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Fastpitch season is underway! Photo by Chris Stuvek.

New Standards, New Tests

Read about the many changes in both standards and testing in our special Testing Update. [page A1-A2](#)

Senior To Do's

In addition to finishing up classes, seniors should: write thank you's; let Ms. Roma know about academic awards; buy a ticket to Senior Spree; get on the Places You'll Go wall. And, possibly, apply for a full-tuition scholarship to Shoreline Community College. Scholarship information sessions at SCC April 2nd and 8th! All Senior information on [page 5](#).

Annual Award Winners to be Honored April 7th

The PTSA is thrilled to announce our 2015 Award Winners:
Outstanding Educator Tammy Fawcett, Science Teacher
Golden Acorn Kerry Petit, PTSA EQC Director
Outstanding Advocate Paula Williams, Nurse

These outstanding members of our community will be honored at the April 7th PTSA Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Please join us for the event. [page 2](#)

Shorewood in the Lead

The WIAA counts academic standings, as measured by GPA, of all student activity groups in Washington. Counting through winter activities, Shorewood is in the lead of all 3A schools. [page 6](#)

Want Ads from Shorewood Staff

Gently used yoga mats for Spanish classes. Please drop off in the main office with a note that they are for Spanish Teacher Suzanne Hibbert.

Gently used ACT/ SAT study books for studious kids. Drop off in the Counseling Office.

Lattes for Letters Thanks

The staff thanks the PTSA for Lattes for Letters, a super positive and appreciated way to thank teachers and staff who wrote letters of recommendations for seniors this year. SW staff are grateful!



PTSA IRS Letters

Amy Grady, Membership Director

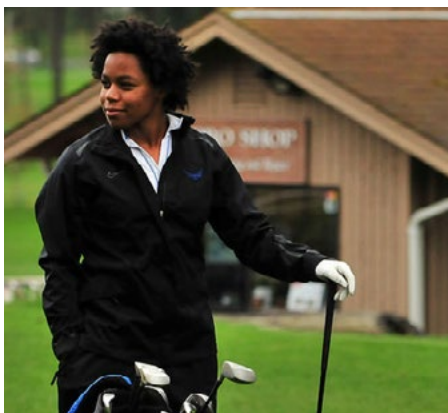
Thank you for supporting our 2014-15 Pass the Hat and Membership Drive. The IRS requires written receipt of charitable donations of \$250 and over. We recently mailed letters to anyone who donated over \$100. If you think you should have received a letter and did not, please email us at membership@shorewoodptsa.com.



Photos this page: Girls' Golf Team by Wayne Pridemore.

April 7th PTSA General Membership Meeting

Please come to the April 7th Spring PTSA Awards Ceremony and General Membership Meeting. In addition to the award presentations, we will vote on the 2015-16 PTSA Budget, and the Nominating Committee will offer a slate of candidates for the PTSA Board and Members to consider.



Legislative News

*Suzanne Gugger,
PTSA Legislative Director*



advocacy news

The 2015 State Legislative Session is now officially half over. Bills which did not pass out of their house of origin are now likely dead for the remainder of the season. Once a bill passes from the chamber (House or Senate) where it originates, it needs to pass the other chamber and be signed by the governor in order to become law.

McCleary / Capital Funding Bill to be Heard in Senate. One of the less often talked about concerns with fully funding basic education in Washington State is the lack of adequate facilities in many districts to accommodate the reduced class sizes that the McCleary Decision and the recently passed I-1351 (reduced class size voter initiative) require. The Washington State Senate is offering bipartisan legislation to help address the growing need for elementary, middle and high school facilities and the bill, **SB 6080**, will be heard in the Ways and Means Committee this month. Read [more on McCleary](#).

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Follow the Latest with Our WA State PTA's New Legislative [Bill Tracker](#). The 2000 bills under consideration can be difficult to follow. This session, follow the PTA legislative interests with the Bill Tracker, follow us on Twitter @WSPTALEG, or email questions to legconsultant@wastatepta.org. Let us know what your priorities are for the 2015 Legislative Session.

