Shorewood Signal



Shorewood High School & Shorewood High School PTSA 6.12.105 17300 Fremont Ave North, Shoreline, WA 98133 http://schools.shorelineschools.org/shorewood/www.shorewoodptsa.com



The Girls' Cross Country Team is ready for the season! Most of the 100+ member Cross Country team spent a weekend at Camp Casey on Whidbey Island at the end of August. Fall sports teams have been practicing for weeks, and games/ matches/ meets are well underway. For sports schedules, see WESCO Athletics. Photo by Paul Villanueva.

Welcome to Shorewood

Welcome to all families, new or returning. Principal Bill Dunbar lets you know what Shorewood has to offer on page 4 and PTSA President Brian Heagler welcomes you to the parent community on page 2.

Drop Off/ Pick Up Note

If you drop off and pick up your student, please do not stop on 175th to load or unload (it's illegal). Use the circle in front of school. details on page 4

Who Are We?

Not sure what a high school PTSA does? Wondering how PTSA is different than Boosters? And what in the world is EQC? Find out about Shorewood's various parent support groups on page 6.

Could Your School & Test Fees Be Waived?

The best benefits of the program called "Free & Reduced Lunch" aren't in its name. Students who qualify are eligible for reduced fees or waivers for: SAT/ ACT registration, class costs, and college applications. Those costs add up! If there is a chance your family might qualify, see page 5, talk to your counselor, and download a confidential Free & Reduced Lunch application.

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Since Homecoming Week is less than a month away, we have included the PTSA's annual Parent Guide to Homecoming on page 10.

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Volunteer Opportunities

To volunteer—for anything for Shorewood or the PTSA—send an email to volunteer@shorewoodptsa.com. Include your name and the year your youngest Shorewood student will graduate. You will receive occasional emails for various tasks and you can respond if and as you wish.

General Membership Meeting October 6th

Please join PTSA for the first General Membership meeting of 2015–16 on Tuesday, October 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the Career Center. We will approve the Annual Budget, Standing Rules, and Goals. Please come participate in this important process of allocating PTSA donations in order to benefit the most students possible. Parents and guardians are welcome to all of our monthly meetings, and we encourage you to attend this general meeting in particular.



Shorewood Staff ready for a new school year. Photo by Paul Villanueva.

Welcome to Shorewood

Brian Heagler, PTSA President

Welcome back to school and a special welcome to those new to Shorewood! Shorewood PTSA helps provide academic enrichment and support for students, resources to Shorewood staff and helps families become the greatest advocates for their students. Our goals are intended to give our kids the best academic experience and opportunities after graduation.

By becoming a member of the PTSA, you help fund: academic support; basic needs support; AP and college test prep; Family Services programs; legislative advocacy; and After Shorewood, which helps guide families through the high school years with a focus on the future. And we hope that you will also contribute to EQC, which funds teacher grants for classroom needs. Become a member today! Visit www.shorewoodptsa.com.

Show Your Support for Shorewood PTSA

Lori Ramsay, Membership/Pass the Hat Director Please join today and help us meet our goal of 490 members. Add your voice and your vote to advocate for student success at all levels.

Pass the Hat, paired with our Membership Drive, is our only fundraiser this year. While we accept donations anytime, we formally pass the hat at the Shorewood Fall Open House and Curriculum Night on October 8th. Your donations to the PTSA are much appreciated and are essential for supporting a variety of programs. Last year we provided more than \$24,000 in support of Shorewood students. Please help us make this year as successful by providing valuable support. All donations are tax-deductible. Join on shorewoodptsa.com (using PayPal, but you do not need to create a PayPal account) or download the Membership Form and turn it in before, during, or after the Open House or drop it off in the school office. If you have questions, contact Lori Ramsay. Thank you for all your support!

Note about joining: Please provide email addresses for all members. If you enter the same email address in the two blanks on the form, you will receive duplicate emails. Membership cards will be emailed this fall.

