



ATWATER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# Shorewood

Atwater Elementary School

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## THE SCOOP - *November 7, 2024*

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Thursday, November 7, 2024

Good Afternoon Atwater families,

It was wonderful to see those of you who joined us for our All School Crew that celebrated veterans yesterday. It is essential that we celebrate those who help to protect our rights as citizens to ensure we are able to express our views, no matter what they may be, in a respectful manner. Our veterans are appreciated!

Thank you for continuing to check the lost and found for items as you drop off and pick up scholars. Our goal is for all of the items to return home with their owners. We also ask that you remind scholars to check their lockers and take items home that are not in use. We have found that multiple reminders during the school year leads to there being minimal items left at the end of the school year.

Teachers are currently working on report cards so please check with your scholar to ensure they have turned in their very best work. As referenced above, we continue to see school work in a variety of places around the building, especially lockers so we do want those items turned in as we begin to objectively provide grades. Please read the information below that provides more information about report card updates:

K-6 Families will notice a new look to our Report Cards this year. The changes were made to better align the report card standards with state standards and the new Math and Language Arts programs we have implemented. Below is a list of changes you may notice from previous report card formats:

- 4K & 5K report card standards have been updated to align with [Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards](#)
- 5K-6th grade report card standards have been updated to align with [Wisconsin Academic Standards](#) in English Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, and Science, and Social Studies
- Academic Performance Language has been updated to be consistent through 4K-6th grade (please note that we do not use "exceeds" as a Performance Level in grades 4K & 5K as we are mainly working on Foundational Skills with students). The updated Performance Language is listed below:

Academic Performance Level Key
<b>Beginning (BG)</b> - Learner is at the beginning stages of demonstrating the skills and knowledge related to the standard
<b>Developing (DV)</b> - Learner is developing the skills and knowledge related to the standard
<b>Secure (SC)</b> - Learner is meeting the expectations of the standard and applies the understanding to a variety of topics and concepts
<b>Exceeds (EX)</b> - Learner has a thorough understanding of the skills and knowledge described in the standard and can extend this understanding to complex topics and concepts
<b>Not Assessed (X)</b> - The standard was not assessed during this grading period

- Families will likely notice that not all standards are assessed during each grading period. If a standard was not assessed you will notice that the standard will either be left blank on the report card or you will see an "X" which indicates that the standard was not assessed during that grading period.

As always, if you have any questions about report cards, please reach out to your student's classroom teacher in order to work together to support student growth.

We would like to thank our PTO president, Amanda Root, for ensuring our 4th graders were well dressed for their field trip to Madison with a specially designed t-shirt by one of our very own 4th graders that encouraged anyone who read it to vote. A special thank you to another PTO member, Kristy Elfe and her team for organizing the tree planting with our scholars planned for tomorrow. We appreciate you!

Take care,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Janice Carter".

Janice Carter  
Principal  
Atwater Elementary School

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- Nov 7 - K-8 Language Arts Program Presentation  
6:30 pm at Lake Bluff Cafeteria
- Nov 11 - 15 Spirit Week:  
Monday: Crazy Hair Day  
Tuesday: Favorite Sports Team Day  
Wednesday: Wacky Wednesday (Mismatch!)  
Thursday: Teacher Student Swap Day  
Friday : Pajama Day
- Nov 27-29 - No School

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414.963.6962 Press 1

Leave message including :

- Name of Student
- Name of teacher
- Reason for absence
- When they will return

**OR**

Email **Atwater Elementary Attendance** (We will not respond to emails but we will note the absence)

Per state guidelines, families are allowed to excuse up to 10 days of school each year. This includes appointments, funerals, and vacations or other family events. Absences to observe religious holidays or to obtain religious instruction will be excused by the school. Additionally, if you bring in a doctor's note, appointments or absences will not count toward the 10 day total.

### **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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Hello Atwater Families!

Math Olympiad classes met again this week and students continued to learn strategies to quickly solve some of the types of math puzzles they will find when taking the Math Olympiad meets. The first meet will take place the week of **November 18th**. Students can prepare for this meet by attending the weekly Math Olympiad meetings, and working on any problems that are not finished during class time.

The 6th grade MathCounts classes also met again this week. 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. There will be a MathCounts competition on **Saturday November 16th, at the University School of Milwaukee**.