Spring College Fair/ Going on College Visits

Remember that 'college' refers to any postsecondary option!

The PNACAC **Seattle Spring College Fair** will be Saturday, April 25th 12-3:00 p.m. in the Connolly Center at Seattle University. This is a great college fair to attend. It usually has about 100 schools, instead of the 450+ that the Fall National College Fair has, so you can often have more extended conversations with representatives. Use our [After Shorewood Spring College Fair Tips](#) as a guide for preparing and attending.

The list of participating schools will be posted on April 2nd. Check the [PNACAC website](#) for that list and links to attendance details.

Spring Break College Visit Trip?

Make your plans now for a schools near or far. Our [Tips for Visiting Colleges](#) is similar to the College Fair tip guide, but since you will be visiting a campus, the opportunities to sleuth around are greater and we have ideas to help you make the visit as productive as possible. Plan ahead and include some unscheduled time to help your student get both subjective and objective information.

After Shorewood



A resource for all Shorewood families, run by PTSA volunteers in cooperation with the Shorewood Administration, Counseling Department, and Career Center. We support families as they help their students figure out life After Shorewood, whether the goals involve college, vocational school, or a career.



World Night on March 26th was a great celebration with food, dancing, and much more. Look for more photos and a story in the May *Shorewood Signal*. Photo by Barbara Miller Moquin.

Read this Book about Post-High School Decisions!

New York Times Columnist Frank Bruni has a new book that exactly parallels our After Shorewood philosophy: [Where You Go is Not Who You'll Be](#). There have been many [reviews](#) of the book that will give you a sense of what it is about, or you can watch the new Katie Couric [Frank Bruni Interview](#). His points are the same that we and others have been saying, but Bruni has a bigger platform. Here are paraphrases of his main points.

About rejection: It's **so** not the end. Your resilience will have more to do with your success than this rejection.

About the obsession with branding: Parents and kids [mistakenly] believe that the college with the best brand will give them the most success.

College is about fit, not about brand. The most important consideration of all is whether a school is right for you.

The *US News* Rankings are based on understood prestige. It's a popularity contest. To boost their prestige and appearance, schools spend money on non-educational amenities. The rankings do not measure educational value.

Higher education has become about marketing. Parents and kids receive an avalanche of come-ons from colleges. Colleges attract more kids so that they can turn them down and appear more selective. It is a vicious cycle that makes rejections more common.

The Common App, which makes it easier to apply to more schools, increases the number of applications per student, which means that schools get more applications and then become more selective. Students/ families think that the more darts they throw at the board, the better chance they will have, and they stop thinking about whether the school is right for them.

Counselors' Reminders

Pam Richards, Counseling Department Chair

We are pleased to welcome Bradley Nyhof who is replacing William Sugden for students with last names Fr-Lul and 9th grade AVID. Mr. Sugden took a position in a different career field. [Mr. Nyhof](#), an experienced school counselor, comes to us highly recommended from Issaquah School District.

Running Start: Current 10th & 11th Graders and their Parent/ Guardians

Interested in Running Start? Running Start is a Washington state program that allows high school juniors and seniors to take courses tuition free at the community college. You are invited to any of our Running Start informational sessions on Thursday April 9th in the Career Center. 9:45-10:10 a.m., 12:15-12:45 p.m. or 2:45-3:15 p.m. See SCC's [Running Start Program page](#).

College Planning Night for Grades 9, 10 and 11

Mark your calendars for College Planning Night on Thursday, April 30th 6-8:30 p.m. College representatives will provide a variety of informational sessions. Choice for up to 4 sessions, such as SAT vs. ACT and study tips, How to Stand Out in College Applications, 9th & 10th grader Spotlight, College Essay tips, What is ROTC?, Using Naviance. We highly recommend that students and parent/guardians of all grade levels attend this event.

Quarter Grades

3rd Quarter ends on Friday April 3rd. Quarter grades are the halfway point of the semester. Semester grades are final on students' transcripts. Thanks for all you do to support your student's success.