Please see page 7 for more PTSA news, including Reflections.

After Shorewood



After Shorewood is a resource for all Shorewood families, run by PTSA/ school volunteers in cooperation with the Shorewood Administration, Counseling Department, and Career Center. Our goal is to support families as they

help their students figure out life After Shorewood, whether the goals involve college, vocational school, or a career.

Testing...SAT & ACT

Though there are more & more test optional colleges, most students looking at four-year colleges take the SAT and/ or ACT. Register for these tests directly, and realize that you must register a few weeks before taking the tests. Because the SAT is changing, it might be more difficult to get the dates you want. Register now!

SAT & SAT Subject Tests

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Test	Sign up by
October 3	September 3*
November 7	October 9
December 5	November 5
January 23	December 28
March 5	February 5
May 7	April 8
June 4	May 5
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register at sat.collegeboard.org *Late registration until September 22.

ACT

Test	Sign up by
September 12	August 7‡
October 24	September 18
December 12	November 6
February 6	January 8
April 9	March 14
June 13	May 6

register at actstudent.org
†Registration closed. There is generally a 10day late ACT registration period.

For further information on testing, including FAQ, see our After Shorewood College Testing page.



Shorewood Football 2015. Photo by Wayne Pridemore.

Write & Ready Recap

This past summer, After Shorewood offered a free workshop series on writing college application essays. About 40 seniors participated, and they now have a head start on their personal statements and other elements required for college applications. Based on positive feedback from the seniors, we anticipate offering this workshop again in the summer of 2016 for the Class of 2017.

We would like to thank several partners who provided venues:

- The Shorewood Administration and Summer School Principal Rebbecah Emanuel;
- Ronald United Methodist Church and administrator Marilyn Reid;
- One Cup Coffee.

And thank you to the seniors' families for trying something new. We loved working with your remarkable young people. They have wonderful stories to share, and we can't wait to see what they do after they graduate.

www.aftershorewood.org

- Timelines by grade level
- Info about apprenticeships, certifications, and internships
- Community Service opportunities
- Articles & other resources
- Tips for senior families on Naviance & the Common App
- Job resources

Easiest Scholarship Ever

All students have to do to be eligible for the After Shorewood Scholarship is attend College Visits in the Career Center this fall. In June 2016, one \$100 scholarship will go to a senior, and one \$100 scholarship will go to a freshman, sophomore, or junior. When you attend a college visit, sign in on an After Shorewood sheet. If you attend two or more visits between now and January, you will get your name in a hat for the scholarship. The more you come, the more chances you get! Representatives from the military, community colleges, technical schools, and 4-year colleges visit Shorewood, and all of these count toward eligibility. Visits are arranged by College and Career Readiness Coordinator Erika Spellman. Watch for the schedule, and listen for announcements.

Opt-In Weekly Emails

After Shorewood sends a weekly email to PTA members and to parents who opt in. The email includes:

- information on a weekly theme;
- grade by grade reminders;
- upcoming college/vocational events at Shorewood and in the Seattle area;
- scholarship opportunities;
- recommended resources;
- features of selected colleges and other institutions.

See the September 6th Tidbits email Why Start Early? and view the Tidbits Archive of the last two years. Emails are usually sent on Sundays. To opt in, send an email to aftershorewood@gmail.com with "weekly email" in the subject line and we will sign you up! We will not share your email address.

The Principal's Desk

Bill Dunbar, Principal Welcome back to school! Thank you for helping your student prepare for a successful year at Shorewood. We have a full program of learning, community activities and athletics planned for our students. Our goal is to work with our families to support every student in getting a great, personalized education that helps them prepare for college, career and life. At the same time, we offer community, experiences and programs beyond the classroom that enhance and enrich the experience of life at Shorewood.

