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SHS PARENT ASSOCIATION BULLETIN

September 26, 2012

Calendar Items

- 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 Reminders Section, 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
- Oct 11 Parent Teacher Conferences 12:30-8 pm (no p.m. classes)
- Oct 12 Parent Teacher Conferences 8 – 11:30 am (no school for students)

A Note from the Editor

Fall is in full swing – and with it comes Homecoming! The SHS Student Council has planned a week full of events to celebrate and we hope to see many parents involved in the festivities. You can read more about it below.

This year fall also brings the Shorewood Games. Actually, the games are in the Spring – but the Shorewood Games Planning Committee is starting early and planning fundraisers throughout the year. The Shorewood Games are held every 4 years or so and the last time they were held, over \$34,000 was raised for the MACC Fund. That is a HUGE amount of money for students to raise, especially at a school our size. It entails a tremendous amount of planning, organizing and volunteering and participating on the part of students! Please read more about the games below, and support the kids in whatever way you can as the year goes on!

Debbie Eder
SHS Parent Bulletin Editor

News & Announcements

Homecoming – October 5 & 6 – Spirit Week October 1-5

Student Council has many exciting events planned during Homecoming Week!

- Spirit Week is Oct 1-5 and leads up to homecoming with a dress up theme each day of the week. Mon is Pajama Day, Tue is Classy/Swag Day, Wed is Superheros/Villains day, Thur is Gender Bender Day and Friday is 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 4. The Freshman-Sophomore Game is from 6:30 to 7:00, and the Junior-Senior Game is from 7-8 PM.
- The Parade will be on Friday October 5
 - The parade will leave the SHS Parking lot at 5:00 PM and travel on Shorewood Blvd to the public library to Lake Bluff Blvd. to Morris. (Parents if your child is working on a float with a group, please remind them that anything on a trailer or in the back of a pick up must be secured.)
 - Following the parade there will be a chili cook off to benefit the MACC Fund. Students and Parents are welcome to enter, and all are welcome to come taste and judge! (To enter, see the reminders section below.)
 - The football game will begin at 7:00 PM. Go Messwood!

- We hope to see many parents lining the parade route, tasting chili and cheering for the Greyhounds!
- The Homecoming Dance will be held on Saturday, Oct 6.
 - The Dance will be in the SHS Arena from 8 pm to 11 pm.
 - The theme this year is Out of This World
 - Tickets Cost \$12 per person, or \$20 per couple.
 - Tickets will be on sale during lunch or after school beginning October 3.
 - No tickets will be sold at the door.

The Shorewood Games Have Begun! (or the Pre-Games have)

The Shorewood Games originated in 1988 as a fundraiser for the MACC FUND when SHS had a senior boy fighting childhood cancer. SHS continues to hold the games approximately every 4 years. And it has grown tremendously in that time.

The four classes compete in Olympic type sports as well as fundraising opportunities and the class that raises the most points will win Gold Medal t-shirts in the spring. The first Games raised over \$10,000 - we were thrilled. It has grown over the decades to include all the schools in the district as well as the community at large. The last Games raised over \$34,000!

Each time we run the Games it grows bigger and better. Although the Games do not officially begin until March 8, SHS students have already begun fundraising on behalf of the MACC Fund. In Ms. Bromley's (Shorewood Games Advisor) words, "It is an unbelievable experience and working with these kids is an absolute honor!"

Two new events connected with the Shorewood Games this year, that are already in progress are the Chili Cookoff after the Homecoming Parade, and the "You've Been Torched" event. (See below for more info about the Torch.)

The Games will officially begin on March 8 with an opening assembly/ceremony. Executive director of the MACC Fund, John Cary, will be at SHS to speak to the kids. For two weeks we will turn the school upside down with activities and events. Some include the Spaghetti dinner, the Ms. Shorewood Pageant, Buzz Cuts for Cancer, Dollar Campaign, Penny Wars, Music for MACC, and new this year, the Jailhouse Rock. During lunch the classes compete in volleyball, basketball, swimming and soccer. There is also a pie in the face during one lunch. At the closing ceremonies on March 22nd we unveil the winner - the class presidents go up on stage with jackets on and one by one they get eliminated. John Cary speaks again and it is always very moving.

Editor's Note: Parents – be proud of your kids, as no doubt each and every one of them will be involved in some way this fall and/or this spring! And be proud of the school they attend, where students make this happen!