Wish List

Do you have a no longer needed gently used recent SAT or ACT study book? Please donate it to Shorewood' Counseling Office for use by disadvantaged students.

Wondering about Middle School World Language and Advanced Math?

If your student took World Language and/or Advanced Math in middle school, he/she has the option of putting those credits and grades onto the transcript. It is not required to do so. Colleges want to see what level of both World Language and Math students get to, such as Spanish IV and UW PreCalculus. Choosing to put the actual credit on the transcript means also putting the letter grades on the transcript, which will impact the high school GPA. Therefore, we recommend students wait until junior year to be sure the middle school grades will improve the GPA.

AP Exam Pre-Administration

If your student registered for an AP Exam, be sure he/she attends the mandatory Pre Administration meeting on Thursday April 9th during SAS in the theater. Students will receive reminders about this in their AP classes.

Does your student need Dental services?

A few free dental opportunities are coming up for Shoreline students. Please contact our nurse if you are interested: paula.williams@shorelineschools.org or 206-393-4386.

Contact Your Counselor

We encourage students to drop in during their free time, including before school, breaks, lunch, and after school. Students can also sign up on our clipboards, and we will send them a note to class.

A-Fo + 10th grade AVID

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Fr-Lul + 9th grade AVID

Bradley Nyhof 206-393-4716
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Lum-Q + 12th grade AVID

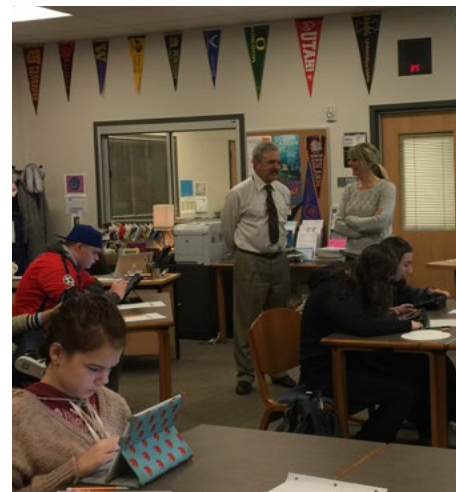
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R-Z + 11th grade AVID

Pam Richards 206-393-4383
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Running Start & English Language Learners

Gina Engle 206-393-4718
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School Board Member David Wilson visited the Career Center as students worked on a Career Interest Inventory.

AP Exams in May

Put the AP Exams on your calendar now. Check the College Board [2015 AP Exam Schedule](#) to see which day/ date your exams will be. However, Shoreline times are 30 minutes ahead of the listed time. If the College Board schedule says 8:00 a.m., be there at 7:30 a.m. If it says 12 Noon, be there at 11:30 a.m.



Shorewood Baseball vs. Edmonds Woodway March 27, 2015. Photo by Wayne Pridemore.

To-Do's for Seniors

If a staff member wrote a letter of recommendation for your senior, please remind your student to follow up with a personal thank you, and to share any updates about plans for next year with those staff members. This is a perfect opportunity to practice a life lesson of saying thank you and. We are thrilled for our fabulous senior class.

Not sure about plans for next year? No problem! Be sure to contact Ms. Spellman in the Career/College Center. Ms. Spellman can help direct you and your student to many opportunities post-SW, including scholarship funding. Shorewood graduates are well prepared for a wide variety of opportunities and we are here to help.

“Oh, The Places You’ll Go” Wall

Let's Celebrate! Once you decide where you will be going after Shorewood (college, military, study abroad, etc), please bring in your acceptance letter or other information so we can copy it for our “Oh, The Places You’ll Go” board, and we’ll take your picture to go with it. We know seniors are making plans now so come see Mrs. Roma in the Counseling Office and get your information out there for all to see! Congrats to all our seniors!!

Academic Awards

If you have received any academic honors, awards or scholarships, please notify Mrs. Roma in the counseling office by Friday, May 15th. You will be recognized at the 2015 Academic Awards ceremony on Tuesday, June 2nd. Don't delay. Do it today!