Some groups had their monthly Battle of the Books check-in this week. Quite a few students still haven't turned in their Battle of the Books agreements. These agreements need to be signed by a guardian and the student, and are required for a student to be able to participate in Battle of the Books. **PLEASE RETURN THESE AGREEMENTS BY THIS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH.** Copies of these agreements can be found on the bulletin board outside of room 203 or can be printed via the following [link](#). Students should continue working on reading their books; and hopefully everyone is close to having read 4 books so far. Attached is a copy of the [book list](#), which can also be found outside of room 203. Books can be checked out one at a time in room 203, or at a local library.

Starting next week, students can sign up to participate in the Scripps Spelling Bee! Attached is a [parent letter](#) with more detailed information about the spelling bees. Classroom spelling bees will be held the weeks of December 2nd & 9th, and grade level spelling bees will be held the weeks of December 9th & 16th. [Study guides](#) will be distributed by classroom teachers, and can also be found outside of Room 203. There will be three winners at each grade level, but only the top three contestants in each of the 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades will compete in the final Atwater School Spelling Bee, which will take place during lunchtime on **Friday, January 10th, 2025**. The overall top student from the Atwater School Spelling Bee will then advance to the Regional Spelling Bee, which will be held during the week of **February 17-21, 2025** in Pewaukee, WI (exact date: TBD)

### **Other Information:**

The UWM Manfred Olson Planetarium is holding a stargazing Diwali presentation / celebration on Friday November 8th. For more information and to buy tickets, click [here](#).

Wisconsin Association for Talented and Gifted ([WATG](#)) is holding a FREE workshop for gifted and talented students in grades 4th - 12th, on **January 18th 2025**, 9-11am, at the Schlitz Audubon Nature Center in Brown Deer. While students are in their session, caregivers will have the opportunity to connect with other caregivers of gifted children and participate in a social and emotional session with Jackie and Dal Drummer, WATG Board Members and [SENG](#) (Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted) facilitators. To register to attend, click [here](#).

Is your child interested in trying their hand at directing and filmmaking? Wisconsin Educational Media & Technology Association ([WEMTA](#)) is holding a [contest](#), open to all Wisconsin students, to create a "book trailer" video! The book trailer must represent a Battle of the Books book (book list for [elementary](#), [middle](#), and [high school](#)) or a [Golden Archer Nominee](#) book. Submissions are due **January 17, 2025**. For more information and rules / details, please click [here](#).

UWM's Saturday Academy is an academic program for middle school students in the **6th**, 7th and 8th grades that meets for six Saturdays. Each semester, students participate in a total of nine different classes focusing on one of these subject areas: math, reading, English, science, STEM, computers, foreign language, arts, and/or career-related classes. Curriculum reinforces basic skills and competencies through various hands-on activities in and out of the classroom, group projects, classroom instructions and/or presentations. The program costs \$125 and is limited to 75 students each semester. For more information click [here](#).

We continue to think about and plan for how we can serve and challenge students, so check our resource [website](#) for additional information as well as 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

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

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## **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.

### **Scripps Spelling Bee**

**Grade level:** 1st - 6th graders

**Dates:** the month of December

**Description:** Students can participate in a classroom spelling bee, and potentially continue on to a Grade Level Spelling Bee, and finally a School Spelling Bee. One student from Atwater will go on to a Regional Spelling Bee, held the week of February 17, 2025, and further advancement up to a National Spelling Bee is possible.





[Band - Ms. Myszewski](#)



[PE - Mr. Stefanich](#)



[Shorewood Music Department Sale and Fundraiser:](#)

Purchase Band, Orchestra, and Choir Items Through  
the Burghardt Sporting Goods Online Store

[The Link](#) will be open through October 31st

Great Gift Ideas for the Holidays!

Items ordered will be delivered to school before winter break.





November 7, 2024

Hello Atwater Families,

As a reminder.....

**PTO Grants:** Remember to apply for a grant if you have an idea of how to improve or enhance the school! This year our budget for the program is \$10,000. Below you will find an Atwater PTO Grant Application Link. You are NOT limited to only one grant request. Based on the information you provide, the PTO Executive Committee will prioritize the applications and approve as many as we have funds to support. The PTO will meet in early December to review the grants.

