



ATWATER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# Shorewood

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## THE SCOOP - *September 26, 2024*

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## Popcorn Sale Friday!

**Support the 6th graders last day of school activities by buying freshly popped popcorn!**

**Front Lawn, 3:25, \$1/bag**

Thursday, September 26, 2024

Good Afternoon Atwater families,

We had the pleasure of kicking off our first Cross Age Crew yesterday and we discussed the importance of learning and knowing names in order to address their peers. Scholars were asked who or why their name was selected and many were very proud to share the history behind them. We also read a story entitled [The Name Jar](#) which discusses the importance of honoring the unique names that we were all given by the people who love us the most. We had a wonderful time learning more about each other while practicing our design principle Diversity and Inclusion.

In order to share more about our new English Language Arts curriculum, please look for the parent letters that are being sent home by your child's teacher. They are essential in helping you understand what is being taught and how to extend the learning at home. Thank you for your support!

Thank you for your persistence in ensuring your child's immunization records are current. Please reach out if you have any questions. Our health office assistant, Ms. Hughes, can be reached at 414 963-6962 x 5121, or you may contact our district nurse, Kelly Barlow by email at [kbarlow@shorewood.k12.wi.us](mailto:kbarlow@shorewood.k12.wi.us).

Just a reminder, when dropping off in the morning and picking up please **DO NOT USE THE PARKING LOT!** Whatever your mode of preferred communication; please use it to spread the message and let's hold each other accountable for ensuring Atwater is safe and accessible for all children. **We have had some close calls this past week, so thank you for reminding your neighbors and friends.**

Thank you for adhering to the signs that post allotted time for drop off and pick up. The purpose is so that we keep spots open on the street for everyone. When one remains parked for longer than the posted time limit, it stops the flow of traffic and we experience double parking, etc. The after school buses have been experiencing issues as well. Thank you in advance for your flexibility as we prioritize safety for our scholars.

We will be sending out information next week about conferences so please look for that communication. Conferences for 5K to 6th grade will take place in person on both Thursday, **October 17th from 12:30 until 8 pm** and Friday, **October 18th from 8 until 11:30 am**. If you are in need of an appointment but cannot physically make it - **Please request a virtual option**. 4K has an additional day on Wednesday, October 16th for conferences. For your planning purposes, there is no school for 4K on the 16th until the 18th and no school for all students on the 17th and 18th. We look forward to spending time with all families to discuss the progress of our scholars.

THANK  
YOU

Finally, a huge thank you goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Shacklady for the time, energy and effort you have given Atwater by taking on the project of the outdoor classroom. We are so fortunate to have you as a part of our school community and we greatly appreciate you! We also want to thank two staff members who were key in making this vision a reality, Mrs. Sakai and Mrs. Reinoffer. Thank you for being a part of the Atwater crew and prioritizing outdoor learning for our scholars! If you have not

stopped by to see what is being called the Learning Branch, please do! It is located right next to the tennis courts off Maryland.

Take care,



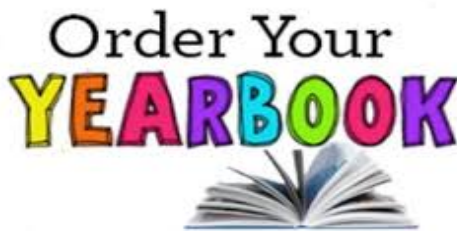
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## IMPORTANT DATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



