

# Shorewood Signal



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During Homecoming Week, these Senior Girls faced a group of Junior Girls in a fun volleyball game. Photo by Paul Villanueva. See the [Homecoming Supplement](#) for more great photos.

## Events Coming Up

**College Application Essay Workshop** for seniors November 6<sup>th</sup>. [page 5](#)  
**EQC's Wreath and Poinsettia Sale** on now; order by November 14<sup>th</sup>. [page 8](#)  
**Anything Goes** the musical begins its run on November 13<sup>th</sup>. [page 9](#)  
**The Holiday Gift & Food Collection** is coming; register or help out. [page 11](#)  
**College Financial Aid Night** for seniors, juniors, & parents December 4<sup>th</sup>. [page 4](#)

## All About State Testing

You have probably heard about the Common Core State Standards. Attend the November 12<sup>th</sup> Common Core Information Night and read [page 7](#) to find out more. The new standards also mean new tests, so we are in a transition period. Read [page 6](#) and see the chart by graduation year on [page 7](#) to find out which tests your student will have to take for graduation.

## Boosters: Yes, You Can!

Does your runner in cross country use a nice team jacket? Does your band student wear a uniform? Does your student produce or watch Shorewood video productions? If you answered yes to these—or about 30 similar questions—then your child is benefiting from the wildly successful annual Shorewood Booster Auction. Read more on [page 10](#); the organization needs many volunteers to continue providing the amazing boost to Shorewood groups.

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## Pass the Hat Update

Amy Grady, Membership Director

	Current	Goal
<b>Membership</b>	472	462
<b>Pass the Hat</b>	\$12,500	\$14,000

Thank You to all who participated in our Membership and Pass the Hat drive! We exceeded our membership goal, but we still need your help meeting our fundraising goal. There is still time to join and/or donate if you haven't already. Download the [Membership Form](#) from the [PTSA website](#) and send it to school, or, save time and paper by [joining online](#). Thank you for your support!

## PTSA/ Principal Coffees

Please join us once a month for an informal meeting with Principal Bill Dunbar. Topics vary, but so far this year, we have discussed teacher grade updates, the new bell schedule, and more. Upcoming dates are Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup> and Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. We meet at 8:30 a.m. in the Library Conference Room. Sign in at the office and bring your own coffee.



Football seniors and their parents at the Homecoming Game. Photos by Wayne Pridemore.

## PTSA Presidents' Update

*Patty Sanders, PTSA President*

Thank you to all of you who have supported Shorewood PTSA by becoming members and donating to our annual Pass the Hat and EQC (classroom grants) funding drives. Most parents know about our main focus on academic enrichment programs, which accounts for about 60% of our budget. But do you know about two other vital roles the PTSA fills in our school community? *Advocacy* and *basic needs support* are strong missions of Shorewood PTSA.

**Advocacy** means speaking out on behalf of Shorewood students to the district, state legislature, or national government to ensure positive changes in pertinent policies and laws. Our strength is in numbers; each membership makes our voice louder. In the past, PTA advocated for a national hot lunch program, preschool in public schools, and a Simple Majority when you vote in Washington state. Our combined voice is more important than ever as the state deals with the McCleary judgment and public school funding. Please see [page 8](#) for the latest news on our advocacy, including the State PTA's Top 5 Issues for 2015.

**Basic needs support** is essential for many families in our community. Shorewood PTSA does not try to mimic community organizations such as food banks, but we do fill in gaps when possible. We provide food for hungry students in strategic places so that they can concentrate on learning. Along with Boosters, we provide funding for academic costs such as class fees for those who couldn't otherwise afford them. We also help the counseling staff locate basic needs resources. Our PTSA recently purchased backpacks for students who couldn't afford them. Can you imagine not having a backpack without a school locker?

Our school PTA supports Shoreline PTA Council's [Family Services](#), which addresses needs throughout the district. Programs include: [The Works clothing room](#); the [Back to School Consortium](#); [Holiday Food and Teen Gift Drive](#) (see [page 11](#) to register or help), and personal care item drives. By supporting these programs you help our neighbors in need. Questions can be directed to the Shorewood Family Services Director at [familyservices@shorewoodpts.com](mailto:familyservices@shorewoodpts.com).

## How can you help?

- Bring non-perishable food and gifts for teens December 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. [page 11](#)
- Collect your washed, gently used children's and teen clothing, clean shoes, purses and backpacks for [the Works](#). Drop them off Wednesday evenings 6-8:30 p.m. at the south portable at North City Elementary, 810 NE 190<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Buy extra personal products (toothpaste, deodorant) when you have a chance. Donate to [the Works](#) or participate in personal care item drives at Shorewood.
- Volunteer (individuals, teens, or groups) at [the Works](#). We need parent volunteers to staff the hours designated to Shorewood in the winter & spring.
- Make a monetary donation to either [the Works](#) or [the Holiday Baskets](#) effort via the Shoreline Council website [shorelinepta.org](http://shorelinepta.org).



## After Shorewood



A resource for all Shorewood families, run by PTSA/ school 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.