Shoreline Community College Full Scholarships

SCC is [making headlines](#) with its new Shoreline Scholars Program to provide 56 two year, full-ride scholarships to high school students in the class of 2015 who live in Shoreline or Lake Forest Park. This means you, Shorewood Seniors! Check out eligibility details on SCC's [Shoreline Scholars page](#) and get going on your application. The deadline is April 29th. **Information sessions April 2nd and 8th, 7:00 p.m., SCC Cafeteria Building** (PUB 9000 Building). SCC [Campus Map](#).

Senior Spree

Paula Testerman, Spree Chair

Senior parents, graduation is approaching! Your senior has worked hard, so reward him or her and put yourself at ease by making Spree a part of your family's graduation plans. A ticket makes a great graduation gift.

Senior Spree, is a parent-sponsored, chaperoned, all-night, substance-free graduation party for all graduating Shorewood seniors. The event includes stops at two great venues (these are kept secret!) and food. This is a great opportunity for your student to celebrate with friends in a safe environment. There is still space and scholarships are available through your counselor.

Tickets are \$175; a \$50 deposit will hold your spot with the balance due May 8th. Scholarships are available; contact your counselor. See the [Spree page](#) on the Shorewood website for details on how to purchase your ticket or contact [Paula Testerman](#) 206.546.1645.

Spree is planned in cooperation with Shorewood, but parents, rather than the school, sponsor the event. An event company makes arrangements.



Photos by Coach Arnie Moreno.

Girls Tennis Preseason Preview

Arnie Moreno, Coach

The Girls Tennis Wesco South 3A League Champion Thunderbirds are led by senior co-captains Jelena Bojic, Genevieve O'Malley and Jenny Ahn. The team has 11 returning seniors and lots of winning experience! Attend a match. Check out the schedule on WescoAthletics.com.



Photos of your Athlete

Photos of many spring games, matches, and meets will be available on WescoAthletics.com.



Photo courtesy of Shorewood Athletics.

New Football Coach

District Press Release

Shorewood and the Shoreline School District are pleased to announce Brandon Torrey as their new Varsity Head Football Coach. Torrey replaces Rob Petschl who resigned in February after five years as the T-Birds Head Coach. This will be Torrey's first head football assignment. However, he is no stranger to Shorewood, the WESCO Conference or area football. Torrey worked as an assistant on T-Bird football coaching staff the past two years. Prior to that he was an assistant coach at Edmonds-Woodway High School. Torrey, a Nationally Board Certified Physical Educator, is also a Physical Education teacher at Shorewood.

WIAA Scholastic Cup: Shorewood in the Lead

Vicki Gorman, Athletic Director

Shorewood High School is currently in first place academically for all 3A schools for 2014-15. The Washington Interscholastic Activities Association will release final standings following spring activities.

Current Standings

	School	Points	
1	Shorewood	915	Details
2	Mercer Is	905	Details
3	Holy Names	810	Details
4	Interlake	675	Details
4	Capital	675	Details
6	Lakeside	605	Details
7	Kamiakin	545	Details
8	Mt. Spokane	530	Details
9	Bellevue	465	Details
10	Enumclaw HS	415	Details

Cheer Squad Named Academic Champions

For the 4th year in a row, our Cheerleaders are the WIAA 3A Academic Champions with a 3.818 GPA. They accepted their award on March 7th at the 3A State Girls Basketball Championship Game.



Congratulations to Shorewood Cheer! Awards ceremony during halftime of the 3A State Girls Basketball Championship Game. Photo courtesy of Shorewood Athletics.

Get Your T-Bird Gear!

Brenda Stuvek, Boosters

Need Shorewood gear? Check out the [Shorewood Boosters Shop](#) on the [Boosters website](#). We now have sweatpants in both straight leg and elastic ankle styles. Or, stop by and see us at the Shorewood Baseball/ Softball day, April 11th.

