



## Shorewood PTSA News – October 2016

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Shorewood PTSA provides academic enrichment and advocacy for all Shorewood students

### Message from the President

*Brian Heagler, President*

The Shorewood PTSA is excited to host at an important community presentation to learn about recent recommendations for possible changes in the configuration of Shoreline's preschool programs, Highly Capable programs and current grade levels. One of several recommendations that will be discussed is the consideration of moving to a 6/7/8 grade configuration for middle school. Presenting will be Brian Schultz, Assistant Superintendent, and Anzara Miller, Director of Teacher Professional Practices and Evaluation. This is a great opportunity to learn about potential changes and ask questions! For more information, click [HERE](#) for a copy of the presentation and recommendations. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Brian Heagler, PTSA President, at [president@shorewoodptsa.com](mailto:president@shorewoodptsa.com).

Join us **October 4, 7:00-8:15pm** in the Shorewood HS Library.

### Show Your Support Shorewood PTSA – “We Make A Difference”

*Lori Ramsay & Krista Keller, Membership/Pass the Hat Co-Directors*

Join us October 6<sup>th</sup> for Curriculum Night, our annual membership drive, and our only fundraiser, Pass the Hat. We use your generous donations to support programs like Homework Club, Reflections, Family Services, Legislation Advocacy, AP and college test prep, academic support for struggling students, basic need support, classroom grants (EQC) and more. Watch for our green membership form in the mail (or download it at [www.shorewoodptsa.com](http://www.shorewoodptsa.com)) and bring it with you on the 6<sup>th</sup>, or drop it off in the school office. You can save time by joining, donating, or both online. Help us meet our goals of 410 memberships and \$15,000 in donations. Thank you for supporting our children's future!

Memberships and donations are tax deductible.

Membership cards are emailed, so please provide an email address for every member to avoid duplicate emails.

### SAT Prep Class

Looking for an affordable, convenient SAT Prep course? This fall, Shorewood will hold its own SAT Prep course taught on-site by Shoreline School District teachers. The course consists of three Saturday morning sessions (8:00AM – 1:00PM): **October 29, November 12, 19**. Cost: \$125 / student. Limited scholarships are available through the counselors. Register by October 14<sup>th</sup> at [www.shorewoodptsa.com](http://www.shorewoodptsa.com) (programs – SAT Prep). No cancellations or refunds.

The class will use the College Board SAT Prep Book, which is included in the price. Upcoming SAT test dates: Dec. 3, Jan. 21, March 11, May 6 and June 3. Questions? Contact Corey O'Hare ([corey.ohare@shorelineschools.org](mailto:corey.ohare@shorelineschools.org)) or Melyssa Stone ([melyssa.stone@shorelineschools.org](mailto:melyssa.stone@shorelineschools.org)).

## Volunteer Opportunities

Remember to add your name to the volunteer list. Email your name and the year your youngest child will graduate to [volunteer@shorewoodpts.com](mailto:volunteer@shorewoodpts.com). Adding your name does not obligate you to anything; you will be notified of volunteer needs and can choose what is best for you.

## Helping All Students Have the Shorewood Experience

What is the Shorewood Experience? Being part of the school, having the opportunity to be involved and participate in the community. It includes participating in sports, cheer, flags, band and drama; it's getting to go to sporting events, theatre productions, dances, Senior Spree, Prom and so much more.

It is estimated to cost \$250/year to participate fully at Shorewood, and that number at least doubles in Senior year. And for many families the cost is out of reach. Did you know...

- 28% of students at Shorewood are on Free and Reduced Lunch?
- 356 students identify as Homeless in the Shoreline School District? This is one of the highest percentages in King County.

You can help by donating to the Share the Shorewood Experience fund. You can find the donation link on the homepage of the PTSA website, <http://www.shorewoodpts.com/>.

Questions? Want to help? Contact Carrie Campbell, [campprit@hotmail.com](mailto:campprit@hotmail.com). Thank you!

## Homecoming Week: October 17-22

Homecoming is a major highlight of the year. See the [Daily Bulletin](#) for details. Some key events:

**Naming the Freshman Class:** Every year, the Senior Class bestows a name on the Freshman Class, which they retain all four years.