## Have Pizza with SW Grads/ College Freshmen

Students, on December 17<sup>th</sup> and January 8<sup>th</sup>, come to the Career Center during lunch to hear about the first year of college and ask your own questions. We will have panels of 2014 Shorewood graduates who have just finished their first term of college. The grads/ college freshmen attend a variety of schools, and are eager to share their experiences. For more information, email [aftershorewood@gmail.com](mailto:aftershorewood@gmail.com). Thank you to PTSA for providing pizza for these events! This is the fourth annual SW Grad Pizza Lunch event, and we have had great responses every year. Send your kids for some candid advice on college selection and college life.

## Opt-In Weekly Emails

Our latest weekly emails have addressed testing (PSAT, SAT, ACT, Compass, ASVAB, and opting out of testing). See the [email archive](#) on [www.aftershorewood.org](http://www.aftershorewood.org). This fall, during college application season, the emails are heavy on college information. We plan to look at many non-college options and events in later issues. To get on the list, send an email to [aftershorewood@gmail.com](mailto:aftershorewood@gmail.com) with "weekly email" in the subject line and we will sign you up! We will not share your email address.



Like us on Facebook! Search for After Shorewood (and for Shorewood PTSA 6.12.105).



Swim Senior Night honored these and other senior athletes. Photos by W. Pridemore.



## Feeling Stressed about the Future?

If your student is feeling stressed about the idea of testing for, financing, applying to, or attending a 4-year college, consider these options.

**Test optional schools** are more interested in the student you are rather than the test score you can pull. [Fairtest.org](http://Fairtest.org) has the most comprehensive list of "test optional" or "test flexible" schools. Check those out and see what the requirements are for admission, and make sure to give yourself enough time to complete an extra essay or make a video.

**Financing** can be stressful, but there are many scholarship search engines you can use, in addition to the Naviance list and the [scholarships page](#) on the [After Shorewood site](#). Our favorites are [Zinch](#), [Scholarship Experts](#), [Scholarships 360](#), and [the WashBoard](#). (Also use each school's Net Price Calculator.)

If **applications** are stressing you out, make sure you have a good list and apply only to schools that you truly believe you could attend. Trying for a school that has a low admittance rate or that you know will be too difficult can make the whole idea of applying even worse. Find the schools with the right size, climate, student body and programs, and then visit their financial aid page and use their cost of attendance calculator. If you are in love with a couple of schools, the applications will be easier because you'll be able to explain *exactly* why you really want to go.

If it's the idea of **attending** a 4-year college, maybe it's not the right choice for you right now. Or maybe at all. If that's the case, look into industries that have apprenticeship programs, or those that will pay for your degree. Good bets: the Washington State Patrol, which not only lets you retire in 25 years, but also pays for your college degree. Look also at construction, manufacturing, and the healthcare industry, all which will need people filling great jobs soon, and may offer tuition reimbursement if you decide you'd like a degree later on.

For more ideas, visit "Finding a Path" on the [After Shorewood website](#).

Want to read more? See [De-Stress the College Application Process](#) (University Parent); [6 Ways to Decrease SAT Stress](#) (HuffPost Parent Blog); [College Alternatives](#) (set of 8 excellent articles on options other than traditional college).

## Counselors' Reminders

Pam Richards, Counseling Department Chair

Senior Reminders on [page 5](#).

**College Financial Aid Information Night** for juniors, seniors & parent/guardians December 4<sup>th</sup> 6:30-7:45 p.m. in the Theater.. Learn how to get \$\$\$ for college! Guest speakers are college financial aid specialists. Topics covered will include scholarships, grants, loans, and the FAFSA.

**All Grades: Absences** Reminder about attendance: excused absences can also be problematic due to the state's policy that students can lose credit in a semester class if they have missed 9 or more classes, even if excused. Let the school nurse or counselor know if you are having trouble with a medical or other issue that is impacting school attendance. Of course, some absences are unavoidable (such as sick, religious, emergency); be sure to excuse them. Thank you for all you do to get your student to school!

**First Quarter** ends October 31<sup>st</sup>! Report cards will be mailed on November 7<sup>th</sup> to your home address. Semester grades (the semester ends in January) are the final grades that go on high school transcripts.

**Gratitude:** Thank you to Calvin Presbyterian church and PTSA for donating food for struggling students and families. Thank you to the generous community members who donated school supplies for students. Want to donate school supplies? Protractors, notebook dividers and calculators are especially needed. Items can be dropped off with Sharon Roma in the Counseling Office.

**Tip for Parents:** It's tough to keep your calm when dealing with a teenager. Here are two tips for parents from Laura Kastner, Ph.D. from the U.W. who specializes in teenage development:

- 1) Have realistic expectations. Remember that teenagers are, by definition, moody and drawn to risk-taking. It can help your mindset to assume that your student is doing the best he/she can, while also knowing that he/she can do better in the future.
- 2) Focus on managing your teenager's behavior, not his/her thoughts and feelings. When an argument starts, try validating his/her thoughts and feelings; that often helps to diffuse things. It doesn't mean you agree. "I understand you are really upset .."

**PSAT:** We tested approximately 600 students on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Sophomores will get their paper results in January through English classes. Juniors can pick theirs up before winter break, assuming the results arrive in time.

**Tips & helpful resources:** These were posted in the [Everett Herald](#) after the recent Marysville Pilchuk violence.

Youth Suicide Prevention Program [www.yspp.org](http://www.yspp.org)  
Great website full of information & resources.

Take an inventory of your home's safety. Be sure that weapons and prescription medications are secured.

