



Shorewood News – February 2020

State of the School Presentation and Shorewood PTSA Meeting - Tuesday February 4th

The Shorewood PTSA is excited to host an open meeting on the evening of **Tuesday, February 4th** at 7pm in the Shorewood Library. At this meeting, Principal Bill Dunbar will make a presentation on the "State of the School" including current data on the outcomes for students, staff school improvement goals and results of the last two years' CEE Educational Effectiveness Surveys.

Following the presentation, there will be a question and answer session and a brief PTSA business meeting. Light refreshments will be provided and all are welcome to attend!

PTSA Award Nominations

Each year we honor an amazing teacher, volunteer and advocate. Do you know someone you would like to see recognized? You can nominate them for the annual PTA awards! The awards include Outstanding Educator, Golden Acorn (outstanding volunteer), and Outstanding Advocate (someone who has gone above and beyond for all students). Recipients will be selected in March and recognized in April at a special Shoreline Council event and at the Shorewood PTSA general membership meeting. Nominations will be accepted through March 10th . To make a nomination, please send an email with the person's name, position, and reason they should receive the award to president@shorewoodptsa.com. Help us make these awards special this year; send your nominations in today!

Shorewood PTSA Membership

Krista Keller, Shorewood PTSA Membership

Again - a big thank you to everyone who has already joined Shorewood PTSA! January 1st marks the **Washington State PTA membership challenge**. PTAs throughout the state try to increase their membership based on their membership numbers from last year. For the 2018/2019 school year, Shorewood PTSA won a gold award for our increase in membership. **We need your help!** We still need to hit our membership numbers from last year and then grow. If you are not a member yet, please join us! Our membership consists of students, staff, parents, guardians, and community members. We would love an increase in numbers from all of those groups!!

You can join on line by visiting our website, www.shorewoodptsa.com or print our form from the website and send it to the Shorewood front office.

Here are more perks of becoming a Shorewood PTSA member:

Papa John's Pizza: 30% off regular menu prices for online orders
Tacoma Venues: Monster Jam discounted tickets for Jan. 10-12, 2020
LEGO Bag: 40% discount on LEGO Bag products
CanvasDiscount.com : up to 15% savings off your order
Office Depot: savings on school and office supplies, furniture, and more
Tickets at Work: discounts on movie tickets, music, sports, Broadway shows, gift cards and more.

Thank you for your support of Shorewood PTSA!

Calling All Bakers - Sweet Treat Surprise for Friday February 14th

Hello wonderful Shorewood families! Please help us show our love to our amazing students by donating or volunteering at our Sweet Treat Valentine's Day cupcake surprise on Friday, February 14th. We need 1600 sweet treats to make this happen! Donations can be dropped off at the SW Commons on Thursday, February 13th or before 9:30am on Friday, February 14th. Thank you for signing up using our Sign-Up Genius link below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4da9ac2aa1ff2-valentines>

Staff Appreciation Lunch - February 26th

Stay tuned for more information coming soon about our next staff appreciation lunch! The next lunch will be held Wednesday, February 26th and we need your help to make it happen! A link to sign up will be sent out before midwinter break! If you have any questions or would like to help plan it contact Shannon: mcshannon79@hotmail.com

PTSA Legislative Update

Suzanne Gugger, Shorewood PTSA Legislation Chair

The 2020 Legislative Session started on Monday Jan. 13th. This is a short session (60 days - non-budget year) that will end on March 12th.

Many [education-related items have been pre-filed](#) and there will be more laws being introduced in the coming weeks. WSPTA has shared their [pre-session report](#) and, in [Governor Inslee's State of the State](#) delivered on Jan 14th, he shared that for children and education there will be a focus this year on:

- Multiple pathways to careers through the Career Connect Learning Initiative
- Make sure more children get early learning opportunities
- Address diversity and equity, especially in the workplace
- Pass common-sense gun safety measures
- Continue to make investments in K-12, including special education
- Protect our kids from tobacco and vaping, and
- Help foster care children earlier and more frequently and provide them with more beds.

To stay updated throughout session, here are some key resources you can use:

- [Shoreline PTA Council 2020 Legislative Updates](#)
- [WSPTA Advocacy Blog](#) (including a weekly bill tracker)
- [Sign up for WSPTA Action Alerts](#)

If there is a bill of particular concern or interest, you can [contact our representatives](#) about it and/or follow the progress of the bill by [signing up for email updates](#) available on individual bill pages.