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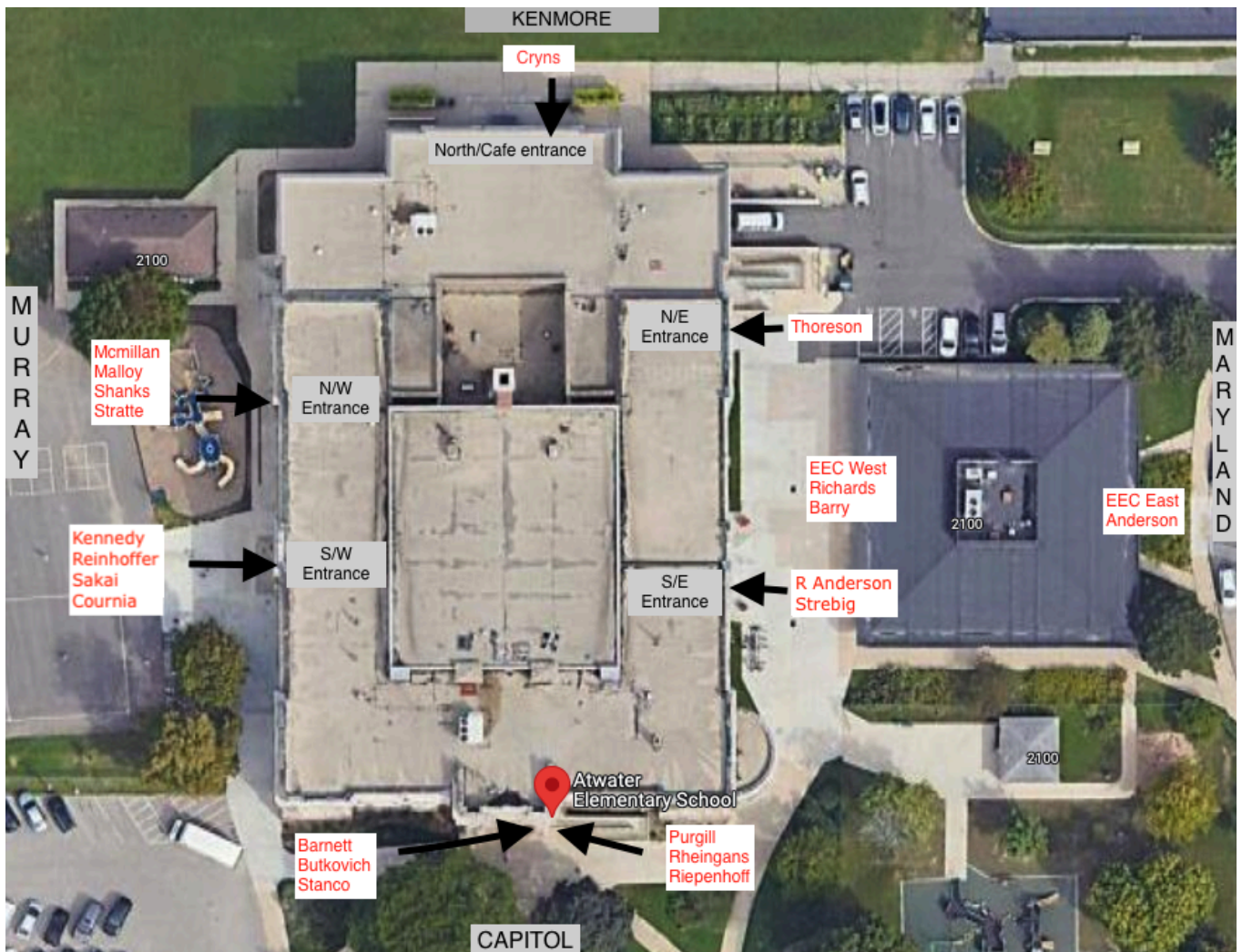


Now is also a good time to [order your 2024-25 Atwater Yearbook](#) through the PTO website if you haven't done so already - they're available for preorder for \$16. There are also a limited number of 2023-24 yearbooks still available for \$20 - contact Anne Conry ([anne.m.conry@gmail.com](mailto:anne.m.conry@gmail.com))



- Friday, September 27th - PTO meeting at 8:30am
- Friday, September 27th - PTO Atwater Back to School Picnic 5-7pm
- Tuesday, October 1st - Atwater Chorus 3:30 - 4:30pm
- Tuesday, October 1st - Multi Language District Wide Family Potluck - Shorewood Public Library 5:30-7:00
- Thursday, October 3rd - NO SCHOOL

**MAP TO LINE UP ON FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL / BELL AND LUNCH SCHEDULES**



## ATWATER SCHEDULE

Schedule		Lunch and Recess Schedule	
5K - 6th grade M, T, T, F 8:15 AM - 3:25 PM Wednesday 8:15 AM - 2:25 PM	4K AM M, T, T, F - 8:15 - 11:05 AM Wednesday - 8:15 - 10:35 AM  4K PM M, T, T, F - 12:35 - 3:25 PM Wednesday - 12:05 - 2:25 PM	5K Lunch: 11:00 - 11:20 Recess: 11:20 - 11:45  1st/2nd Lunch: 11:30 - 11:50 Recess: 11:50 - 12:15 Bell	3rd/4th Lunch: 11:55 - 12:15 Recess: 12:15 - 12:40  5th/6th Lunch: 12:20 - 12:40 Recess: 12:40 - 1:05