With this beginning of the school newsletter, we reach out to families and ask you to be our partners in supporting our public school. We encourage parents to contact teachers, to monitor learning through the <u>teachers' websites</u> and to keep track of grades through regular <u>online grading updates</u>.

Beyond support for your student, we encourage you to engage with the parent leadership community by volunteering and/or joining the PTSA or Boosters to advocate for our students and support school programs. Boosters is currently seeking volunteers to help organize and lead the annual auction. Please contact me or Booster leaders if you are interested. Your community participation is essential for our success.

Thank you for your continuing support of our schools. Let's have a great year!



New students will soon be pros at the Shorewood routine. Photo by P. Villanueva.

Drop Off/ Pick Up Note If you drop off and pick up your

If you drop off and pick up your student, please do so in the main traffic circle directly in front of the school or in the large parking lot. Please do not stop on 175th to load or unload. It is illegal to pull over on 175th and doing so interrupts traffic flow. Police have indicated that there will be increased traffic, speed and school zone patrols as we open the school year. Please obey the directions of school security, administration and traffic personnel. Student safety is our first concern.



Football's first game vs. Everett on September 4th. Photo by Wayne Pridemore.

Bell Schedule

We are in our second year of piloting and adjusting the bell schedule to support teaching and learning. The new bell schedule includes renaming Mondays "A" all six periods meet (1-6) for 50 minutes. Typically, Tuesdays and Thursdays are now "E" days when even numbered class periods (2-4-6); Wednesday and Friday are now "O" days when odd numbered periods meet (1-3-5) for 100 minutes.

The first day of school is an exception: after an assembly in the gym, each class will meet for 45 minutes. School begins every day at 7:50 AM, concludes at 2:35 PM, includes a 35-minute SAS (student academic support) period (see below), and 30 minutes for lunch. Details, exact times, and special schedules can be found on the Shorewood website > Administration tab > Bell Schedules.

SAS / Period 10

The new schedule includes SAS or Student Academic Support every day for 35 minutes at 9:40 AM after the first long period. SAS is a home base period designed to 1) support student learning and 2) help students connect to school. SAS is listed on schedules as Period 10. Teacher- directed activities may include: intervention, 1:1 or small group work; pre-teaching; re-teaching; work completion; or make-up work. The goal is that every student will be well-known by at least one adult through small groups, academic monitoring, and school-wide activities.

How your Counselor Can Help You

Pam Richards, Counseling Department Chair

First, Find Your Counselor

We are assigned to students by last names (see list at right), with the exception of the AVID program, Running Start, and English Language Learners We have 2 full time counselors and 4 part time, with a ratio of approximately 375 students per full time counselor.

We are usually available for drop-ins during students' free time before school, break, lunch, and after school. Students and parents are welcome to email or call us. Please encourage your student to stop by during his/her free time and say hi, and/or to ask a question. When in doubt, ask us. If we can't help you, we usually know who can.

Counselors are involved in classroom guidance, school-wide education & events, individual student support, collaboration with teachers and staff, and small group workshops. Keep your eyes and ears peeled for events and information throughout the year.

Keep up With Graduation Requirements

Graduation requirements are our #1 priority. These are reviewed every year in classes and are aligned with both Shorecrest and Washington State graduation requirements. Most 4-year college admission requirements exceed our minimum graduation requirements. Read all about our courses and graduation requirements in the Registration Guide.

Access Services like Free/Reduced Lunch (which isn't really about the lunch!) The biggest benefits of Free/Reduced Lunch aren't the food! Qualifying students are eligible for a wide variety of fee waivers and scholarships, such as college application fees, SAT/ACT and class fees in addition to free or reduced lunch rate. If there is any chance your family might qualify for free or reduced lunch, we strongly encourage you to fill out the confidential form (download the Free & Reduced Lunch Application Form) or pick up a paper copy in the main office and/or district office). It takes about a week for the district office to process the paperwork.