Mobile Dental Clinic

April 14-15

Nurse Paula Williams and ICHS

If your student has tooth pain or has not been to the dentist in the past year, contact [Shorewood Nurse Paula Williams](#) to learn about the Mobile Dental Clinic April 14-15. Download the flyer from the [PTSA website](#) and contact Paula to get the full registration packet. Sponsored by [ICHS Shoreline](#).



Special Needs PTA



The next meeting of the Shoreline Special Needs PTA will be Tuesday, April

28th at 7:00 p.m. at Shoreline Center. Officers for 2015-16 will be elected, and the group will host Guest Speaker Stacey Gillett, Director of the [Office of Education Ombuds](#). Find out more on [shorelinespecialneedspta.com](#).

Shoreline STEM Festival

The 3rd annual Shoreline STEM Festival is Saturday, May 9th at Shoreline Community College. Come: browse student exhibits, try hands-on activities, and see what is going on in STEM in Shoreline.

10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Exhibits & hands-on projects.

12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Reptile Man

1:30 - 2:00 p.m. Awards Ceremony

www.shorelinesciencefair.org.



Shorewood Drill took 1st at Districts! Congrats to the girls, who competed at State in Yakima on March 27th. Photo courtesy of Shorewood Drill.

Thank You to the Shorewood Community

Bill Dunbar, Principal

As you know, the school calendar includes five non-instructional days when students have the day off and staff are working. These are essential work and professional development time. This school year, staff have worked to:

- develop common curriculum and assessment;
- learn about engaging classroom teaching techniques and strategies;
- align curriculum and assessment with Common Core and Next Generation (Science) Standards;
- develop courses and units, including work with colleges and universities;
- integrate STEM in science classes;
- implement Smarter Balanced tests;
- prepare for school improvement and accreditation;
- plan for student support, crisis and emergency preparation.

Thank you for your support of these activities as we continue improving our school.

Booster Auction Success



Janelle Jacobs, Auction Chair

The Shorewood community gathered on March 14th for the Booster Auction and, once again, gave generously to all of our kids. With gross receipts over \$100,000, Boosters will continue its tradition to reach all Shorewood students with it's mission of Spirit, Pride and Support. Net proceeds from the auction will be awarded to teams, clubs and activities through designated funds (from donated auction items) and through the spring granting process. A grand time was had by all as we celebrated the beautiful new building in fine Mardi Gras fashion. Many thanks to all volunteers and guests for another great year. Thank you for supporting Shorewood students with your hard work and generous donations.



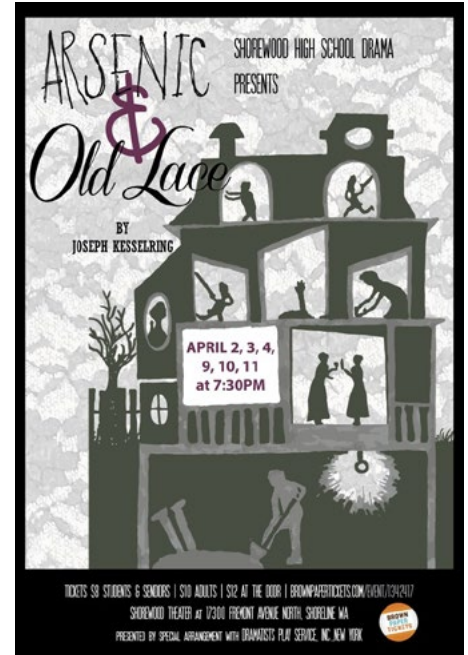
Play Ball! Or at least watch a few games; find team schedules on wescoathletics.com. Women's Fastpitch photos by Chris Stuvek. Men's Baseball photos by Wayne Pridemore.