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### ATW ADVANCED LEARNING NEWSLETTER

September 26, 2024

Hello Atwater Families-

Next week Ms. Murphy and Mrs. Kim will be visiting 4th through 6th grade classrooms to discuss two Advanced Learning programs - Math Olympiad (4th & 5th) and, new this year, MathCounts (6th)! Math Olympiad and MathCounts will officially begin on October 10th. If you have a child who loves math challenges, please encourage them to sign up for these enrichment opportunities. In Math Olympiad, there will be 5 “contests” throughout the year, and top scoring students are recognized and awarded at the end of the year. MathCounts is a middle school level competition series that our 6th graders, as well as 7th and 8th grade SIS mathletes, will participate in this year. MathCounts “mathletes” have the opportunity to compete at the school, chapter, state and national levels. All Math Olympiad and MathCounts participants will be invited to a pizza party in the spring.

This week, we held Battle of the Books meetings during lunch, and students formed teams of three. During these meetings, students were given an [agreement](#) that must be signed by both **the student and their guardian**. In order to participate in Battle of the Books, signed agreements must be returned by **Friday, October 4th**. Please review this agreement with your student. We ask that your student commits to staying with their team, reading their share of books, and being present during the school battles and possibly the regional battle if their team advances.

Our next Battle of the Books check-in will occur the week of October 28th. In the meantime, students should meet with their teammates to divide up the book list, and begin reading their

assigned books. Attached is a copy of the [book list](#), which can also be found outside of room 203. Books can be found in room 203 or at any local library. In-person school battles (no Zoom or video calls allowed) will be held during February 2025, and the Regional Battle will be held in the evening on **April 9th, 2025**. In the spring, we will celebrate the end of the Battle of the Books season with a much-loved pizza party.

The 6th grade Coding Club will begin the week of October 7th. Students will utilize the program [code.org](#), which is an engaging introduction to the concepts of coding and programming. Students will be required to present a final project of their choice followed by an end of year Coding Club celebration.

Finally, stay tuned for more information about the Spelling Bee, which will begin the last week of November.

We continue to consider and plan how we can serve and challenge our Atwater students, so check our resource [website](#) for additional information and ideas for enrichment at home. Please email [Mrs. Kim](#) with any questions. We wish everyone all the best and look forward to working with your students this year!

Sincerely,

The Advanced Learning Department

Hilary Kim - Advanced Learning Aide - Atwater ([hkim@shorewood.k12.wi.us](mailto:hkim@shorewood.k12.wi.us))

Jennifer Murphy Damm - Advanced Learning Coordinator ([jdamm@shorewood.k12.wi.us](mailto:jdamm@shorewood.k12.wi.us))

Rachel Davauer - Advanced Learning Aide - Lake Bluff ([rdavauer@shorewood.k12.wi.us](mailto:rdavauer@shorewood.k12.wi.us))

Jake Reynolds - Advanced Learning Teacher ([jreynolds@shorewood.k12.wi.us](mailto:jreynolds@shorewood.k12.wi.us))

### **Current Advanced Learning Enrichment Program Opportunities**

#### **Battle of the Books (BOB)**

**Grade level:** 4th-6th graders

**Start Dates:** The week of September 23rd

**Check-in Dates:** Monthly during lunch/recess

**Duration:** September-March

**Description:** Teams consist of 3 students (from the same grade level). Each team is given a list of 45 books to read. Teams meet monthly to discuss the books they've read, compare notes, and prepare for upcoming competitions, known as "Battles". School "Battles" occur in February, followed by the Regional "Battle" in April. All students are invited to a spring pizza party to celebrate their hard work throughout the year.

#### **Math Olympiad Practice**

**Grade level:** 4th & 5th graders

**Dates:** Weekly during math small groups starting the week of October 7th

**Duration:** October-March

**Description:** Students will work on a variety of problem-solving skills focused on preparing for the Math Olympiad competition. There will be five tests throughout the year. All students are invited to a spring pizza party to celebrate their hard work throughout the year.