Practice Self Advocacy

High School is the perfect time for your student to learn to be a self advocate. These skills will help students be successful and independent adults. Of course it's tempting to handle issues for teenagers ourselves, but if they don't practice now, it will be even more challenging for them in adulthood. Your teenager is in fabulous hands with the caring staff at Shorewood. Examples of self-advocacy:

- Have your student write a question to a teacher from his/her email account instead of from yours.
- Help your student think through ways to solve a problem at school on his/ her own.
- Encourage your student to stop in the counseling office during his/her free time to ask a question about school.

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 a note to class.

A-Cam and 11th Grade AVID

Molly Challman 206.393.4712 molly.challman@shorelineschools.org

Can-Hat

Jillian Wellington 206.393.4710 jillian.wellington@shorelineschools.org

Hau-Meg and 10th Grade AVID Bradley Nyhof 206.393.4716 bradley.nyhof@shorelineschools.org

Mek-Rom and 9th Grave AVID Jaime Hoener 206.393.4381 jaime.hoener@shorelineschools.org

Ron–Z and 12th Grade AVID Pam Richards 206.393.4383 pam.richards@shorelineschools.org

Running Start & English Language Learners Gina Engle 206.393.4718 gina.engle@shorelineschools.org

Upcoming Events College Workshop Thursday, October 1st 6:30–8:00 p.m., Shorewood Theater. Shorewood

Shorewood Theater. Shorewood Counselors will go over college application basics and college application essay tips. Seniors and parent/ guardians welcome.

National College Fair: Saturday,
October 17th, 12–4:00 p.m. at the
Washington State Convention
Center downtown. Hundreds of
colleges/ universities (including
4-year and community/ technical
institutions) from around the world
will be there. We are fortunate to
have this college fair come through
our area. It can be overwhelming,
so strategize ahead of time to make
the most of it.

Preregister at www.gotomyncf.com. Page/ scroll ahead to select the Seattle Fair on 10/16–10/17.



This summer, Shorewood student leaders attended Mt. Adams Leadership Camp to help plan for the 2015-16 school year. The ASB (Associated Student Body, often used to mean the elected ASB leaders) works with the PTSA and the Boosters on many events and efforts. ASB is one of the many high school groups open to students. Photo courtesy of P. Villanueva.

PTSA/ EQC/ Boosters: Which is Which?

Shorewood PTSA is a conventional Parent Teacher Student Association with many functions in the Shorewood community, including efforts in academic enrichment and basic needs support. PTSA supports existing Shorewood programs with financial help (like Homework Club and AP Prep), provides separate

but complementary programs (like this newsletter and the After Shorewood effort), and keeps families informed about state education matters that will affect their students. Follow PTSA by reading the PTSA page in the monthly Signal, attending the monthly meetings, "liking" Shorewood PTSA 6.12.105 on Facebook, or visiting www.shorewoodptsa.com. See the website or page 2 of this issue to join the PTSA's mission to assist all students in their learning at Shorewood.

EQC, Education for Quality Classrooms, is a PTSA committee that provides classroom grants. On your PTSA membership screen/ form, there is a separate line for EQC; money collected will go directly to teachers' classroom projects. EQC traditionally fundraises with a mail campaign in the fall and a holiday wreath/ poinsettia sale in the winter.

Shorewood Boosters is a completely separate nonprofit organization that supports clubs and activities, including athletics, performing arts, service & academic clubs, and other activities. The Boosters sell Shorewood gear,

coordinate food concessions, and hold an annual auction in March which in recent years has raised money for drinking fountains, furniture, courtyard enhancements, a new piano, band uniforms, video equipment, and other tangible items. Find out more on the Shorewood Boosters website.

Many Shorewood parents support all three causes since they connect various dimensions of student life at Shorewood.