Take care of yourselves, Shorewood families!

## 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.

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## 2014-15 SAT/ ACT Dates

Register for the SAT and ACT directly, not through school. Shorewood is a testing site as long as you sign up early. Fee waivers are available for students eligible for free/ reduced lunch; see your counselor.

### SAT & SAT Subject Tests

Test	Sign up by
December 6	November 6
January 24	December 29
March 14	February 13
May 2	April 6
June 6	May 8

register at [sat.collegeboard.org](http://sat.collegeboard.org)

### ACT

Test	Sign up by
December 13	November 7
February 7	January 9
April 18	March 13
June 13	May 8

register at [actstudent.org](http://actstudent.org)

\* Late fee required



Cross Country Boys @ WESCO October 24<sup>th</sup>.  
Photo by Paul Villanueva.

## Senior Reminders

*Pam Richards, Counseling Dept Head*

### Exciting times! College application deadlines

are approaching. If you need documents from the school (letters, transcript, school profile, etc), be sure to give school staff at least 3 weeks notice before your deadlines. Students are doing a great job getting their colleges into "Colleges I'm Applying to" in Naviance and turning in their salmon colored forms to Ms. Roma so she knows what documents they need sent from Shorewood.

**Questions?** Ms. Spellman in the Career/College Center, Ms. Roma, and Counselors are here to help every day! Many seniors are using the drop-in times to get their questions answered.

College Application and Essay Tips workshop: Thanks for the great turnout and many raves about the evening session!

### College Financial Aid Info Night

for juniors, seniors, and parent/guardians: Learn how to get \$\$\$ for college! Guest speakers are college financial aid specialists. Topics covered: scholarships, grants, loans, and the FAFSA. December 4<sup>th</sup> 6:30-7:45 p.m. in the Theater.

### FAFSA Help Night

Seniors and parents: Get help and information regarding the all-important FAFSA on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Financial Aid specialists will explain how to fill out the FAFSA, line by line. Theater 6:30-7:45 p.m. [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) (Not [www.fafsa.com](http://www.fafsa.com)!)

## Career Center NEWS!

*Erika Spellman, College & Career Readiness Coordinator*

With Fall in full swing and college applications rolling in and out the Career Center has been busy! Check out these FUN FACTS:

Did you KNOW? - 1<sup>st</sup> generation college students who consult with their high school counselor are more likely to take a college entrance exam and to plan to enroll in a BA program.

Did you KNOW? - 53% of colleges monitor social media for buzz, posts, and news about their institution and admissions.

Did you KNOW? - 23 minutes is the AVERAGE time to complete the FAFSA.

Did you KNOW? - 93% of employers say critical thinking, problem solving, and communicating clearly are more important to them than college major.

### College Visits For November

See the Calendar. You can also view these visits and the rest of the college visit calendar by logging into Naviance!

### Events & Field Trips

Essay Writing Workshop - Thursday November 6<sup>th</sup> in the College & Career Center after school from 2:45-3:45pm. Seniors are encouraged to bring several copies of their college essays to be proofread by college admission representatives and our very own Shorewood Counseling staff. This will be a wonderful opportunity for students to receive constructive criticism and feedback by those who read college entrance essays daily. You will not want to miss this!!

### Scholarships

The [Sullivan Leadership Award](#) represents Seattle University's holistic definition of academic excellence, one that transcends classroom performance. Full scholarship for four years. Deadline for award applications (and complete admissions applications, since applicants must apply early) November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014

[Seattle Hiroshima Club Scholarship](#) - Three scholarships awarded annually to seniors pursuing higher education. Recipients must be descendants of earlier or still active members of Seattle Hiroshima Club. Must be present at January 2015 meeting to receive award. Requires 200-word-minimum essay: "What Hiroshima Means to Me;" two letters of recommendation from non-family members; transcript and projected 2<sup>nd</sup> semester courses. Hard copies available in Career Center - Deadline December 19, 2014.

### WHAT'S AHEAD!!

- Boeing IT Stem Visits - Boeing's IT Department is coming back to Shorewood this fall to connect with students interested in STEM and IT careers. They will be scheduling several campus visits here to present in classrooms
- SAVE THE DATE! April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Shorewood's Annual College Planning Night.
- Expanding Your Horizons Conference - March, Edmonds Community College.





## Testing Corner

*Elaine Swanson, Assistant Principal and Testing Coordinator*

With a change in state requirements, different classes at Shorewood High School have different graduation requirements. Please contact Elaine Swanson, Assistant Principal and State Testing Coordinator, or your child's counselor, with questions. However, the best sources of information about Washington State testing guidelines are available at: [www.WAtesting.com](http://www.WAtesting.com). See [page 7](#) for the official state chart about which classes have which requirements.

Starting this school year, our state's learning standards are aligned to the [Common Core State Standards](#) in Math and English Language Arts. [See [page 7](#) for more information, including a Common Core information night.] New state standards mean new state tests. Washington is participating in the [Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium](#) with 23 other states. This state-led consortium is developing next-generation assessments that accurately measure student progress toward college- and career-readiness.

This spring, grade 11 students will take the new Smarter Balanced tests in Math and English Language Arts. Passing the 11<sup>th</sup> grade Smarter Balanced tests is not required for graduation until the Class of 2019 (current 8<sup>th</sup> graders). Please see the chart on [page 7](#) for testing requirements by class.