### **Math Counts**

**Grade level:** 6th graders

**Dates:** Weekly during math small groups starting the week of October 7th

**Duration:** October-March

**Description:** MathCounts is a middle school level competition series that our 6th graders, as well as 7th and 8th grade SIS mathletes, will participate in this year. MathCounts “mathletes” have the opportunity to compete at the school, chapter, state and national levels.

### **Coding**

**Grade level:** 6th graders

**Dates:** Twice a month during ELA small groups starting the week of October 7th

**Duration:** October-April

**Description:** Students will work independently on an Express Coding program offered through [code.org](https://code.org). Students can use a fun and engaging platform that will help them progress through Computer Science fundamentals at their own pace. This will help students develop their computational thinking, problem-solving, programming concepts, and digital citizenship. Students will present a final project to the class, followed by an end-of-year Coding Club celebration.



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## SPECIALS NEWS



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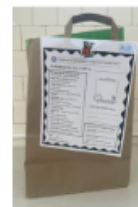


**Still in Need of Paper bags with Handles!!!**

**Wanted:** Paper Bag with Handles!

This is how students bring home their beautiful art portfolios in the spring, *thank you!*

*Mrs. Hayes*  
Atwater Art Teacher



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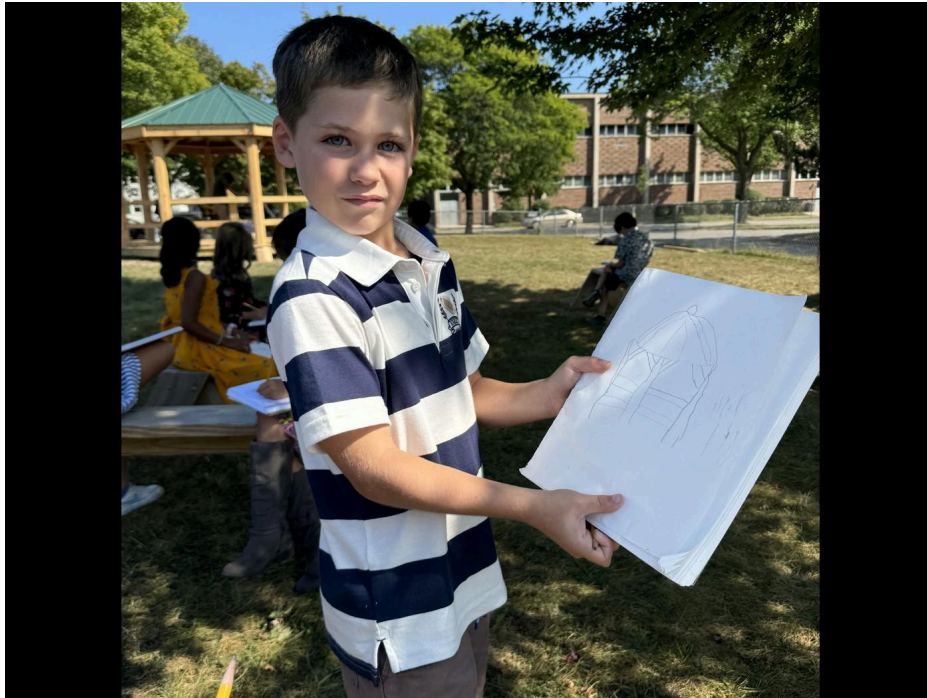




September 26, 2024

Hello Atwater Families,

We are so thrilled with how our Atwater Outdoor Classroom turned out! Here is a picture of a student from Mrs. Reinhoffer's class drawing the new outdoor space!



### Upcoming Events:

- Back to school picnic- 9/27 5-7p **Please sign up to [help at the picnic for an hour!](#) I could particularly use help with setup and tear down.** We know there are a lot of events happening that night! Stop by for a bit if you can.
  - Snacks and drinks for purchase
  - Spiritwear for purchase
  - Cotton Candy for purchase
  - Inflatable Ninja Warrior Course
  - Musa Ice Cream with frozen treats available for purchase
  - Dinner options from PigTailz food truck! (see previous scoop editions for menu)
- 1st PTO Meeting of the year; 9/27 8:30am Room 106: lots to discuss for our upcoming year!

