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# SHS PARENT ASSOCIATION BULLETIN

September 5, 2012

## Calendar Items

- Sept 7 School Spirit Day – All Students encouraged to show their spirit by wearing school colors or a t-shirt from an SHS club, interest, or athletic team. See [details in the summer mailing](#).
- Sept 11 School Board Meeting – [agenda will be posted here](#)
- Sept 13 Picture Retake Day
- Sept 13 Parent (and student) Forum – [College Search and Application Process](#) **NEW TIME – 6:30**
- Sept 20 Parent Open House (evening event for parents to follow students' daily schedule, meet teachers)
- Sept 28 [Senior Photos Due](#)

## A Note from the Editor

I hope everyone had a smooth start to the school year and is ready to settle into the new routine. While I always enjoy the final lazy, happy days of summer, I find the new school year is always full of promise and excitement. As parents, it seems to mark the passage of time and our children's growth as much as anything. I reminisce fondly as the younger ones parade past my house on their way to school with backpacks almost as big as themselves, red wagons and younger siblings in tow. I love seeing the "big kids" transition into high school, and beyond. For the freshmen, it is such an exciting (and sometimes scary) time where so many new opportunities await them – they can represent their school on sports and academic teams, they can join a myriad of clubs and activities, they'll make new friends and have more opportunities to meet teens in other grades - so much is new – oh and they can go off campus during lunch! The upperclassmen get a "fresh start" too – and many of them will also find new activities to try and will meet new friends. Other than the alarm clock, what's not to love about the beginning of the school year?

If your child is new to SHS, and you or they have questions or concerns, there are plenty of parents and students ready and willing to show you the ropes. Ask around, or ask for a representative from the new parent liaison group to contact you. The Parent Association wants everyone to feel welcome and part of the gang! Contact Jen Essak at [essakfamily@hotmail.com](mailto:essakfamily@hotmail.com) to be put in touch with "old pro" parents who are anxious to welcome you to SHS!

~Debbie Eder, Parent Bulletin Editor

## News & Announcements

### **IMPORTANT: Change In Start Time For SHS Parent Forum On Thursday, Sept. 13th**

Please note that due to the Packers-Bears game, next week's Parent Forum on the **College Search and Application Process** will begin at **6:30 pm** (rather than 7:00) and will end at 8:00. The Forum will be held in the Studio Theater, which is in the Auditorium Building. Enter via the door closest to the parking lot and go straight; the theater is on the right and signs will be posted. Students are welcome to attend with their parents. If you have any questions, please contact Parent Forum organizers Sue Kelley ([skelley1@wi.rr.com](mailto:skelley1@wi.rr.com)) or Kim Apfelbach ([kapfelbach@wi.rr.com](mailto:kapfelbach@wi.rr.com)).  
[View the printable flyer with the corrected time here.](#)

### **Volunteer Opportunity – September 20 – Before and After Open House**

We will need a few volunteers to help distribute student directories on September 20 before and after Open House. Times have not yet been finalized, but most likely the main shifts will be from 5:30-6:10 pm and from 8:15 to 8:45. You will not need to miss visiting any of your child's classrooms. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Mary Gorman at

[mrobrecht@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mrobrecht@sbcglobal.net) or 964-4775. If are volunteering and your child happens to NOT have a first hour class and/or a 7<sup>th</sup> hour class, please note that when replying, as it would be very helpful to have a couple of people who don't need to rush to first hour, or can help out while other parents are still in 7<sup>th</sup> hour class.

### **Calendars – Calendars - Calendars**

As you await your hard copy of the district calendar, there are several calendars to view online:

- [Download a copy of the printed calendar](#)
- [View Complete Year Important Calendar Dates](#) – holidays, days off, etc.
- [View SHS fall athletic schedules here](#)
- Poke around the [district website](#) a bit to see which calendars are customizable to your needs.

Pay attention to your [weekly e-bulletin](#) for Parent Association Events that are not always included in the school calendars.

