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SHS PARENT ASSOCIATION BULLETIN

September 7, 2011

Calendar - Upcoming Events and Dates to Note

- Sept 13 School Board Meeting Agenda will be posted here.
- Sept 15 SHS Parent Open House
- Sept 23 Senior Photos Due see details here
- Sept 23 Homecoming Parade and Game
- Sept 24 Homecoming Dance

The complete District Calendar for 2011-2012 can be found here.

A Note from the Editor

Don't tell your kids, but every once in a while it's not such a good idea to do your homework ahead of time..... take me for example. Tuesday this week, I sent a "volunteer opportunity" bulletin at 11 am. Tuesday afternoon I prepared this bulletin, which you should receive on Wednesday. I wrote a note for this space, reminding people of the upcoming volunteer needs, and how to sign up. Then I proofread, tested the email version and set it to run the next morning. But within hours all the volunteer needs had been filled.... So I have now cancelled that bulletin and am writing this here note that you are reading – and will have to go through the whole proofreading, testing and setting process again. Not a huge time sink.... But really I should have known to have more faith in all of you and saved myself some hassle.

A HUGE THANK YOU to those of you who agreed to help next week, to those of you that were too slow hitting the reply button – don't worry – there will be more chances!

And for those of you who will be picking up your directory that evening – ONE FAVOR PLEASE - KEEP IN MIND.... If a gazillion of you show up to get your directory at 6:00, some of you will be left standing in line when it is time to head off to your child's first hour class. Our volunteers are always efficient, but seriously, we can only accommodate so many people in 10 minutes! So, if you can, come a bit early and ease the pressure on the volunteer team.

Debbie Eder

SHS Parent Bulletin Editor (And Student Directory Coordinator)

P.S. – PLEASE support YOUR Parent Association by purchasing a directory – this is our ONLY fundraiser of the year.

If you did not preorder – we expect to have extras available for sale that evening.

Parent Open House - September 15

SHS Parent Open House will be held on Thursday, September 15. You should soon receive a letter in the mail with all the details. A few highlights:

- This is the evening where you walk through your child's schedule, hearing a short presentation from each teacher.
 - 5:30 pm
 Lobby Opens plan to come and meet and mingle with parents and administrators
 - o 6:00-8:09 Parents follow their child's schedule through the day
 - Student Support Services will hold a meeting in the auditorium for Jr./Sr. parents
- Student Directories will be available for pick up (preorders) or purchase before and after Open House
 - If you preordered your directory at registration it will be ready for pick up in the admin lobby
 - If you did not preorder there will be additional directories for sale (\$15 for your first copy, \$5 for each additional)
- A handy, blank schedule will be included with the letter from school. It includes all the details about timing for each class during Open House.
 - Work with your child to fill it in with all the information you'll need to ensure that you will be in the right places at the right times next Thursday evening.

- o Powerschool can help with all but the room numbers. When filling in your schedule, be sure to include room numbers, or, at a minimum, a general idea (building & floor) of where each room is.
- Be sure to read the letter from school for all the details about the Student Support Services meeting, detailed timing, and more! (The mailing should go out soon, we will post it on the <u>SHS Parent Association Website</u> as soon as it is available.)

Host a French Student This October - A Life Changing Experience

From October 9-23, Shorewood High School and the community will have the opportunity to welcome back students from Lycée Alphonse Benoît. We would like to invite new families to consider hosting a French student and take part of a continuing international exchange. Shorewood is honored to be part of the program with Lycée Alphonse Benoît which provides families with the unique opportunity to open their homes to students both here and abroad.

During the stay, French students will accompany their American correspondent to classes and participate in excursions around the state of Wisconsin and in Chicago during the school week. Weekend activities will be decided by the American host families. If you would like to host a student or have any questions about the program, please contact SHS French Teacher, Chris Jacquart at 414.963.6920 ext. 3112 or via e-mail at cjacquart@shorewood.k12.wi.us.

Staff Welcome Breakfast - Thank You!

The teachers and staff were treated to a Welcome Back Breakfast on August 31, and they did enjoy it! Thank you to the following people who helped to make it such a success: Susie Tweddell, Pam Busalacchi, Millie Coby,, Margit Schatzman, Julie Cummings, Becky Dennis, Ritu Trikha, Jana Geisinger, Elise Papke, Sarah Kleaveland Kupczak, Alesia Glosson, Jackie Apkarian, Cynthia Reynolds, Barbara Layde, Joy Letourneau, Paul Moran, and Joanne Dixon.