The new learning standards are more challenging than the old standards. Some students who were considered proficient using the old standards will have a more difficult time reaching proficiency using the new standards. The results from these new tests will give a more accurate picture of whether students are on track to be college or career ready.

Students will take the tests online sometime during the last 7 weeks of school. For more about the Smarter Balanced tests and to try out a practice test, visit [www.k12.wa.us/smarter](http://www.k12.wa.us/smarter). Information about the Common Core may be found at [www.k12.wa.us/corestandards](http://www.k12.wa.us/corestandards).

Students who have attempted the Math and Biology End-of-Course Exams at least once will retest on January 14 and 15, 2015. The classes of 2015 and 2016 may still use the High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE) in order to meet standard in reading and writing. Juniors and seniors who haven't met standard will retest on March 17, 18, 19, 2015.

## Smarter Balanced Tests and College Placement

*SBCTC Press Release 10.6.14*

Washington 11<sup>th</sup> graders who score at a college-ready level on the new *Smarter Balanced Assessments* this spring will automatically place into college-level math and English language classes when they enroll at a college. This is a result of a statewide agreement signed by Washington's community and technical colleges and public four-year universities.

Students who score at the top two levels—3 and 4—on the assessments will be able to skip the standard placement tests [Compass or Accuplacer are the most common] which are typically given when students enroll in college. Students will find out earlier if they are on track to take college entry level or remedial classes. Students then have their senior year to either catch up or take even more advanced classes.

The new Smarter Balanced Assessments will measure whether 11<sup>th</sup> graders are on track toward meeting [Common Core State Standards](#), rigorous new math and English language arts standards aimed at preparing students to be college and career ready.

Excerpted from: Washington State Board for Community & Technical Colleges ([SBCTC.edu](http://SBCTC.edu)) [Press Release 10.6.14](#).



Volleyball action in the game vs. Glacier Peak October 21<sup>st</sup>. Photos by Wayne Pridemore.

## Curious About Common Core?

The Shoreline School District is hosting a Common Core information night at 7:00 p.m. on November 12<sup>th</sup> in the Shoreline Room at Shoreline Center, 18560 1<sup>st</sup> Ave NE, Shoreline.

Please join us for an informative and interactive evening of learning about the Common Core State Standards and Smarter Balanced Assessment. Presenters will include: Teri Poff, Director of Teaching and Learning for Shoreline Schools; Michael Power, Director of Assessment and Student Learning; District Instructional Specialists in elementary and secondary English Language Arts and Math.

The Common Core State Standards, or "Common Core," are academic learning goals for grades K-12 in math and English language arts. The Common Core replaces Washington's learning standards in math, reading, communication and writing. Common Core was conceived by educators and representatives from individual states to identify and develop college and career-readiness standards for grades K-12. In Washington, we will replace some of our state tests with new exams aligned to the Common Core in math and English language arts. The new exams are a part of a comprehensive system called "Smarter Balanced."

The event is co-sponsored by the Shoreline School District, Shoreline Education Association and the Shoreline PTA Council.

### Links

[Learn About the Common Core in 3 Minutes](#) (video on [corestandards.org](http://corestandards.org));  
 OSPI's [Washington State Learning Standards](#);  
 Shoreline PTA Council's [What is Common Core?](#)

Tests Required for Graduation		
Class of	Subject	Test
2014	ELA	Reading AND Writing HSPE*
	Math	<b>Choose 1:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Algebra 1/Integrated Math 1 EOC</li> <li>Geometry/Integrated Math 2 EOC</li> </ul>
2015	ELA	Reading AND Writing HSPE*
	Math	<b>Choose 1:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Algebra 1/Integrated Math 1 EOC</li> <li>Geometry/Integrated Math 2 EOC</li> <li>Algebra 1/Integrated Math 1 EOC exit exam**</li> <li>Geometry/Integrated Math 2 EOC exit exam**</li> </ul>
	Science	Biology EOC++
2016	ELA	<b>Choose 1:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reading AND Writing HSPE</li> <li>Smarter Balanced ELA test (exit exam cut score)+</li> </ul>
	Math	<b>Choose 1:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Algebra 1/Integrated Math 1 EOC</li> <li>Geometry/Integrated Math 2 EOC</li> <li>Algebra 1/Integrated Math 1 EOC exit exam**</li> <li>Geometry/Integrated Math 2 EOC exit exam**</li> <li>Smarter Balanced math test (exit exam cut score)+</li> </ul>
	Science	Biology EOC++
2017 & 2018	ELA	Smarter Balanced ELA test (exit exam cut score)+
	Math	<b>Choose 1:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Algebra 1/Integrated Math 1 EOC</li> <li>Geometry/Integrated Math 2 EOC</li> <li>Algebra 1/Integrated Math 1 EOC exit exam**</li> <li>Geometry/Integrated Math 2 EOC exit exam**</li> <li>Smarter Balanced math test (exit exam cut score)+</li> </ul>
	Science	Biology EOC++
2019	ELA	Smarter Balanced ELA test (college- & career-ready cut score)+
	Math	Smarter Balanced math test (college- & career-ready cut score)+
	Science	Biology EOC++

\* Reading and Writing HSPEs will be available to 11th and 12th graders who have not met their graduation requirements in spring and summer 2015, and to 12th graders in spring and summer 2016.