If there is a WSPTA supported bill that you are particularly interested in speaking about in testimony, please contact [PTA Council Legislative Chairs JD Wallace & Cari Stalter](#) or [WSPTA Advocacy Director Sherry Rudolph](#).

Shorewood students! If you would like to talk about legislative and education related issues that affect you and the school, please contact any of your PTSA Legislative/Advocacy representatives:

Ariya Gozlo - senior PTSA Advocacy rep
 Caroline Gugger - senior PTSA Advocacy rep

Shorewood Sophomores and Juniors

Are you interested in current events? Issues that affect your education and school? National and State policies that impact you like safety, curriculum, equity, and access to college and higher education? Do you like to write or lead discussions with other students about important issues?

We need you!

Shorewood PTSA would love 2 more students as Advocacy representatives for next year. Ideally we would have you involved this year in whatever capacity works for you. Please contact Caroline or email suzanneeg@comcast.net for details.

The WORKS Needs Your Donations!

The WORKS, a PTA Council Family Resource, is accepting new and gently-used, CLEAN. kid-sized clothing 4T-16 and adult size clothing appropriate to High School students. They are low on menswear (pants and shoes) and winter coats. If you have something to donate, please drop off at THE WORKS on Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 PM or contact shorelineptaworks@gmail.com to arrange for a drop off time.

MARK your calendar! If you can volunteer on 25 Mar 2020 from 6:30-8:00 PM to help sort donated items at THE WORKS, it would be much appreciated. Please let Laine Ritter know at laineritter@gmail.com or text 206-886-5467 if you think you can help on these dates.

Senior Yearbook Campaign

Shorewood High School PTSA helps raise funds for the Shorewood Experience, which is designed to help students fully experience high school when the cost of doing so is prohibitive.

Public education is not free and studies show that graduation rates increase when students feel able to participate in their high school experience. The Shorewood Experience fund helps students with financial need to purchase yearbooks their senior year, caps and gowns, field trip costs, instrument rentals, and so much more.

This year we have a higher than usual need for seniors and are looking to raise \$1,500 by February 29, 2020 for senior yearbooks. We need 100 donors at \$15/each to reach our goal. As of February 1, more than \$800 has been raised from 15 donors – thank you! Can you help? Please go to our [webpage](#) to donate.

<https://www.memberplanet.com/campaign/shorewoodhighptsa/yearbooks4seniors>

Thank you for considering and for taking the time to donate. Your contribution is greatly appreciated. If you have questions or want to know more about the Shorewood Experience please contact Carrie Campbell at pritchamp@hotmail.com.

Summer Camp and After-School Activities Resource Fair - Tuesday, March 3rd

Looking for summer camp ideas? The Shoreline PTA Council's Resource Fair (now in its third year) is a free community event and a great way to learn about 30+ child and family-focused summer camps, after-school programs (in-school and offsite), clubs and more that are available in Shoreline and surrounding areas. The format of the event is an open house so arrive anytime between 7-9pm on Tuesday, March 3rd.

New location for 2020 is at the Spartan Gym inside the City of Shoreline's Spartan Recreation Center (202 NE 185th St, Shoreline, WA 98155). FREE childcare provided onsite by the Dale Turner YMCA!

Exhibitor registration is still open through February 14th at 5pm! Learn more and sign up at <http://www.shorelinepta.org/resource-fair.html>.

Shorewood Boosters Auction - March 21st

Come celebrate and support all that is Shorewood at the SW Boosters Auction on March 21st! We are raising money for all of the clubs, sports teams, marching band, dance teams, ASB and more! The theme is T-Birds Forever - come in your SW gear and enjoy a night of fun, great food prepared by Shorewood Culinary Arts, community and fundraising! Tickets are only \$65 - gather a group of friends and get a table. Incredible auction items - trips to Mexico, Chelan and Sun Valley. Restaurant and hotels. Hot Air Balloon Rides. Signed sports memorabilia and more. You won't want to miss out - get your tickets before we sell out. <http://www.shorewoodboosters.com/>

Calendar

February

- 2/4 SW PTSA General Membership Meeting - 7pm, SW Library
- 2/17 - 2/21 Presidents' Day Holiday and Mid-Winter Break - No School
- 2/26 SW PTSA Staff Appreciation Lunch
- 2/29 Leap Year Day

March

- 3/3 SW PTSA Board Meeting - 7pm, Career Center
- 3/3 Shoreline PTA Summer Camp and After-School Activities Resource Fair - Spartan Recreation Center
- 3/17 SW College and More Night