- Walk and Roll to school Day: 10/2- Ride your scooter, bike, or walk to school on 10/2 and be greeted by the SHS chamber orchestra. Pencils and stickers provided for students who walk and roll in. **Please email the Atwater PTO if you can help provide PTO sponsored gift cards to our trusty crossing guards.**
- Landscape Day: 10/5 1p-4p. Please come help us spruce up our school grounds.

### Ongoing Info:

**Membership Toolkit:** Our Membership Toolkit/Directory is up and running for the current school year- thank you for your patience. Please don't forget to update your information in Membership Toolkit (or sign up, if you haven't). This is where the Atwater Directory is located and it's only as good as the number of members we have! This directory is where you can find other family's contact information for birthday parties, etc. You can also make contributions towards **teacher gifts** on the website (the funds gathered are evenly distributed amongst room parents to purchase birthday gifts and other gifts for the teachers throughout the year).

<https://atwaterpto.membershiptoolkit.com/>

**\*\*\*If you paid \$5 and were a member in the directory last year (2023-2024), you have to re-sign up each year and pay \$5 each school year. This \$5 fee goes towards the teacher gift fund.**

**Room Parents:** We still need the following room parents! Room parents are typically responsible for the following:

- Collecting contact information for the families in the classroom
- Distributing information about PTO events/sign ups
- Helping the teacher when needed
- Giving the teacher birthday, Holiday, and end of the year gifts from the class (with funds provided by the PTO)
- \*\*\*This year, we'd like to encourage the room parent to organize one "mixer" outside of school hours (ie: a pickup game of baseball at the baseball field, popsicles at the playground, beach meetup, etc) to foster community and the chance to meet families outside of school.
- Please email [Atwaterpto414@gmail.com](mailto:Atwaterpto414@gmail.com) if you're interested

**3rd:**

**Strebig**

**5th:**

**Barnett**

**4K Supplies:** (A note from Mrs. Thoreson): *Our 4K classrooms are implementing a new curriculum this year and are looking for some household items that you may be interested in clearing from your*

*cabinets. We will have a supply box set up in the Atwater Lobby on Parent Orientation Night if you would like to donate any of the following items:*

- **Unused Sandpaper**
- **Unused Sponges**
- **Funnels (Any sizes)**
- **Measuring Cups**
- **Measuring Spoons**
- **Bubble Wands**
- **Turkey Basters**
- **Water Pitcher**
- **Strainers**
- **Mixing Spoons**
- **Globe**
- **Hair Brushes**
- **Unused Toothbrushes**
- **Jump Rope**
- **Plastic Cups (reusable, not solo cups)**
- **Mixing Bowls (any sizes in plastic)**
- **Muffin Tins**
- **Pastry Brush**
- **Flashlight**
- **Hair Combs**
- **Spray Bottles**
- **Ice Cube Trays**

*Please reach out to Mrs. Thoreson at [athoreson@shorewood.k12.wi.us](mailto:athoreson@shorewood.k12.wi.us) or [Atwaterpto414@gmail.com](mailto:Atwaterpto414@gmail.com) to coordinate pick-up of your donations. Thank you!*

Many thanks,  
Amanda Root, PTO President

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## Impact of Technology on Kids

Franklin Public Schools and Pewaukee School District will be hosting a Family Info Series that will educate parents about the impact that technology is having on our children. Franklin Public Schools is targeting audiences of the Milwaukee Metro area while Pewaukee is targeting the Waukesha area although anyone from anywhere can attend either. Please see the [flier](#) for dates and find one that works best for you! You can also view the movie at [childhood2movie.com](http://childhood2movie.com)

## Mapping Our Future



### Take Our Survey!

As you know, the Shorewood School District is embarking on a visioning and strategic planning process during the 2024-25 school year and we'll be addressing the following needs:

- 👉 Evaluate our educational model
- 👉 Investigate trends in K-12 and higher education and implications for our schools
- 👉 Respond to challenges of state funding for public education
- 👉 Identify options for financial sustainability

Your feedback will guide us in mapping the future of our district and what education will look like for students. What do you envision for the school district in the next five years and beyond? Take the opportunity to share those ideas with us in the short survey available Friday at [Shorewoodfuture.org](http://Shorewoodfuture.org).