\*\* EOC exams are based on previous Washington State Learning Standards in math. EOC exit exams are based on updated Washington State Learning Standards (Common Core), beginning in school year 2014-15.

+ The Washington State Board of Education will set the exit exam cut score for the classes of 2016-2018. The Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium will set a higher college- & career-ready cut score that will be used for accountability in 11th grade, and as a graduation requirement, starting with the Class of 2019. If a 10th grader meets the college- & career-ready cut score, he or she will not have to take the Smarter Balanced ELA test in 11th grade.

++ Until [Next Generation Science Standards \(NGSS\)](#) are implemented and assessed, students will be required to pass the biology EOC. After NGSS are implemented and assessed, students will be required to pass a comprehensive NGSS Test. The timeline for NGSS is being developed.

Chart from [Washington State Testing Overview](#). This page also has links to detailed information.





## Wreaths and Poinsettias from EQC

The EQC is accepting orders for its annual Wreath and Poinsettia sale. Find the [order form](#) on [www.shorewoodptsa.com](http://www.shorewoodptsa.com) and order by Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. Education for Quality Classrooms is a PTSA committee with a mission to provide much needed classroom equipment and materials for Shorewood High School. Gifts to EQC are tax-deductible to the extent of the law. Make checks payable to: EQC/PTSA, send forms and checks to EQC/PTSA, c/o Shorewood High School, 17300 Fremont Avenue North, Shoreline, WA 98133. Pick-up for all orders Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2:30– 6:00 p.m. in the Alumni Room just off of the Commons.

## Volunteer for PTSA

To volunteer—for anything for Shorewood PTSA—send an email to [swpts@gmail.com](mailto:swpts@gmail.com). In the email, include your name and the year your youngest child will graduate. You will receive occasional emails; respond if and as you wish.

## Legislative Update: Every Child. One Voice.

*Suzanne Gugger, Shorewood PTSA Legislative Director*

Shorewood PTSA is part of a larger national organization devoted to the educational success of *all* children and the promotion of parent involvement in schools. We are a powerful voice for *all* children, a relevant resource for families and communities, and a strong advocate for public education.

In October, I attended Washington State PTA Legislative Assembly in Vancouver, Washington, and was struck by two things...how much energy and passion my fellow legislative advocates have for our children and, how lucky we are to live in Shoreline. PTA is not all about having bake sales and volunteering for school dances. The issues we learned about, debated, and voted on ranged from health and welfare issues (creating positive school climates, playground safety, hunger, restraints in school), closing the education gaps for specific populations (ELL, special education, socio-economic challenges), funding for basic education and capital improvements and career/college readiness. At times it was frustrating, but I realized that many of the programs that other districts were fighting for we already have in place in Shoreline. Thanks to much-needed levy dollars and PTA, local schools now have a "Breakfast before the Bell" hunger program, and both high schools have implemented a new career pathways exploration curriculum (including interactive Naviance) to help students plan for their futures.

But there is more work to be done! Kids are still falling behind academically, suffering from overload and emotional stress, coming to school ill-prepared, succumbing to drug and alcohol use, and not graduating on time. Even if your child is a well-adjusted, successful student, look around and see the students in need of basic services and educational support in our Shoreline schools. How can you help? Come to a PTA meeting, volunteer at an event or activity, write your Legislators and remind them that they promised to fully fund basic education so they need to pay up! Join PTA and be part of the solution.

For more information:

[Washington State Advocacy & 2014 Legislative Priorities](#)

[Shoreline PTA Council Advocacy](#)

[WSPTA Platform](#) (full text of abbreviated list at right)

## Top 5 Legislative Issues

Every two years, the State PTA votes in a Top 5 and designates other timely issues. A new platform was voted on October 25<sup>th</sup> 2014 at the Washington State PTA Legislative Assembly in Vancouver WA.

1. Funding McCleary: fully fund K-12 education in Washington State.
2. Create positive school climates through social emotional learning.
3. Increasing Capital Funding (pertains to capital improvements in school districts and the effort to make simple majority for school bonds the passing standard).
4. Increased Access to Higher Education (pertains to increasing the affordability and access to Higher Education).
5. Breakfast After the Bell.

### *Also Supported Issues*

Investing in Teacher Professional Learning  
Closing Opportunity Gaps  
Access, Equity, & Opportunity for Special Needs Students  
Family And Community Engagement  
Regulating Child Restraint and Isolation in Schools  
Increase Playground Safety  
Inclusive Special Education  
Equal Access for ELL Students

## Who is PTA?

Membership in PTA is open to anyone who wants to be involved and make a difference for the education, health, and welfare of children and youth. Join now via [shorewoodpts.com](http://shorewoodpts.com) and help make a difference!





The cast of *Anything Goes* ready to go with the fall drama production. See article at right and the Calendar for show details. Photo by Zachary Gill.