Shorewood Boosters Concession Stand

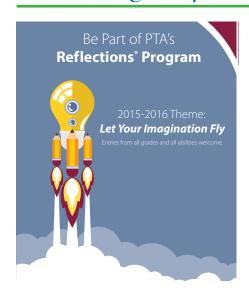
Shorewood Boosters is looking for volunteers to staff the concession stand for home games during the fall and winter sports seasons (volleyball, wrestling, girls basketball, boys basketball). An open concession stand fuels T-Bird spirit (the smell of popcorn and warm cookies are powerful tools!). There are multiple shifts per night, so you can pick the time that works best for you.

Proceeds from the Boosters concession stand help support athletics, clubs and activities at Shorewood. Last year, 22 groups shared over \$5,000 in proceeds from the concession stand. When you volunteer in the concession stand, you can choose to designate which group receives credit for your hours and that group will benefit financially from your participation. Not only will you be helping support athletics at Shorewood, it is a fun and rewarding job where you get to meet other like-minded adults and mingle with the students!

To volunteer:

- Look up the slots & sign up on the Fall 2015 Concessions Sign Up
- If it is your first time working, request training.
- Students are welcome to volunteer for community service hours, but must have a trained adult present.

Boosters Concessions Chairs Felicia Forrest 425.931.8443 & Rosemarie Cross 206.465.3461 concessions@shorewoodboosters.com



Reflections Competition

Kathy Henderson, Reflections Chair The theme for the 2015-2016 arts competition is "Let Your Imagination Fly". Original entries welcome in: Literature; Music Composition; Photography; Visual Arts; Film/Video; Choreography/ Dance. The deadline is October 30th. Fifteen finalists will be selected from Shorewood to go on to the Shoreline Council competition this November. For details and rules, go to: the Shorewood PTA website or Washington State PTA Reflections page. If you have questions, contact Kathy Henderson.

Special Needs PTSA



Have a special needs student? Attend the first 2015–16 meeting of the Shoreline Special Needs PTSA on Monday, September 21st in the <u>Alumni Room</u> of the Shoreline Center. Mingle at 6:30 p.m.; meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. shorelinespecialneedspta.com



Shorewood Football's season opener vs. Everett on September 4th. We lost by one point in overtime! See the Shoreline Area News article about the game. Photo by Wayne Pridemore.

What's Going on With Education?

Carrie Campbell, PTSA Legislative Director

There is a lot going on in the Legislative World; let's get you caught up.

McCleary Decision

In 2012, the Supreme Court determined that the Legislature was failing to meet its constitutional obligation to amply fund education.

It was determined that adequately funding Basic Education, as defined by the Legislature's own study, would amount to \$12,546/student by 2017-18. To reach this level of funding, the Legislature would need to hit particular benchmarks over the years. By the end of the 2013–14 school year, the Legislature had not reached that year's benchmark or any benchmarks in previous years since the decision. It was clear that the Legislature was not fulfilling its constitutional obligation to adequately fund basic education.

The Supreme Court found the Legislature in Contempt of Court for not fulfilling this obligation and decided that the consequences for failing to reach these benchmarks would be determined after the next budget session. A \$100,000/week fine was imposed by the court this summer to further compel the Legislature to fulfill their constitutional obligation.

Please note some key elements to the facts:

- The McCleary Decision did not define Basic Education Funding; the study done by the Legislature determined this and the amount is clearly defined: \$12,546/student by the 2017-18 school year.
- The Supreme Court is not determining State Budget. Rather, they are enforcing the Washington State Constitution that clearly states that the Legislature will amply fund education for each student in the state.
- At just below \$8,000/student by the end of the 2014–15 school year, with the benchmark clearly defined at \$10,578/student, the Legislature had, in fact, not met their constitutional obligation. And, continues not to do so with the 2015–16 budget passed.

Watch the news and our legislative updates to see what happens with the Legislature and education funding.



Curriculum Preview

Teri Poff, Shoreline Schools Director of Teaching and Learning
The Shoreline School District will be offering sexual health instruction in grades 4–12 as part of our comprehensive health education program. Included in this is the HIV/AIDS prevention in grades 5–12 that is mandated by state law.