April 2015

4/2-4/4	Spring Play (Theater) swdrama	7:30 PM
4/2-4/7	Orchestra to NYC & Carnegie Hall	
4/3	FRI End of Third Quarter	
4/6	MON No School: Staff Workday	
4/7	TUE Discussion with Accreditation Team	2:45 PM
4/7	TUE PTSA Meeting and Awards Presentation (Career Center)	7:00 PM
4/9	THU Mandatory AP Exam Pre-Administration (Theater)	9:40 AM
4/9	THU Running Start Information Sessions (Career Center)	
	come to any 30-minute session	9:45 AM, 12:15 PM or 2:45 PM
4/9-4/11	Spring Play (Theater) swdrama	7:30 PM
4/10	FRI 3 rd Quarter Report Cards Mailed	
4/13	MON Booster Meeting (Career Center)	7:00 PM
4/16	THU Spring Sports Assembly (Gym)	9:30-10:15 AM
4/17	FRI PTSA/ Principal's Coffee (Library Conference Room)	8:30 AM
4/17	FRI Spring Tolo (Commons)	9-11:59 PM
4/20-4/24	No School: Spring Break	
4/23-4/26	Choir to NYC & Carnegie Hall	
4/30	THU College Planning Night (Shorewood)	6-8:00 PM

May 2015

5/2	SAT Prom Shop (North City Elementary) see note at right	12-5:00 PM
5/4-8	AP Testing Week 1 (Shoreline Center) page 4	
5/5	TUE PTSA Meeting (Career Center)	7:00 PM
5/9	SAT Shoreline STEM Festival (SCC) page 7	10:00 AM-2:00 PM
5/11	MON Booster Meeting (Career Center)	7:00 PM
5/11-15	Teacher Appreciation Week	
5/11-15	AP Testing Week 2 (Shoreline Center) page 4	
5/15	FRI Deadline for Senior Awards Program page 5	
5/22	FRI No School: Staff Workday	
5/25	MON No School: Memorial Day	
5/27	WED Jazz Night (Theater)	7:30 PM
5/28	THU Band Concert (Theater)	7:30 PM
5/29	FRI SW Drama Thespian Initiation (Theater)	7:30 PM



Arsenic and Old Lace poster designed by Student Shaina Flaherty.

Spring Play: Arsenic and Old Lace

Shorewood High School Drama proudly presents Joseph Kesselring's hilarious and deadly classic *Arsenic and Old Lace*. Beware the Brewster household, where nothing is as it seems! Two seemingly sweet and gentle sisters hide a sickening secret in their basement, while Teddy Roosevelt, Frankenstein, and Einstein haunt the old Brooklyn home. On April 2-4 and 9-11 at 7:30 p.m., come see if anyone is sane enough to survive! Tickets are \$10 on [Brown Paper Tickets](#), and \$12 at the door. See www.swdrama.weebly.com.

Prom Shop May 2nd

On Saturday, May 2nd 12-5:00 p.m. at North City Elementary, Shorewood students may attend the Prom Shop to shop (for free!) for girls' and guys' formal wear and accessories. Donations gratefully accepted; email [Jenny Farnam](#). Details on [Shorewood PTSA site](#). [Senior Prom is June 6th, 2015.]

2015 Spring Testing Transition to Smarter Balanced Assessment at Shorewood High School:

The text below is a combination of text excerpted from district sources and adapted to the Shorewood Community. Thanks to colleagues in the Shoreline Instruction Department and the Public Information Office.

This year we are making a transition from the state's HSPE testing program to the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBAC) based on the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). This is a big change in both curriculum and assessment standards.

This spring's testing schedule will be different than we have experienced in the past as we progress through the cycles of HSPE, EOC and SBAC testing for each of the different graduating groups of students under different standards. As some of the testing "sunsets" with the graduating cohorts passing through Shorewood, the testing schedule should be less complicated in years to come.

In Shoreline and across the state, we have been adapting to Common Core State Standards for several years. Teachers at Shorewood aligned all of our teaching goals with Common Core standards this year. The new test should provide us better, more useful, and timely information to help our students meet these standards.