Please note the following when completing your application:

- Requests should be in the range of \$100 - \$2000.
- Thorough requests run smoothly. Anticipate ALL expenses and logistics that go along with your request. As in the past, some types of requests will require district pre-approval. Please carefully read the attached Shorewood District Pre-Approval Form to see if your request falls in this category on page 2.
- Items requested must have educational value. This is sometimes loosely interpreted but always taken into consideration by the PTO Executive Committee.
- You are responsible for all aspects of acquisition of your item(s) once funding is approved and the purchase is made on your behalf. This includes but is not limited to pre-approval by the appropriate district department (if needed) and installation.

Submit applications (SEE LINK BELOW) by Friday, November 22, 2024. Please return your completed application via email to Kelly Taylor at [kryan@lawofficesofkellyryan.com](mailto:kryan@lawofficesofkellyryan.com). Feel free to attach additional information to support your application.

[Application Link](#)

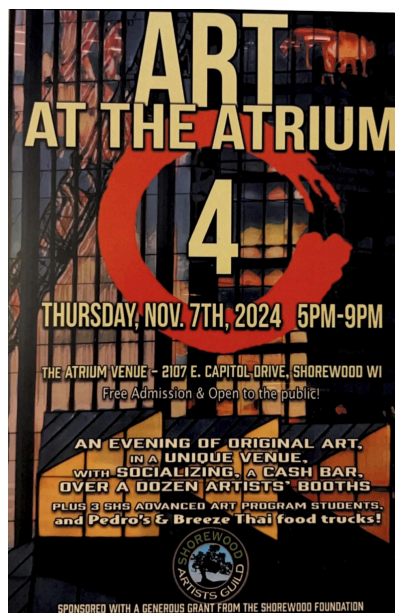
You may contact Kelly Taylor, PTO Grants Coordinator, with any questions at [kryan@lawofficesofkellyryan.com](mailto:kryan@lawofficesofkellyryan.com) or 414.640.3116.

**Our Spirit Wear Store is Open!** The Atwater PTO is offering a Spirit Wear Sale through Imagine Branding. A variety of products are offered, including t-shirts/sweatshirts, winter hats, ball caps, tote bags, and pajama pants. Show your school spirit in style! Spiritwear makes a great gift for everyone in the family - grandparents, students and parents! The link below is active until Friday, November 8th at 11:59 PM. Items will be delivered to the school by December 19th and pick up times will be available before winter break.

## **Atwater Elementary Spirit Wear Sale**



Please join the community for Art at the Atrium where Three SHS advanced art program students will be showing their work!



A couple notes:

- Next **PTO Mtg: 11/22/2024, 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM** at Atwater
- If anyone has any Halloween decorations that they're ready to part with, please email [atwaterpto414@gmail.com](mailto:atwaterpto414@gmail.com) to help refresh some of our Monster Mash decor!
- We're also looking for someone to take over the 1) School Supply Box fundraiser and 2) partner with Anne Conry for picture day and yearbooks! Please reach out if interested.

Many thanks,  
Amanda Root, PTO President

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### Shine on Shorewood

7th Grade Science Teacher Claire Bernatz will lead her class in a light project that takes place in our very own backyard at the Ghost Train Bridge. Six student projects will be displayed on the bridge. The event will be held on November 8th at 6pm. Come support our students and stay for the light show!



# SHINE ON SHOREWOOD

Join us at Capitol & Wilson, Shorewood  
near the Culvers and Corner Bakery Cafe  
from 6:00-7:00 on November 8th  
Six student projects will be displayed on the Ghost Train Bridge!



## New ELA Curriculum

This year we are implementing a new [K-8 English and Language Arts \(ELA\) curriculum](#), EL Education. K-8 families are invited to join us on November 7, 2024 in the Lake Bluff Cafetorium from 6:30-7pm to learn more about the curriculum. EL Education is based on the latest research in the science of reading and development, ensuring that learners build strong foundational skills in the early grades and continue to develop their comprehension and writing abilities as they progress. Additionally, the EL Education curriculum aligns with Wisconsin's Act 20 requirements, ensuring that every learner receives the support needed to develop strong reading skills.



**Join District educators to learn about our  
new English Language Arts Curriculum**



**Nov. 7th  
6:30-7pm**



**Lake Bluff  
Elementary School  
Cafetorium**

All District parents & guardians are welcome to join this conversation about the science of reading, Act 20 and curriculum implementation.