## Mercer Island Orchestra Festival Honors

*Dan Wing, Orchestra Director*

At the Mercer Island Orchestra Festival on October 25<sup>th</sup>, the Chamber Ensemble distinguished itself and earned a repeat performance in the evening's Gala Concert. Students in the performance: Jenny Ahn, Zachary Braaten, Jonas Chen, Tamyra Clark-Hoogstrate, Nick Han, Annie Kang, Kristi Laris, Wing-Yee Law, Jonathan Leang, K.Lee Morris, Nick Nagy, Ashley Nephew, Nora Petersen, Sara Tieu, Areeya Tipyasothi, Connor Vermeys. Soloists and Honor Orchestra members included K.Lee Morris, Nick Nagy, Sara Tieu, Jonas Chen, Jenny Ahn, Tamyra Clark-Hoogstrate, Nick Han, Wing-Yee Law, Nora Petersen, Areeya Tipyasothi and Connor Vermeys. K.Lee Morris was named Outstanding Concertmaster, and served as Concertmaster of the Honors Orchestra.



Shorewood Chamber Ensemble at the October 15<sup>th</sup> Orchestra Concert. Bottom right, violinists and violists in Concert Orchestra.

## Piano Competition Success

Shorewood orchestra student Leah Deobald recently competed in two regional piano competitions. In the Cascade Classical Music Festival in Bend, Oregon in September, she won a Gold Medal in the Junior Division. At the Spokane Piano Competition in October, she won Junior Division First Place in both the Romantic Era and the Contemporary/ Impressionistic Era, and Junior Division Second Place in the Sonata/ Sonatina. Congratulations, Leah.

## *Anything Goes* Opens

*Zachary Gill, Drama Director*

All aboard for romance, gangsters, misbehaving, stolen identities, and celebrity on the S.S. American! *Anything Goes* when you mix start crossed lovers, the biggest name in show business, public enemy #1, and a boat full of fame-obsessed passengers and crew! Featuring Cole Porter's most famous songs (I get a Kick Out of You, Anything Goes, Let's Misbehave...), and crowd pleasing, foot stomping tap dances, you don't want to miss Shorewood High School's exciting fall musical!

*Anything Goes* follows Billy Crocker, a stowaway in love with heiress Hope Harcourt, who is engaged to Lord Evelyn Oakleigh. Meanwhile, Reno Sweeney, the famous nightclub singer and former evangelist and Public Enemy #13 Moonface Martin try to help Billy. As the sailors and passengers try to entertain themselves and seek out the latest celebrity, a series of mistaken identities combine with Cole Porter's most famous songs and dances to create an exciting, fantastical show.

This show is sure to entice audiences of all ages! It runs November 13-15, and 20-22 at 7:00 p.m., and has 2:00 p.m. matinee shows on November 16 & 23. Tickets are \$9 for students and \$12 for adults at the Shorewood Business office or on [Brown Paper Tickets](#), and \$14 at the door. We hope to see you there; you're sure to be in for a De-Lovely performance! For details and the cast and crew lists, see [Shorewood Drama home page](#).



## Fall Athletic Update

Vicki Gorman, Athletic Director

### Fall Sports GPAS

Football	3.104
Boys XC	3.695
Girls XC	3.904
Girls Soccer	3.648
Girls Swimming	3.692
Boys Tennis	3.751
Volleyball	3.348

**Swim/Dive** has defeated every 3A Team Swim Team during league matches. **Girls Soccer** made the District Playoffs and will host their first District Game on November 1<sup>st</sup> at Shoreline Stadium. **Volleyball** made the District Playoffs and captured the WESCO South Championship and will host the first two District Games on the November 1<sup>st</sup> and November 4<sup>th</sup> at Shorewood. The **Football** team will host its final game at home at Shoreline Stadium on Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. We will have **Senior Band** night at halftime of this last football game. Come and celebrate with all of us!

**Boys Tennis** captured the WESCO South Tennis Championship and won a Championship League Banner with a 12-0 undefeated season. Shorewood Tennis players Cameron McDowell and Jack Bong are the new WESCO South Doubles Champions. Scott Park and Kyle Berquist placed 4<sup>th</sup> in WESCO South Doubles.

The **Boys and Girls Cross Country** Teams competed at the WESCO League Championships on October 25<sup>th</sup>: Girls Cross Country Varsity placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in WESCO South; Boys Cross Country Varsity placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in WESCO South and Andrew Christianson placed 2<sup>nd</sup> as an individual.



On October 12<sup>th</sup>, the Shorewood Softball Teams worked six hours at a gardening party for a family that purchased their labor at the 2014 Booster Auction. Smart Shorewood teams/ clubs/ activities raise money through the Auction since the annual event provides the highest yield for the effort. Items sold at the auction include: work parties like this one; vacation time in great locations; unique experiences; and more. See [Donation Ideas](#) on the [Booster website](#) to figure out what you can donate for the 2015 Auction. Photo by Chris Stuvek.

## Boosters: *Yes, You Can!*



The Shorewood Boosters is a fun and exciting Parent organization that focuses on enhancing all the sports, clubs and activities offered (outside of

the classroom) at Shorewood. However, none of these things happen without parents stepping up to help. Spirit Nights, concessions, gear sales and the auction happen when parents say: *Yes I Can!*

Could you volunteer a few hours to...

- Work in the concession stand selling food and drinks?
- Sell spirit gear at sporting events?
- Help with big or small jobs for the Annual Boosters Auction?
- Procure an item or two for the auction?

The money generated from these fundraisers directly support your student and enrich the high school experience. A few items we were able to grant recently: grand piano, video equipment, team jackets & bags, school furniture, computer programs, Culinary Arts equipment, running watches, sports equipment.