Why is our testing system changing? Here is a brief version of some ideas that may help you process this question with your students:

The SBAC is a system made up of four components:

- an online summative test given during the last 12 weeks of school;
- optional interim tests available throughout the year to see if students are on track to achieve their end-of-year goals;
- a research-based digital library of professional development materials and instructional tools for teachers;
- a secure online reporting system that will show student achievement and progress toward understanding the standards.

Eleventh graders will take the new Smarter Balanced tests that will measure college- and career-readiness in math and English language arts. Students will not have to pass those tests for high school graduation until the class of 2019, so the overlapping systems of tests we implement this spring may continue for several years unless the state changes requirements. This year's juniors and sophomores will be the first to take the assessment to establish the baseline scores for schools. Data may also be used to guide students' programs and course selections both in high school and in entering college, so the scores do matter.

Currently, the plan is that meeting a standard "cut" score on the SBAC will be a graduation requirement for 2019 and there will be a higher "bar" for a "college and career ready" designation. Students in grade ten will take Smarter Balanced Tests just in English Language Arts.



FAQ

Will the new Smarter Balanced tests be harder than our current exams?

Yes, that is what we are told, because they are aligned to the Common Core State Standards, which are more challenging than our state's former learning standards in math, reading and writing. Our previous state exams measured basic skills, typically at 10th grade level. Smarter Balanced tests students at a college-and-career readiness level.

Will test scores be lower on the new Smarter Balanced tests compared to our current state exams?

It's not an "apples-to-apples" comparison. These are a new set of learning standards and tests with a new way of scoring, so it's not possible to compare new scores with the old ones. Because Common Core State Standards are more challenging than our former state learning standards, student test scores may be lower than what students, parents, and teachers have seen in the past. Smarter Balanced tests set a new baseline for student test scores. After we get the scores from the spring 2015 tests, we will be able to set improvement goals for future years.



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The Smarter Balanced is less about content than previous state tests and more about measuring thinking skills that students need to be successful beyond high school in college and employment. Test results will likely be used to guide students to class selections in the senior year and/or in the freshman year of college to further develop their skills in literacy, math and critical thinking. Shoreline instruction department staff has worked with college faculty to align how results from the test may be used to select such classes depending on the student's scores. This work is happening across the state and the nation.

For example, students who receive a 3 or 4 on the Smarter Balanced ELA exam will place directly into any entry-level English course including Freshman Composition/English 101 in college without having to take a placement test or do any remedial coursework. Students who receive a 4 on the Smarter Balanced mathematics exam will place directly into any entry level college mathematics course through pre-calculus 1, a course needed to be on the calculus pathway that is needed for many STEM degrees. Juniors may also select a "Bridge to College" class in the senior year of high school to address a score and still move into the college credit class once they get to the college. Currently all students take entry assessments at colleges and universities. Based on the results, some students find that they have to take remedial classes in their first year. Poor results at the college level and a remedial requirement are an unwelcome surprise when a student has passed their classes in high school. The new testing program may help students select a class schedule for better preparation.

The SBAC will also provide data that we can use as a system to determine where we need to improve. For example, these data may help us understand what's working in special education, or whether race or income-based achievement gaps continue to persist in our school. A measurement of college readiness for all students and follow-up curriculum to help more students meet college ready standards is an important potential way to provide equity to a greater number of our students before they leave Shorewood. Since the SBAC is given and recognized in many states it may become like an SAT, ACT or ASVAB score to be used for college admission, scholarship and employment.

While we are in transition from one system to the next we will have multiple testing programs underway to phase out the older program and phase in the new system. Please do your very best to support our students, and to ask that they help us with their earnest participation. We remain optimistic in the knowledge that our school serves more and more of our students better and better each year.

Look over a practice test. Here's the link: <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/pilot-test>.

Please do not hesitate to contact Principal Bill Dunbar if you have any questions.

Informational Links

Common Core State Standards

www.corestandards.org
read the standards
frequently asked questions

Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC)

www.smarterbalanced.org
practice and training tests

Washington State Teaching and Learning Standards [here](#)

OSPI Common Core FAQ [here](#)