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**Let's Talk About** events welcome Shorewood parents, guardians and residents to discuss education topics and other District priorities

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## Building Equity in Math



**Shorewood**  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Let's Talk About

### *Building Equity in Math Classrooms*



### **Dr. Kentaro Iwasaki, guest speaker**

Dr. Kentaro Iwasaki is first and foremost a teacher, having spent 16 years as a high school math teacher and department head, primarily at Mission High School in San Francisco Unified. He led statewide math initiatives in California as a director of a non-profit for 10 years before getting his doctorate in education leadership at Harvard in 2021. He has since launched his math consulting work at Concentric Math.



**Nov. 21st**  
**6pm**



**Shorewood  
High School  
LMC South**



**Listen to Dr. Iwasaki's podcast, *Why Math is the Great Equalizer in School***

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## Mapping Our Future

We are excited to invite you to participate in our upcoming community engagement sessions as we embark on an important journey to shape the future of our education system for the Shorewood School District. Your voice is essential in mapping our future, and we want to ensure that every family has the opportunity to contribute.

During these sessions, we will discuss the survey results, discuss our current initiatives, and explore ideas that can help us create a dynamic and inclusive educational environment for all students.

### **Upcoming Engagement Opportunities:**

#### Virtual Session

Monday, November 11, 2024

1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81206765508>

#### In-Person Session

Thursday, November 14, 2024

6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the High School Library Media Center

#### Focus Groups

Dates: Wednesday, November 13 & Thursday, November 14

For a complete list of session times and to sign up, please visit [this link](#).

We value your voice and hope you will join us at one or more of these sessions to share your thoughts and help shape the direction of our district. For those interested in a deeper involvement, we welcome you to join our Visioning and Strategic Planning Committee. More information on this process can be found [here](#).

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our schools and the students we serve.



The banner features the 'Mapping Our Future' logo on the left, which includes a red location pin icon with a white 'S' and the text 'MAPPING OUR FUTURE SHOREWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT'. To the right of the logo, the words 'COMING SOON!' are written in large, blue, 3D-style letters. Further right, the words 'COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS' are written in large, bold, red, 3D-style letters. Below this, a red horizontal bar contains two columns of white text. The left column lists 'MON NOV 11 - VIRTUAL', '1:00 - 2:30PM', and the Zoom link 'https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81206765508'. The right column lists 'THU NOV 14 - IN-PERSON', '6:30 - 8:00 PM', and '@ SHOREWOOD HS'. At the bottom of the banner, a white text box contains the message: 'We will **share the survey results** and the needs which were identified and **engage as a group** in what we **envision for the future of our Schools**.'

**MAPPING OUR FUTURE**  
SHOREWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## School Board Member Interest



School Board Member Interest: Are you thinking about running for school board? Do you have questions about running for an elected position? Join board members Becky Freer and Ellen Eckman on November 13th at 7pm in the Corner Bakery to learn more and get your questions answered. Whether you've attended meetings in the past, you're thinking of getting involved for the first time, you're new to the Village, or you're a longtime resident, we'd love to hear from you.





Mark your calendar for the upcoming SEED Socials!

- FEBRUARY 6, 2025 • SEED Social – 7 PM (Waterford Wine & Spirits, Milwaukee)
- APRIL 9, 2025 • Swing Wine Pull Social – 7PM (SCOUT Wine Merchants)

[RSVPs appreciated, not required.](#)

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## NOVEMBER 25, 2024, 11am – 7pm – DINE AT ROCKY ROCOCO

Dine for Dough at Rocky Rococo at Bayshore Town Center, 410 W. Silver Spring Drive and **20%** of your purchase will go to support SEED. Dine in or carryout. Order at [ORDER.ROCKYROCCOCO.COM](https://www.order.rockyroccoco.com) must enter **SEED** in coupon code box at checkout. If you dine in person, please let them know you are dining for SEED.

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## Marcus Center Fundraiser

When you attend events at the Marcus Center you can save on tickets while fundraising for SEED. Click [here](#) to view available shows and purchase tickets using our group code: SEED.

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## Swing with Shorewood – Save the Date!

Held in spring at Discovery World, Swing with Shorewood is SEED's annual fundraising event combines dinner, dancing, music, raffles, and a silent auction! A weeklong online auction coincides with the event and offers donated items and services from local businesses, families and staff.

**Gala date: Saturday May 3, 2025, at St. Kate, The Arts Hotel**

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# SHOREWOOD ATHLETICS BOOSTER CLUB

Did you know Shorewood has an athletics booster club?