### **College Search Process**

After you and/or your child attend the SHS College [Application and Selection Forum](#) on September 13, you may be ready to begin meeting with representatives of various colleges. Two college fairs that we know of:

- Wisconsin Education Fair – September 24 at Concordia University – for more information go to [www.gotocollegefairs.com](http://www.gotocollegefairs.com).
- 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>.

The SHS Parent Association will be holding our second annual [College Application and Selection Forum](#) on September 13 at 6:30 PM (note new time) in the Studio Theater.

Also, check the Reminders Section of this bulletin for information regarding an ACT Prep Class offered by the Shorewood Recreation Department.

### **Parent Open House – September 20**

Save the Date – the SHS Parent Open House will be held on September 20. Details will be available soon, but in the past, parents have followed their child's daily schedule, as each teacher gives a 10 minute presentation. 1<sup>st</sup> hour usually begins a little after 6:00 pm, and 7<sup>th</sup> hour usually concludes a little after 8 pm.

### **Staff Welcome Breakfast a Success!**

The staff was much appreciative of the welcome breakfast that was provided by the Parent Association last week. Thank you to the following families who contributed food and/or time to let the staff know how much we appreciate their work with our children: Blind, Cummings, Shields, Dolan, Windsor, Glosson, Curran, Tsuchiyama, Perrachio/Eder, Trikha, Reynolds, Henkel, Traudt, Dix, Papke, Munson, Washcovik/Wakely and Stello!

### **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 functions continue to be added. <http://www.shorewood.k12.wi.us/>.

### **Past Bulletins and Documents**

To view past bulletins and related documents – visit the parent association website at [www.shsparentassn.com](http://www.shsparentassn.com).

### **Bulletin Submissions**

Send your bulletin submissions to [news.shsparentassn@gmail.com](mailto:news.shsparentassn@gmail.com) or to [Debbie@ederfamily.com](mailto:Debbie@ederfamily.com). Submissions are due by Monday evening for inclusion in that week's bulletin.

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

**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!

### **Intramural Sports**

The Rec. Dept. offers intramural sports throughout the school year. Teams are coed and games are played Wednesdays after school. Participants put their team together and will receive a team t-shirt. Encourage your child to start or join a team for our kickball league that will start in mid-September. Students should listen to morning announcements for sign up and other information.

### **Parent Forum – College Search and Application Process – Sept 13 – 7:00 PM – 6:30 PM Studio Theater**

Back by popular demand, we are pleased to present, "**Guiding Your Child Through the College Application & Selection Process – What You Should Know**", featuring Jane Frederick, PhD. Based upon feedback we received after last year's forum, we're encouraging parents to bring their children to this forum as well. [For more information, view the flyer here.](#)

### **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.

### **Special Bell Schedules During the First Week of School**

The bell schedule on the first day of school is set so that 9<sup>th</sup> graders come to school first and meet in each class for a short period before the day begins again with all grades. Additionally, SHS will hold class meetings on September 6, 7, 10 and 11 which will affect the bell schedules on those days as well. (September 5 and 12 will be regular Wednesday bell schedules, and September 13 will be the first day with a regular non-Wednesday bell schedule.)

- To see the first day bell schedule and the class meeting schedules [view the summer mailing from school](#).
- [View regular bell schedules here.](#)

### **Clubs and Activities at SHS**

If you were at Freshman Orientation, you saw a sampling of the Clubs at SHS. What was represented at the Club Fair, was just a portion of the opportunities our kids have. There is so much to do at SHS, and I'd encourage all of you to encourage your children to pick one or two or more clubs to try. Some are competitive and require serious time commitments, but many are available as drop in clubs. Most meet at lunch – so sports don't conflict with them. Your child has nothing to lose by going to a club meeting and checking it out – and they are likely to meet new friends, develop new passions, and, while I'm not a proponent of doing something "just for the resume" – one of their new interests may actually end up looking really good on their college resume. [View a list of clubs on the school website](#) – but know that students continue to form and add clubs during the year. ~ Debbie

### **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.](#)