With your continued support and assistance, we will be closer to our objective of answering every grant request with: *Yes We Can!*

Our Membership goal is 100. Join online at [ShorewoodBoosters.com](http://ShorewoodBoosters.com). For information contact President [Karen Berquist](#) or Vice President [Tina Lapham](#).





Our WESCO South Tennis Champions! Photo by Northwest Sports Photography, courtesy of Shorewood Athletics. See the postseason update on [page 10](#).

## Registration begins for Holiday Baskets Event

*Shoreline School District and Shoreline PTA Council*



Students are invited to bring non-perishable food items to school for the Holiday Baskets drive beginning December 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be food drop

off boxes around campus. Shorewood has been asked to contribute a minimum of 475 bags/boxes of rice. As a part of the Holiday Baskets drive, the Shoreline PTA council coordinates the collection of teen gifts. The goal is to provide one gift and a gift card for each tweens or teen registered. Items can be brought to school beginning December 1<sup>st</sup>, and gift cards will be accepted in the office.

Holiday Baskets provide holiday food and gift support to Shoreline School District families in circumstances that make it challenging to provide either for their children. This year's Holiday Baskets food and gifts distribution to families will be Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Kellogg Middle School. For families needing assistance with winter break food and holiday gifts, registration is now under way.

### Ways to Register

- Register online at: [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com).
- Call: 206-393-4916 (Shoreline PTA Council line). Leave a message and someone will return your call to register you.
- Fill out a registration form and give it to your school Nurse or Family Advocate. Forms are available in their offices and at [www.shorelinepta.org](http://www.shorelinepta.org). Mail it to: Shoreline PTA Council PO Box 55832 Shoreline, WA 98155-5784  
Deadline for Registration is December 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Ways to Help

- Sign up on [Volunteer Spot](#) for tasks on December 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Make a monetary donation payable to: Shoreline PTA Council. Note "Holiday Baskets – Food or Teen Gifts" and mail to: Shoreline PTA Council, PO Box 55832, Shoreline, WA 98155. Your donations are tax deductible. Or donate online at [www.shorelinepta.org/to-donate.html](http://www.shorelinepta.org/to-donate.html).
- Attend the [Holiday Baskets Benefit Dinner](#) hosted by the Shorecrest High School ASB & PTSA on Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 6-8:00 p.m. in the Shorecrest Commons. Includes dinner by Shorecrest Culinary Arts and student entertainment. Purchase tickets [online](#) by Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.

## School District Hiring Substitutes

Shoreline is hiring for Certificated Substitute positions (teaching degree required) and Classified Substitute positions (no degree required). Classified substitute positions include playground/lunchroom monitoring, crosswalk, paraeducator (classroom help) and more!

Substituting can be a very flexible part-time job or full-time profession. The job offers many benefits, such as:

- Flexible work hours
- Certificated rate: \$135-\$145/full-day
- Classified rate: \$9.32-\$13.85/hr
- Influential to students
- Great practice for future teachers
- You choose student age group
- Many chances to express your creativity and, most importantly...
- Substitute teaching can be fun!

Applicants with an interest in having a positive impact in Shoreline classrooms are encouraged to apply. For additional information and the online application, go to [Substitute Information](#).



Shorewood shows support for Marysville-Pilchuck via hundreds of hearts and personal messages. Photos by Paul Villanueva.



## Shoreline Public Schools Foundation Campaign



You may have gotten a phone call during the Shoreline Public Schools Foundation fall campaign. If you were not at home, you can still support our kids by donating via [shorelinefoundation.org](http://shorelinefoundation.org). Over the past 22 years, SPSF has provided a critical source of additional funding to teachers and students in pursuit of educational excellence through Classroom and Building Grants. In the 2013-14 school year, SPSF granted over \$140,000 to classrooms across the District, making a direct impact in every school.

In 2013-14, Shorewood received:

- \$14,000 Secondary Summer School Tuition assistance for 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade students to enroll in classroom-based classes, Apex and SVL online courses. This amount was for district students in grades 7-11, not only Shorewood students.
- \$4,228 for certificated Math EOC instruction and academic coaching.
- \$563 for Strength Training. Resistance bands were purchased to help students develop muscular strength.
- \$1,021 for student transportation to History Day Field Trip to UW.
- \$1,700 to help students in need with such items as emergency school supplies, class fees, and individual class fieldtrips. [Provided every year to both district high schools.]
- \$450 for Shorewood Culinary Arts Program. Soil was purchased for the outdoor garden's relocation and replanting.
- \$256 for an 11<sup>th</sup> grade student to attend Camp BioMed. [A teacher or administrator can nominate any student in a unique financial circumstance for a scholarship to any program that relates directly to any part of the Shoreline School District i.e., art, music, leadership, or camps.]

## Arts Mini-Grants from Shoreline Arts Council



Mini-grants up to \$100 are available for teens who want to do hands-on art activities. The money can pay for a teacher, supplies, or renting space. The activity must be free to participants, and must include a group of at least five teens. Deadline ongoing until May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Information & application on [www.shorelinearts.net](http://www.shorelinearts.net).