Parents and guardians are invited to learn about the goals of this program and preview the instructional materials on October 13, 2015, 6:30–8:00 p.m. in the Ballinger Room, Shoreline Center, 18560 1st Ave. NE, Shoreline. map

You will be able to learn the program objectives, review the materials, identify resources, and ask questions. If you are unable to attend but want more information, please contact your school.

According to state law and district policy, a parent/ legal guardian may excuse their child from participating in any, or all, classes related to sex education after they have previewed the materials. If you do not want your child to participate, you must notify the school in writing. You may complete and return the form, Student Participation in Health Education, or write a letter requesting that your child be excluded.



Cross Country Team on the beach at Camp Casey in August. Photo by Paul Villanueva.



A few members of the enthusiastic and dedicated LINK Crew. Photo by Paul Villanueva.

Shorewood Grad Could Be Minor League Player of the Year

Shorewood Graduate and Tampa Bay Rays player Blake Snell was nominated by US News as the Minor League Player of the Year. As part of the selection process, fans could vote on the five nominees. Snell led in fan voting, though US News sportswriters will make the final selection and announce the winner soon. See Who is the Minor League Player of the Year? US News 8.26.15. Blake Snell, Shorewood Baseball Standout, in USA Today Poll for Minor League Player of the Year Shoreline Area News 8.24.15.



Join Boy Scouts this Fall

Suzanne Gugger, Parent & Volunteer Troop 325 Boy Scouts welcomes boys age 11 to 18 who are interested in experiencing outdoor adventures, learning skills and cooking over campfires, experiencing leadership opportunities, and volunteering in the community. This past summer, our scouts completed the 70mile Bowron Lakes canoe circuit in the B.C. wilderness. Drop by Monday nights at 7:15 p.m. at First Lutheran Richmond Beach church on 8th Avenue NW, contact Andy Simonson 206.302.9548, or visit the BSA Troop 325 website.

Outdoor Movie Night

See "Big Hero 6" on Saturday, September 13th for the 4th Annual Little Lemon Drops Outdoor Movie Night benefiting Seattle Childrens Hospital. This family fun movie night at the Innis Arden clubhouse and field will feature "Big Hero 6" and concessions for sale. Bring a warm jacket, blanket or low back chair, flashlight, snack \$, and \$5/ person suggested admission donation. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Raffle at 7:30 p.m., movie at 8:00 p.m. Raffle tickets limited at the door; purchase from a LLD guild member in advance. Prizes: hotel stays, sports tickets, signed memorabilia, gift baskets, restaurant gift certificates, and more! Organized by Little Lemon Drops Junior Guild; money goes to Seattle Children's. Contact: thelittlelemondrops@gmail.com.



On Tuesday, September 8^{th} , Shorewood welcomed the Class of 2019. LINK leaders, staff, and administration joined in the fun and practical task of orienting the new class. Photos by ASB Advisor Paul Villanueva.

September 2015

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9/9	WED	First Day of School: Start in Gym	7:50 AM
9/10-11	THU-FRI	A Days: All Periods	
9/14	MON	A Day: All Periods	
9/14	MON	Boosters Meeting (Career Center)	7:00 PM
9/15	TUE	E Day: Even Periods 2, 4, 6	
9/16	WED	O Day: Odd Periods 1, 3, 5	
9/16	WED	ASB Assembly	
9/18	FRI	PTSA/ Principal Coffee (Library Conference Room)	8:30 AM
9/24	THU	Fall Sports Assembly	9:40 AM
9/25	FRI	A Day / Early Release	10:45 AM
9/28	MON	No School: Non-Student Workday	
9/29	TUE	Homecoming Dance Tickets go on sale	lunch

