

SHOREWOOD SIGNAL

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President's Message

As I begin this inspirational message to our Shorewood families, my furnace seems to continually run. Yes, it is bitterly cold outside and it becomes difficult to think Spring is anywhere near. But it is that time for parents to begin the process of preparing your student(s) for the WASL and the standardized tests for college-bound students. You, the parent, can help your student.

1. Make sure your child is keeping up with his/her classes. If your child is getting behind in any area, work with your child's teacher to develop a plan to get him/her caught up.
2. Parents can also encourage good reading habits. Good reading and vocabulary skills are essential on any test.
3. Make eating nutritious meals and getting plenty of sleep a priority in your family.
4. And most importantly, help your child cope with test anxiety by assuring your child that no test determines his/her worth or your love for them. Encourage them to prepare and do their best.

The Shorewood PTSA organization is giving our students the opportunity to improve on the SAT test. We have secured a partnership with a company called SAT Prep, Inc. to provide an exam preparation course at Shorewood High School. The information can be found on the Shorewood PTSA website (www.shorewoodptsa.org).

I would like to thank Becky Golden, Doris McConnell, and Diane Kamacho for stepping forward to serve on the nominating committee. If you have a desire to serve on the PTSA Board please contact them.

Patty Schoch and Lori Woodfield
Shorewood PTSA Co-Presidents

Calendar of Events



Feb.1	Flag Dance
Feb. 4	No School—Staff Work Day
Feb. 8	Salsa/Swing Dance
Feb. 15-19	No School—Mid-Winter Break
Feb. 19	PTSA Meeting—7:00 PM Library

2007-2008 PTSA Meeting Schedule

Meetings are held in the Shorewood Library and start at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to come!



February 19
March 18
April 15
May 20

Shorewood PTSA Executive Committee 2007-2008

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Newsletter Article Deadline: Newsletter articles for the Shorewood PTSA "Signal" newsletter can be submitted to Janet Backman at SignalNewsletter@shorewoodptsa.org. The deadline for the March 2008 newsletter is February 19, 2008.

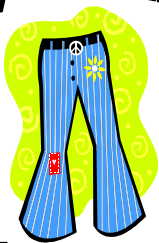
Shorewood PTSA Executive Committee

The Shorewood PTSA is looking for volunteers to serve on the PTSA Executive Committee for 2008-2009. A two-year commitment is generally expected. Please contact one of the Nominating Committee members below if you are interested in serving by February 15th, 2008.

Thank you,

Becky Golden	206-542-6087	rebecca.golden@comcast.net
Doris McConnell	206-546-9380	dorismccon@comcast.net
Diane Kamacho	206-510-9416	dmkbudget@hotmail.com

Stayin' Alive



Polyester '08

Senior Spree 2008

June 14th 2008 is Graduation Day for our seniors! This is a special day they will remember for their entire lives. To make this day even more special, there is an all night event planned for the graduates. They will be fed and entertained in a safe, drug free environment for 12 hours, 9:00pm to 5:30am!

Tickets will be on sale in the SAC during lunch on February 7th and 8th. This could make a wonderful Holiday or Birthday gift for your senior. The cost will be \$150 per student. We realize this is another cost in the already costly senior year, but for hours of fun, food and knowing your graduate is safe on graduation night, it's worth it! There will be payment plans available for those who would prefer spreading out the cost.

If you would like to volunteer any of your qualities in preparing or participating in a night of fun, please call any of the spree co-chairs. This is a fun and special time for all of us!

Marty Hartman	(206)383-6262
Vicki Gruger	(206)355-7026

News from EQC (Enrichment for Quality Classrooms)

The EQC committee would like to thank all of you who purchased poinsettias and or wreaths at our annual holiday fundraiser. We raised over \$3400.00!! Thanks for supporting Shorewood students and staff!

Once again, EQC will be offering a "Ladies Only Night" get together at the Shorewood Booster Auction. We have a new theme and venue this year so don't miss out on this fun evening! Look for the sign-up sheet in the silent auction portion the night of March 8th. More details to come.....

Most of the staff has received the items that they requested from our fall granting. Be sure to ask your student or their teacher and find out how your donated dollars are hard at work!

Legislative News

Greetings from your PTSA Legislative Representatives, Judy Simon and Karen Meyer.

There's lots of informative legislative news this month, so please take a moment to read about:

- 1) Passage of EHJR 4204 – Simple Majority
- 2) Focus Day: 2/13/08
- 3) Legislative Assembly Report

SIMPLE MAJORITY VICTORY!

Celebrate! It was a close call, but Washington State voters approved EHJR 4204. This means that a "simple majority", or 50% +1 voters determine the passage of school levies.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this positive change for our schools, teachers and students.

GET READY FOR FOCUS DAY!

Mark your calendar: Washington State PTA Legislative Focus Day is Wednesday February 13, 2008 in Olympia.

The PTA mission is all about speaking on behalf of children and encouraging parental involvement. PTA members know all about the needs of our children, so you can provide great insight and expert advice to our legislators.

Join with PTA members from across the state and help deliver a uniform and consistent message about PTA's top legislative priorities.

You will also have the opportunity to participate in other activities, such as general sessions led by speakers who can help you better understand PTA's advocacy work for this session, Capitol Campus tours, and legislative hearings.

A special PTA bus will be chartered for the day. To sign up and reserve your seat, contact us at: shorewoodptsaleg@gmail.com

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY REPORT

On October 5th, nearly 300 PTA delegates came together for the Washington State Legislative Assembly in Sea-Tac. Through a process of discussion, caucus, debate, and voting, delegates created the Washington State PTA legislative platform for the coming year.

The platform includes priority issues that will receive PTA's lobbying focus. For 2007-2008, WSPTA's top five priority issues are:

1. K-12 Education Funding
2. Mathematics and Science Education
3. Quality Teaching
4. Student Support Services (Counselors, Librarians, and Nurses)
5. Special Education Funding

Learn more about the WSPTA legislative platform by visiting the WSPTA website at: www.wastatepta.org/legislation.htm

Judy Simon and Karen Meyer
Shorewood PTSA Legislative Representatives

A Shoreline PTA Council Family Resource



Providing clothing support to Shoreline School District Families who are living with a low income or experiencing circumstances that make it challenging to clothe their children adequately for school.

Children's Clothing

Wednesdays 6:30-8:30pm

North City Portables

ID required: WA Drivers license with Shoreline address
or Shoreline Student ID

Metro Bus Routes: MT 347 at 15th Ave. & NE Perkins Way .04 mile E
MT 348 at NE 185th Street & 5th Ave. NE .04 mile SW

Beginning November 29, 2007

North City Portables
816 NE 190th Street, Shoreline
206-393-4916