**Colors:** Each class has a color for assemblies and designated days. The color can change yearly.

**Homecoming Court:** Students vote to choose seniors for the Homecoming Court. The King and Queen will be announced at the Homecoming Assembly.

**Events:** The community is encouraged to support all athletic teams during Homecoming. For a list of athletic events, see the [Shorewood calendar](#) or [Wesco Athletics](#). Dress-up days and lunchtime contests will be announced daily.

## Homecoming Dance: October 22

### Who Attends

The Homecoming Dance is heavily attended. Students can go as couples or singles. Many students go in groups. Sometimes students ask each other to the dance in elaborate ways, but this is not necessary. A Shorewood student may bring a guest from another school, but the number of guests will be limited. Guests must be cleared in advance and some restrictions apply. Clearance forms are available from SWHS security (Mike Sherry and San Le) and are due by 10/14/16 at 3:30 PM.

### **Who Pays**

Students attending as a couple often split expenses – for example, one pays for tickets and dinner and the other pays for photos (photo packages run from \$15-\$60). Encourage your student to have a conversation with his/her date about expenses ahead of time.

### **Tickets**

Students may purchase tickets in advance (usually about \$10/person), or at the door (usually about \$15/person). Advance ticket sales will be in the commons during lunch a few weeks before the dance. After buying tickets, students may sign up for early pictures.

### **Attire**

The attire is semi-formal: dress shirts, slacks and ties (sometimes with a sport coat); semi-formal, mid-length dresses. Some students wear tuxes, but this is not as common. The WORKS, open Wednesday evenings 6:30-8:30 p.m., has semi-formal attire for both girls & guys. *This service is free for all students, regardless of need.* They have over 600 dresses! See the [WORKS website](#) for more information.

### **Flowers**

Students attending as couples often get a corsage or a boutonniere for one other. Talk about colors, but please *do not* buy red flowers; the petals stain our new floors. Most girls prefer wrist corsages.

### **Coat Check**

Students may check their coats and other items at a parent-staffed, secure coat check station.

### **Location**

The dance will be held in the commons, and students will enter from the courtyard.

### **Pictures**

If students sign up for an early photo appointment (when they buy tickets), they can avoid standing in line.

### **Chaperones**

The administration and many staff will attend, along with 30 parent chaperones. To volunteer, contact [Britt Harris](#), Activity Coordinator. Volunteers must complete the State Patrol Clearance form (including a photocopy of your driver's license) in the front office as soon as possible.

### **Rules**

- Shorewood students *must* have Shorewood photo ID.
- Guests have to be cleared in advance and will need photo ID.
- Once admitted, students cannot leave and come back.
- There is a strict *no alcohol, no drugs* policy. If students are suspected of drinking or being impaired, their parents will be called to pick the students up. Per school parking agreements, illegal substances are not allowed in cars on school property.
- Dancing must be appropriate.

## What's Going on with Education?

*Suzanne Gugger, PTSA Legislative Director*

### **Education Issues Survey: What's important to you?**

Parents, teachers and students... help Washington State PTA speak up for kids! Every Fall, the WA State PTA association selects its legislative priorities, and hearing from you is a valuable step in the process. Your responses will assist voting delegates set the 2016-17 legislative platform at the Legislative Assembly. Take the 3 minute (or less!) survey [HERE](#). Survey closes Thursday, October 6 at 12:15pm. Results will be posted by the following week.

### **Register to vote NOW for the November 8<sup>th</sup> election**

Students who are 18 years old and REGISTER BY OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup> can vote in the November election. The deadline for online registration is October 10<sup>th</sup> but you can register in person until October 31st. See the [Secretary of State website](#) for details.

## Calendar

### **October**

- 10/4 PTSA General Membership meeting, 7:00pm, SWHS Library
- 10/6 Open House and Curriculum Night, Pass the Hat
- 10/21 PTSA/Principal coffee, 9:00am, Library Conference room
- 10/22 Homecoming dance
- 10/31 No school – staff work day

### **November**

- 11/1 PTSA Board Meeting, 7:00pm, Career Center
- 11/11 No school – Veteran's day
- 11/18 PTSA/Principal coffee, 9:00am, Library Conference Room
- 11/23 Early release day
- 11/24-11/25 No school – Thanksgiving Holiday