The Shorewood Booster Club (SBC) is a volunteer staffed, donation and fundraising driven organization that supports Shorewood athletics in all the Shorewood schools. Each year the SBC puts thousands of dollars toward uniforms for our high school teams, team equipment and supplies, and PE supplies for our elementary schools and middle school.

Did you know that the SBC buys most of the SHS sports uniforms?!? Take a moment to check out our website and learn a little more about the SBC. Join now, show your Greyhound pride and support Shorewood athletes!

<https://www.shorewoodboosterclub.org/become-a-member.html>



# Shorewood Arts & Craft Fair

The Shorewood Arts & Crafts Fair is returning to celebrate its 44th year on Sunday, December 1 from 10am to 3pm at Shorewood High School. Admission is \$4 and proceeds benefit all Shorewood Athletics programs. ([Use this coupon](#) for \$1 off admission.) Get a start on your holiday shopping and support regional artists and crafters!

*Volunteers are needed to help make the day a success! It's a fun atmosphere and the vendors are so appreciative of the help the Shorewood community provides. Please consider signing up [HERE](#) or <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040449AFAE2AAB9-53018807-shorewood>*

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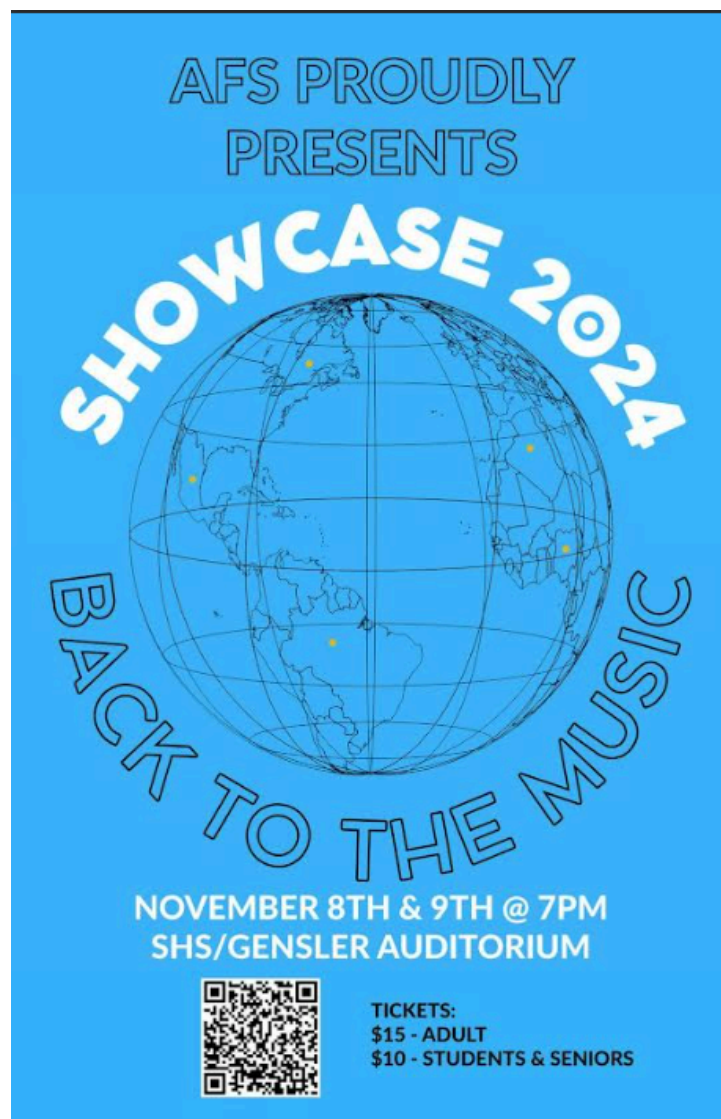


# **AFS SHOWCASE**

We are just ONE WEEK AWAY from our yearly fundraiser for AFS, SHOWCASE! This year, students will be sharing their talent, passion, and enthusiasm as they take audiences "Back to the Music!"

Performances are Friday and Saturday, November 8th & 9th @ 7PM in the SHS/Gensler Auditorium. Tickets are \$10/Students & Seniors, \$15/Adults, and can be purchased at the door or in advance through the link below! Don't miss this opportunity to support AFS, and enjoy an evening of fabulous entertainment! Shorewood High School is also looking for Host Families for second semester students now! <https://www.afsusa.org/host> for more info or to apply!

<https://shorewooddrama.ludus.com/200467726>



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