Shorewood Games Torch

As part of the Shorewood Games, and an additional fundraiser for the MACC Fund – SHS students have will be "torching" families in the neighborhood. (It is a take off of being "flocked" where they put a bunch of pink flamingoes on the lawn). Our kids thought a torch would be cool following the Olympic theme and the Shorewood Games.

Matt Joynt was the first person to get torched – when the torch was placed on the front lawn of SHS. Once someone has been torched they are requested to pay \$25 per day (with a check to the MACC Fund) to keep the torch on their lawn (it will usually be there 1-2 days). The "torchee" may decide where it should go next! (Rumor is that Matt Joynt chose School Board President, Rob Reinhoffer's House.) You can follow the Torch and where it goes at [Facebook.com/FollowTheTorch](https://www.facebook.com/FollowTheTorch). The students hope to keep passing the torch as long as we can and the weather holds. Here's hoping the torch makes it many lawns and that this is a grand fundraiser for the MACC Fund! [View a Photo of the Torch on the front lawn of SHS.](#)

Student Directories

If you pre-ordered a student directory but did not pick it up at Open House, you or your child may stop in the office to get it. If you did not pre-order a directory, there are additional copies for sale in the SHS office. They cost \$15 for the first one and \$5 for a second copy. Remember – this is the Parent Association's primary fundraiser of the year.

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). More are added regularly so check family connections often!

Parent Teacher Conferences – October 11 & 12

Parent – Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday October 11 from 12:30 pm – 8:00 pm and on Friday October 12 from 8:00 am – 11:30 am in the SHS Arena. No appointment is 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. Refer to the [September Newsletter that was mailed home](#) from school for information regarding:

- When teachers that are shared between schools will be available at SHS.
- When each group of teachers will be taking their short dinner breaks
- Presentation by Superintendent of Schools Marty Lexmond regarding Wisconsin's new School Accountability System.

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!

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.shorewoodschools.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:

- Club Meetings Include – Model UN, Writing Club, Stock Club, Broadcast Shorewood, Cupcake Club, Gay-Straight Alliance, Art Club, Outdoors Club, AFS, Photo Club, Youth Haiti, Board Games. Feminism Matters, Volunteer Shorewood, Guatemala Club, and more!
(There must be something for everyone just in the above list alone! And Parents – if your child is reluctant, remind them that going to a meeting and checking something out does not obligate them to anything!)
- Intramural Kickball
- Girls Volleyball is having Dig Pink Night – fundraiser for breast cancer.
- Seniors – turn in your photos and your quotes for the yearbook!
- Powder Puff Football Sign Ups/Meetings
- Congrats to various athletic teams. Come cheer at various games/meets.
- Sign Up for Chili Cookoff
- Much, much more!

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.

Athletic News & Highlights

Girls Swim Team Wins Woodland Relays and Nicolet Sprints

<http://www.shorewoodnow.com/sports/greyhound-swimmers-win-both-woodland-relays-and-nicolet-sprints-od70a67-171193861.html>

Football – Messwood Has First Loss of Season in a Close Game

- From Shorewood NOW – Lake Country Living
<http://www.livinglakecountry.com/lakecountryreporter/sports/170802956.html>.
- From Shorewood Patch <http://shorewood.patch.com/articles/photos-messwood-can-t-secure-comeback-fields-first-loss-to-lake-country-lutheran>.

Congratulations, Kudos & Thank You's

National Merit Scholarship Semi Finalists and Commended Students Announced

Congratulations to the following seniors who have been recognized for their achievement on the PSAT/NMSQT test they took last year:

Semi Finalists in the 2013 National Merit Scholarship Competition

- Rebecca Diesing
- Johann Gaebler
- Story Sandy
- Yee Wang

Commended Students:

- Glenn Helme
- Elliott Kucharczyk
- Victoria Nelsen
- Avery Anapol

Semifinalists are determined based on 2011 PSAT/NMSQT. The 16,000 students nationwide who achieve semi-finalist status represent about 1% of the test takers. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,300 National Merit scholarships. About 90% of the semifinalists will attain finalist standing, and more than half will win the Merit Scholar® title.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation have been recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2013 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students were among the top test takers of the 2011 PSAT/NMSQT.

Congratulations to all of SHS's Semi-Finalists and Commended Students!

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*****

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!

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.

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](#).

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.

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](#),

National College Fair in Milwaukee – September 30

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>.

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.

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](#).

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](#).

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. www.shorewoodschools.org.

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 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.](#)