



## Shorewood News – December 2019

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### President's Message

*Kim Ositis, Shorewood PTSA President*

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual [Poinsettia and Wreaths Fundraiser](#) for Classroom Grants was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who purchased items. Remember that pick up will be Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-6pm in the Activities Room (Ms. Harris' classroom) right off the Commons.

We have received more than 15 Classroom Grant applications and the committee will meet the first week of December to review the applications. Look in the January newsletter for a summary of funded grants. You can still make a donation to support Classroom Grants! Click [here](#) and look for the Classroom Grants option on the online payment form.

It is not too late to [join the Shorewood PTSA](#) and/or make a [Pass the Hat](#) donation and help us meet our goal of 400 members and \$14,000 in contributions.

We are looking forward to some exciting events coming up! Look for more information in this issue on each of these items:

- Six Shorewood students had Reflections entries advance to the Shoreline Council level. Come see all of the amazing entries on Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8pm at the Shoreline Room in the Shoreline Center.
- [Holiday Baskets](#) event on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> and associated Food Drive starting on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Shorewood's target items are peanut butter and paper towels. Volunteers are needed on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Sign up [here](#)! Includes opportunities for adults and teens.
- Staff Appreciation Lunch on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. The theme is soup! [Sign up now](#) to donate to this very fun event for our awesome SW staff.

Parents and guardians are welcome to all of our monthly meetings. We invite you to join us at our next Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm in the Career Center to learn more about the PTSA activities at Shorewood.

### Shorewood PTSA Membership

*Krista Keller, Shorewood PTSA Membership*

It's not too late to join! [Join the Shorewood PTSA!](#)

As families, staff and community members become part of Shorewood PTSA, not only does our group grow in size, but in voice as well. When our PTSA member numbers grow, it shows the enormous amount of support for our school and our commitment to our students and staff!

## Staff Appreciation Lunch - December 11th

This year we'd like to show our Shorewood Staff how thankful we are for them by throwing them a soup-er fun lunch in December. All crock pots will need to be delivered that day (12/11) but sides and bread can be brought in the few days before (12/9-12/11). Please label items with dish/soup name (and if it's vegan/vegetarian/nut free/gluten free) Thank you so much! Any questions text/call Shannon: 206-743-4107 or email mcshannon79@hotmail.com.

<https://signup.com/go/bCkneyK>

## PTSA Legislative Assembly 2019

*Caroline Gugger, Shorewood PTSA Student Delegate*

This was the first year I attended WA State PTA Legislative Assembly. I was the voting student delegate from Shorewood High School, and was joined by over 300 other members from across the State. This year's assembly focused on determining the guiding principles of the State PTA, and voting on long-term resolutions that WA State PTA resolves to support and advocate for the 2020 legislative sessions in Olympia.

It was empowering to think that my voice, and my vote, counted in this assembly. Many issues were new to me and I learned about why it is important to identify highly capable students more fairly and why we need to address equity in our schools to close the achievement gaps so all kids can be successful. Other issues that were discussed and debated included: Preventing Gun Violence; Rights and Services for Undocumented Children & Youth; Digital & Internet Safety; Arts in Education; Youth Suicide & Child Abuse Prevention; Adolescent Marijuana Use & Substance Use Disorder Education and Prevention. All of these issues are important and some of them even caused a passionate discussion as people debated pros and cons of the issue's intent or the language used.

Education issues that affect high school students are the HB1599 (House Bill) Washington State graduation requirements, access to higher education and technical careers, public school funding and Title 9 / Equity issues, class size, school safety, and so much more.

Before going to Legislative Assembly I helped with a school board campaign and talked to candidates at the youth led candidate forum. I previously thought that the Shoreline School Board held all of the power in making decisions about students in the district. Now, I know that these local elected officials can only do so much to make positive change for students at Shorewood and in our State. As a new voter, I can see that the real power is with the State legislators, and ultimately with us - the voters.

How can you advocate for yourself and other students?

-Attend the Focus Day rally in Olympia and meet your legislators! Shoreline PTA Council will often arrange for a bus or carpooling.

- Write a letter about an issue that is important to you and send to the school board or our State Senators or House Representatives.
- Attend a rally for climate change or other issues that you support.
- Go to the Shoreline School Board or City Council meetings.
- Talk to our student leadership at Shorewood and volunteer for a club that inspires you to make a difference.

Go to: <https://www.wastatepta.org/category/resources/education/> and <https://www.wastatepta.org/focus-areas/advocacy/> for details and links for how you can get involved.

## **PTSA Reflections Arts Program**

*Suzanne Gugger, Shorewood PTSA Reflections Chair*



Congratulations to our Shorewood Finalists! These students will have their artwork and music compositions move on to the Shoreline district *Reflections* competition and will be on display in the Shoreline Center lobby from November 22nd to January 15th. The reception on January 15th will recognize all of the district entries and honor the Shoreline K-12 winners heading to State!

**Thea Jacobsen - Visual Art**  
**Claire Miller - Visual Art**  
**Natalie Ostitis - Visual Art 3d**  
**Forest Neander - Visual Art Special Artist**  
**Mercy Haub - Music Composition**  
**Eleanor Shirts - Music Composition**

Congratulations to all of our finalists from Shorewood!

## **Shoreline Schools Holiday Baskets Event**

“Holiday Baskets” Food, Toys, & Teen Gifts is the combined effort of the Shoreline PTA Council, Shoreline Fire Department, Hopelink, Rotary Club of Lake Forest Park, the City of Shoreline, and Dale Turner Family YMCA to provide holiday food and gift support to Shoreline School District families in circumstances that make it challenging to provide for their children. The Holiday Baskets program typically supports around **500 families**. The Shoreline PTA Council coordinates a food drive and collection of teen gift cards with all Shoreline Schools. Toys are collected by the Shoreline Fire Department.

**The 2019 donation drive is being held from December 2 - 13. Shorewood is collecting paper towels and peanut butter.** Donations of other nonperishable food and teen gift cards are also accepted. Items should be brought to your student's SAS class, and gift cards can be delivered to the office to go into the PTA box. Thank you for your support. More details can be found on the Shoreline PTA Council webpage: <http://www.shorelinepta.org/holiday-baskets.html>

**WE ESPECIALLY NEED VOLUNTEERS TO LOAD AND UNLOAD THE TRUCK ON DEC 13th!! HELP LOAD UP THE TRUCK AT SHOREWOOD FROM 1 PM - 3 PM AND UNLOAD AT KELLOGG MIDDLE SCHOOL FROM 3:30 PM TO 5 PM.**

**HOLIDAY BASKETS DISTRIBUTION DAY IS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 @ KELLOGG MIDDLE SCHOOL.**

### **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](mailto:shorelineptaworks@gmail.com) to arrange for a drop off time.

**MARK your calendar! If you can volunteer on Wednesday 4 Dec 2019 or 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](mailto:laineritter@gmail.com) or text 206-886-5467 if you think you can help on these dates.**

### **Calendar**

#### **December**

- 12/2 – 12/13 Holiday Baskets food drive
- 12/3 SW PTSA Board of Directors meeting - 7pm, Career Center
- 12/4 SW Blood Drive, 3pm - 8pm
- 12/4 Help sort items at The WORKS, 6:30 pm
- 12/11 Staff Appreciation Lunch
- 12/23 Winter Break begins (school resumes 1/6/20)

#### **January**

- 1/6 School Resumes
- 1/7 SW PTSA Board of Directors meeting - 7pm, Career Center
- 1/20 Holiday - No School - Birthday of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.