Chris Stello & Anne Clough Welcome Breakfast Coordinators

My Discovery of the Week - Teacher Websites

Maybe I was the last person to know this, but in case some of you also missed it – I figured I'd share my latest discovery: there are links to some teacher websites on the SHS Library page. I'm not sure if this is a comprehensive list – but the sites that are on it look pretty useful for students, and sometimes parents too. To see the list of teacher pages (more) go to: http://ssdlibrary.shorewood.k12.wi.us/common/servlet/presenthomeform.do;jsessionid=810ED81CC8F0FFA3BE2A0BE27D CAB135?l2m=Home&tm=Home&l2m=Home

~ Debbie

Athletic News

- Shorewood wins and exciting SHS-WFB Swim Meet! http://www.glendalenow.com/sports/129347088.html
- Sports Round Up Tennis, Football and Soccer http://www.glendalenow.com/sports/129342183.html
- Greyhound Update Swimming, Football, Soccer and Cross Country
 http://shorewood.patch.com/articles/greyhound-update-swimmers-edge-bay-in-thrilling-finish
- Girls Volleyball Photos http://shorewood.patch.com/articles/photo-gallery-shorewood-vs-greendale-girls-volleyball#photo-7601339

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.

ACT Test Preparation

Three ACT Test Preparation Programs of which we are aware:

- Shorewood Recreation Department is offering two classes
 - o Sept 8 Oct 20 at SHS
 - o Oct 24 Nov 28 at Nicolet High School
 - For more information and to register for either, see <u>page 13 of the rec dept. bulletin</u>, or go to the <u>registration</u> 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)

Student Support Services Introduces a New Resource for College Planning

Family Connection is a comprehensive website that you can use to help in making plans about courses, college and careers. Family Connection is linked with Naviance Succeed, a service the school uses to track and analyze data about college and career plans, so it provides up-to-date information specific to SHS. To learn more about how this resource can help you and your child, and for logon instructions, see the letter you received with your child's registration materials. Or click here to view an electronic version of that letter.

Online College Fair - October 13 - Information from the Student Support Services Office

A free online college fair will be held on October 13 from noon until 9 PM. Click here for more information and details.

Chamber Music Offering through the Shorewood Recreation Department

- Are you 10 99?
- Want to play chamber music?
- Have friends you'd like to play with?
- Call the Shorewood Recreation Department at 963-6913 for information about an after school chamber music program starting in September. All ages are welcome! See the bulletin for details, or call Ravenna Helson at 332-7020 with questions.

Shorewood Booster Club

The Shorewood Athletic Booster Club supports our athletes by assisting with the purchase of equipment, supplies & uniforms, by helping to cover the salary of our athletic trainer and much more. To read more about the Booster Club and what they do, see their membership form. We hope you will then use the form to join at one of the many membership levels.

Parents of Athletes - Travel Release Form

We've had numerous requests for an online link to the <u>Travel Release form – so here it is!</u> Use this form if your child will need to drive with you, rather than on the bus, home from an athletic event.

Parent Open House — September 15 - Save the Date

Mark your calendars for the SHS Parent Open House on September 15. This is the evening where parents follow their child's class schedule, hearing a brief presentation from each teacher. The schedule for the evening is:

- Administration Lobby Opens at 5:30 PM for parents to visit with administrators and other parents
- Parents begin visiting their children's classes at 6:00 (6:17 for those who do not have a zero hour)
- The evening continues with 10 minute classroom visits and 7 minutes of passing time between class periods until 7th hour concludes at 8:09 pm.

It's always an important and informative evening – and a nice opportunity to get the feel of how your child's day goes. Plan to attend!

Powerschool

Be sure to make note of your child's powerschool login and password which will allow you access to their grades, attendance and tardies for each class throughout the semester as well as access to announcements from the school. Information about using powerschool, and how to access your child's grades as well as login and password information is included in the letter you received from Mr. Harris with your registration materials. (You can also find password information on the bottom of your child's school schedule.) To login to powerschool, go to https://shorewood.powerschool.com/public/.

College Planning Information

If you and/or your child is ready to start thinking about the college search and application process, you may want to review the <u>Parent Association's Guide</u> to this process. Note, the guide that is currently available is from last year, but most of the information is still applicable. As we prepare to update this document, please send any comments or thoughts you may have to improve it to news.shsparentassn@gmail.com.