## Events @ The Rec

*Austin Edge, City of SL Teen Program*

**The Rec:** Free drop-in teen center for middle school to 18 year olds! Come hang out with friends and enjoy the following free activities: Hoops, pool, ping-pong, foosball, breaking, board games, art, food, and movies. Monday closed; Tuesday-Thursday 2:30-7:00 p.m.; Friday 2:30 p.m.-12:00 a.m., Saturday 7:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m.

**[Rec]ord:** Calling all current and future musicians! Whether you are looking to pick up an instrument for the first time or wish to build upon your abilities, this is the place for you. Over 8 weeks we will explore the basics of song writing, band development, performance, and recording in a fun and casual setting. Recording session at Shoreline Community College included.

**Thanksgiving Dinner @ The Rec:** Come by The Rec on Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup> for free Thanksgiving dinner & dessert along with a movie!

For more information, contact Austin 206.801.2643 or [aedge@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:aedge@shorelinewa.gov).



On October 4<sup>th</sup>, our Drill Team helped at the Sunset Park Community Dedication. Photo by Julie Bugai, Drill Coach.

## Cascade Youth Symphony at Benaroya Hall



Several Shorewood students play in the Cascade Youth Symphony, which will present a concert on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at Benaroya Hall. The orchestra will play excerpts from The Nutcracker by Tchaikovsky alongside the Olympic Ballet Theatre. Tickets available from [www.BenaroyaHall.org](http://www.BenaroyaHall.org).

## About This Page

The Shorewood Signal Community page includes announcements as a courtesy to the school community. Inclusion does not imply endorsement by Shorewood High School or the Shorewood PTSA.



Homecoming Game 2014: Above, the Court; bottom right, the Drill Team during the Halftime Show. Photos by Wayne Pridemore.

## November 2014

11/1	SAT	National College Fair (downtown Seattle)	12-4:00 PM
11/2	SUN	Daylight Savings Time Ends: set clocks back	
11/4	TUE	General Election: Vote!	
11/4	TUE	PTSA General Membership Meeting (Career Center)	7:00 PM
11/6	THU	Veteran's Day Assembly (regular B-Day schedule)	9:15 AM
11/6	THU	College Essay Workshop (Career Center) <a href="#">page 5</a>	2:45-3:45 PM
11/6	THU	Culinary Arts Dinner (sold out) <a href="#">info</a>	6:00 PM
11/7	FRI	Student Report Cards Mailed	
11/10	MON	First Day of Gymnastics	
11/10	MON	Booster Meeting (Career Center)	7:00 PM
11/12	WED	Common Core & Smarter Balanced Information Night	7:00 PM
		Shoreline Room, Shoreline Center <a href="#">page 7</a>	
11/13-16		Fall Play: Anything Goes (Theater) <a href="#">page 9</a>	see poster above right
11/17	MON	First Day of Winter Sports	
11/20-23		Fall Play: Anything Goes (Theater) <a href="#">page 9</a>	see poster above right
11/21	FRI	PTSA/ Principal Coffee (Library Conference Room)	8:30 AM
11/26	WED	Early Release: Thanksgiving Holiday	10:45 AM
11/27-28		No School: Thanksgiving Holiday	

## December 2014

12/1	MON	No School: Staff Workday	
12/2	TUE	Food & Gift Collection for Holiday Baskets begins <a href="#">page 11</a>	
12/2	TUE	PTSA Board of Directors Meeting (Library)	7:00 PM
12/2	TUE	Shoreline Concert Band	
12/4	THU	College Financial Aid Night (Theater) <a href="#">page 4</a>	6-8:00 PM
12/4	THU	Spanish Language Financial Aid Night	6:30-8:30 PM
12/8	MON	Booster Meeting (Career Center)	7:00 PM
12/10	WED	Orchestra Concert (Theater)	7:30 PM
12/11	THU	Freshman LINK Meetings	9:40 AM
12/17	WED	Have Pizza with 4 SW Alumni <a href="#">page 3</a> (Career Center)	lunch
12/19	FRI	Principal/ PTSA Coffee (Library Conference Room)	8:30 AM
12/22-1/5		No School: Winter Break	

**Shorewood HS Drama Presents...**  
**Nov. 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22: 7:30 PM**  
**Nov 16, 23: 2 PM**  
 \$9: Students, Seniors 65+  
 \$12: Adults (brownpapertickets.com)  
 \$14: At the door

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## Anything Goes Opens

Read about the fall musical on [page 9](#), put the dates on your calendar, [buy tickets](#) for the performance of your choice, and go enjoy the familiar tunes in this student performance!

## College Visits

Visits in the Career Center unless otherwise specified. A SAS pass is required for morning events.

10/31-11/1	National College Fair, Washington State Convention Center, Seattle
11/4	Seattle University 12:15 AM
11/6	Johnson & Wales 9:40 AM
11/6	Washington State University 9:40 AM in Theater
11/6	Occidental College @ 12:15
11/7	Savannah Coll. of Art/Design 12:15 PM
11/12	Cornish College of the Arts 12:15 PM
11/18	Columbia College (Chicago) 9:40 AM
11/19	FIDM 9:40 AM Fashion Institute of Design & Marketing
11/19	Gonzaga University 12:15 PM
12/2	Eastern Washington University 9:40 AM







2014 Homecoming Antics. Clockwise from top: class posters; Fan Days; students on Career Day; staff gamely enduring a lunchtime game; Freshman leaders on safari; Fan Day. Photos by Paul Villanueva.