from 12:30-8:00pm. That evening, they have a short dinner break beginning at 5pm and running through 6:30pm.

The SHS Parent Association is organizing a dinner for our hard working teachers and staff 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. We need cooks to prepare food and volunteers to help with set up, serving, and clean up. The October theme is Fall Harvest. If you would like to contribute food, 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 5:00-6:30, 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!

National College Fair – September 29

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. The Milwaukee National College Fair will be held on September 29 at the Wisconsin Center. For more information, a list of participating colleges, and to register, [click here](#).

SHS Athletics

Weekly Athletic Update [Week of September 23](#)

Athletics in the News:

Special Teams help Messwood to shutout win over St. John's. – [Shorewood NOW](#).

Sports Wrapups – Sept. 17 – Cross Country, Volleyball, Tennis, Soccer – [Shorewood NOW](#).

Athletic Schedules

[Athletic Master Calendar](#)

[Individual Team Schedules](#)

Daily Announcements

[Daily Announcements](#) are usually available on the SHS page of the district website.

District and Community Announcements

Room To Breathe – Movie Screening – October 2

The *Room to Breathe* movie screening originally scheduled for September 21st, has been rescheduled for Wednesday, October 2nd at 6:35 p.m. in the Shorewood High School Auditorium. The Shorewood School District, as well as the Lake Bluff PTO, will be hosting the screening of the award-winning documentary that tells the story of the transformation struggling kids in a San Francisco public middle school go through after they are introduced to the practice of mindfulness meditation. [Click here to view a trailer](#) and learn more about *Room to Breathe*. (Run time for the movie is 55 minutes.)

District Teachers Work On Common Core Alignment

Each Wednesday, when Shorewood students are dismissed from school one hour early, the District's teachers stay at school to work on a variety of tasks. One of the biggest projects our teachers are working on is aligning Shorewood's current curriculum to the Common Core State Standards, which were adopted by Wisconsin in 2010. Read more in the [September 19 entry of the District Blog](#).

Bowling - Recreation Department – Highlighted Program

Come and experience the Shorewood High School Bowling Alley. We will Moon-Glow Bowl the last Sunday of each session. Enjoy bowling with friends or family! Participants must be grade 1 or above.

Date: Sunday, November 3 – December 15 (No class 12/1)

Location: SHS Bowling Lanes

Fee: Resident - \$18 / Non-Resident - \$27

Grade	Time	Course #
Parent/Child	1:00 – 2:15 pm	1450.1
3 – 6	2:15 – 3:30 pm	1450.2
7 – 8	3:30 – 4:45 pm	1450.3

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

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*******

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 your 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.

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.

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

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](#)

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.

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.

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.)

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.

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](#)

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Raise Money for SEED while You Shop Online

- 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](#).