October 2015

10/1	THU	College Application Basics (Theater) page 5	6:30 PM
10/5-10/	10	Homecoming Week: see Homecoming Guide	
10/5	MON	Jr/ Sr Volleyball Match, details TBA	
10/6	TUE	PTSA General Membership Meeting (Career Center)	7:00 PM
10/7	WED	Picture Retakes (Commons)	7:15 AM
10/8	THU	Back to School Open House: Meet in Gymnasium	7.00 PM*
	*Some g	groups may have different start times. Please watch fo	r details.
10/8	THU	Gym Decorating, times TBA	
10/9	FRI	Homecoming Assembly	
10/9	FRI	Homecoming Game (Shoreline Stadium)	7:00 PM
10/10	SAT	Homecoming Dance (Commons: Enter via Courtyard)	9-11:59 PM
10/12	MON	Boosters Meeting (Career Center)	7:00 PM
10/13	TUE	FLASH Preview (Shoreline Center) page 8	6:30 PM
10/15	THU	Flu Shot Clinic (Commons)	3-7:00 PM
10/16	FRI	PTSA / Principal Coffee (Library Conference Room)	8:30 AM
10/21	WED	Orchestra Concert (Theater)	7:30 PM
10/22	THU	Choir Concert (Theater)	7:30 PM
10/27	TUE	Jazz Night (Theater)	7:30 PM
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Tracking the Schedule

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21	22	23	24	25*
28	29	30		

Not sure about the A-E-O days in the calendar? The District's

A (All) Schedule E (Even) Schedule O (Odd) Schedule

2015-16 Common High School Calendar (pdf) will help you know which days are which. Print it out and keep it handy.

You can also download:

Regular AEO Bell Schedule with class period times.

Special Occasion Bell Schedules that detail half-day, short & long assembly, and delayed start days.





Homecoming 2015

Homecoming Week October 5-10

Homecoming is a major highlight of the entire year. See the ASB website and the Daily Bulletin for details.

Naming the Freshman Class

Every year, the Senior Class bestows a name on the Freshman Class, which the class keeps until graduation.

Colors

Each class has a color for assemblies and designated days. The color can change year to year.

Homecoming Court

Students will vote on Tuesday, September 15th during school hours via a link on swasb.com to choose seniors for the Homecoming Court. The King and Queen will be announced at the 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 detailed on swasb.com in late September and announced daily.

10/5-10/9 Homecoming Dress Up Week

9/29-10/8 Homecoming Dance Tickets on sale at lunch Monday 10/5 Seniors vs. Juniors Volleyball, details TBA

Thursday 10/8 Gym Decorating time TBA

Friday 10/9 Senior Class Photo at Lunch, Assembly 12:20 p.m.

Homecoming Game SL Stadium 7:00 p.m.

Saturday 10/10 Homecoming Dance 9–Midnight

Homecoming Dance October 10

Who Attends

About 1000 students attend the Homecoming Dance. Students can go as couples or singles. Many students, especially girls, 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 guest must be cleared in advance and some restrictions apply. See swasb.com for the required clearance form, which is due on Friday, October 2nd by 2:45 p.m.

Who Pays

Often, boys pay for tickets and dinner, and girls pay for pictures. Photo packages run from \$15-\$60.

Tickets (verify prices on swasb.com)

Tickets \$10/ person or \$20/ couple in advance; \$15/ person or \$30/ couple at the door. Ticket sales in the commons during lunch starting September 29th. After buying tickets, students may sign up for early pictures.

Dance, continued

Attire

Most boys wear dress shirts, slacks, and ties. Sportcoat optional. Girls usually wear semi-formal, mid-length dresses. 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! Contact the WORKS with your questions or show up on a Wednesday evening (download a map).

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 will be able to 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 Karen Berquist or Marianne Stephens, PTSA Homecoming Coordinators. Volunteers must complete the State Patrol Clearance form in the front office by October 1st. A photocopy of your driver's license will also be needed.

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.

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