## Shorewood Foundation-Oktoberfest 2024



Join the Shorewood Foundation for the 60th Anniversary Oktoberfest! Friday, September 27 from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm.

The event will take place at Hubbard Park Beer Garden. All are welcome for music, food and fun! The event is free to attend and children 12 and under eat free, but please RSVP to ensure plenty of food!

Nearly 100% of the money under Shorewood Foundation Stewardship is invested into Shorewood. Some of the grants we've received from them have helped with SHS theater sound and lighting improvements, playground equipment and bike racks, and tennis courts at Lake Bluff.

## World Mental Health Day

Join us for a free lecture series this

# WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

Thursday, October 10th, 2024 at 6:00pm

**Whitefish Bay Public Library**  
Second Floor Program Room

**NORTH SHORE HEALTH DEPARTMENT**  
**Whitefish Bay Public Library**  
excite your mind.

Please visit the Whitefish Bay Public Library website to register for the event!

**LET'S DISCUSS!**  
The goals of World Mental Health Day are to raise awareness of mental health issues around the world and to mobilize efforts in support of mental health.

**Alex Megan, CPT, PCES**  
Women's Exercise Specialist, Owner of After Baby Fit and Partner at North Shore Wellness Collective  
*A Perspective on Exercise Routines and Mental Health*

Event sponsored by:  
**ROGERS Behavioral Health**  
**BAY GIVES BACK**  
WATER SERVICE ORGANIZATION

**Kelly Barlow-Eichman, BSN, RN**  
Shorewood School District Nurse  
*Helping Kids Thrive: Understanding and Supporting Childhood Anxiety*

**Bring the family!**  
Child-friendly activities will be hosted by Bay Gives Back  
Lectures will begin promptly at 6pm with time for questions and networking afterward

## SEED Wants to Hear From You!

Do you have questions about SEED? We want to hear from you at our community Q&A session. Please bring your questions. The session takes place at Shorewood High School at 7pm on September 30th.



You have Questions  
We have Answers

Q & A

September 30

Please join us in the  
Shorewood High School  
conference room at 7pm.



# Vaccine-Preventable Diseases in Wisconsin

The North Shore Health Department would like to inform you of a recent increase in vaccine-preventable diseases in Wisconsin. Please review the attached fact sheet on pertussis and meningococcal disease.

[SEE INFORMATION](#)

## JUNIOR GREYHOUND SELECT BASKETBALL PROGRAM

### Boys Grade 4 - 8, & Girls Grade 5 - 8

**League Fee:** \$325 (includes uniform) - Shorewood Resident or students that attend Shorewood Schools only

This program is for the more serious basketball player. This season will run from early October - mid March. This program will involve significant commitment including practice two days per week and weekend games involving travel throughout southeastern Wisconsin. Parents will be counted on to carpool and help out with the scoreboard or scorebook during game play. New participants must purchase team apparel (jersey, shorts, shooting shirt). We will have evaluation tryouts before finalizing a roster. Players who are interested are encouraged to tryout. Tryout fee will be \$10 in advance (\$20 day of) and will include a t-shirt. We will have two tryout dates. Players should plan to attend both tryout dates. If you have a conflict with the tryout dates contact Justin Calvert. Only residents of Shorewood or students who attend Shorewood Schools will be able to play on these teams. Players will be notified on Tuesday, September 24 of the team roster for the season. Should players tryout but not make this team, they are encouraged to sign up and join the recreational youth basketball program.

Grade	Tryout Dates & Times	Location	Course #
4 Boys	Saturday, September 14 from 1:30 - 3:00 pm AND	SHS Arena Gym	1451.1
5 Boys			1451.2
6 Boys	Saturday, September 21 from 1:30 - 3:00 pm		1451.3
7 Boys	Saturday, September 14 from 3:15 - 4:45 pm AND	SHS Arena Gym	1451.4
8 Boys			Saturday, September 21 from 3:15 - 4:45 pm
5 - 8 Girls	Wednesday, September 11 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm	SIS Gym	1451.6
	AND Wednesday, September 18 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm		

**Tryout Fee**  
 In Advance - \$10  
 Day of the Event - \$20

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