



## Shorewood News – November 2019

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### President's Message

*Kim Ositis, Shorewood PTSA President*

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the General Membership meeting on Thursday, October 3rd where we approved the 2019-2020 Annual Budget, Standing Rules, and Goals. Click [HERE](#) to read the approved documents.

We are excited to announce that we have almost 250 members and have raised more than \$10,000 in donations! 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:

- Reflections entries are due to the Shorewood Main Office on Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. For more information, visit [shorewoodptsa.com/reflections](http://shorewoodptsa.com/reflections).
- The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual [Poinsettia and Wreaths Fundraiser](#) for Classroom Grants is taking orders now through November 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- [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.
- Staff Appreciation Lunch on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.

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, November 5<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm in the Career Center to learn more about the PTSA activities at Shorewood.

### Shorewood PTSA Membership

*Krista Keller, Shorewood PTSA Membership*

A heart warming thank you to everyone who has already joined and/or donated to Shorewood PTSA.

#### Why is this important?

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. We show commitment to both our students and staff. We put forth financial support to Homework Club, AP Prep, The Shorewood Experience and student scholarships - just to name a few. With the help of family donations, PTSA puts on Shorewood staff appreciation events 3 times a year, a buffet that gets better and better every time! We recognize staff who take the time to write letters of recommendation on behalf of all those seniors, and we award outstanding educators and volunteers with a special district wide dinner and dessert!

None of this is possible without the help of our PTSA membership and donations. If you haven't all ready, please visit our website <http://www.shorewoodptsa.com> and become a member! If you are able, please consider making a financial donation as well.

Did you know, that with your PTSA Membership you are given **special discounts** and offers through WA State PTA? Right now you can take advantage of:

- 30% off regular prices through **Papa John's** online ordering
- Discounted tickets to Tacoma "**Monster Jam**" January 10-12 2020
- 40% discount off **LEGO Bag** products
- Discounts for **Wild Waves** "Fright Fest"
- Up to 30% off on your next **Great Wolf Lodge** stay
- Discounts off a variety of **Office Depot** products/services
- Updated discounts through **Tickets at Work**

You will need your PTSA Membership number to access any of these offered discounts. If you need help finding your number, please let me know. [membership@shorewoodptsa.com](mailto:membership@shorewoodptsa.com)

## **PTSA Legislative Assembly 2019**

*Suzanne Gugger, Shorewood PTSA Legislation Director and Sara Betnel, Shoreline PTA Council Legislative Chair*

**VOTE! Don't forget to VOTE by November 5th to have your voice heard this election!**

**Shoreline had outstanding representation at WA State PTA Legislative Assembly this past weekend (Oct 26-27), with representatives from the Edwin Pratt Early Learning Center, Brookside, Syre, Shorecrest, Shorewood, Special Needs PTSA and PTA Council, including our high school student delegates from Shorecrest and Shorewood.**

Special thank you to Caroline Gugger, who was our voting student delegate from Shorewood. She will be publishing a report next month about her experience.

This year's assembly focused on principles (foundational items that guide all WSPTA legislative work) and resolutions (long term legislation that the State PTA resolves to support and advocate for).

At this year's Assembly we passed key items for:

- Addressing Equitable Education Opportunities to Close Gaps Across the Achievement Spectrum
- Preventing Gun Violence
- Equitable Identification of Highly Capable Students
- Rights and Services for Undocumented Children and Youth
- Digital and Internet Safety
- Arts in Education
- Youth Suicide and Child Abuse Prevention

- Adolescent Marijuana Use and Substance Use Disorder Education and Prevention
- and more.

The work of this weekend will inform what bills in the coming legislative session WSPTA and individual PTAs across the state will advocate for and work towards. Check out : <https://www.wastatepta.org/focus-areas/advocacy/> for details and links for how you can get involved.

## **PTSA Reflections Arts Program – Submissions due November 4th**

The Reflections Program is a National PTA and Washington State PTA cultural arts competition.

The purpose of this program is to provide an opportunity for students to use their creative talents by expressing themselves through their own original works. This year's theme is "Look Within."

Artists get involved through their local PTA/PTSA. A student may submit an entry in any of six arts areas. Only original works of art are accepted. The six art areas are: Visual Arts Photography, Literature, Music Composition, Dance Choreography, and Film Production.

Shorewood will send 20 finalists to the district. These will be due to the school by **Monday November 4th, 2019**. The artwork is judged at the district level with finalists moving on to a state level competition. There will be a district celebration reception on Weds, January 15, 2020. More details are on the SW PTSA Website.

## **22nd Annual Poinsettia and Wreath Fundraiser for Classroom Grants**

Shorewood High School PTSA's 22nd Annual Poinsettia & Wreath Fundraiser for Classroom Grants program is now accepting orders! Options include Poinsettias (foil-wrapped with 6-8 blossoms in red, pink or white) for \$16.00 each, Noble fir wreaths (22" diameter) for \$22.00 each and large red outdoor bows for \$5.00 each.

Print the [order form](#) and drop off with a check payable to Shorewood PTSA (memo: Classroom Grants) to the Shorewood Main Office or mail to the address on the form. **An exciting new option for 2019!** Submit your order and pay [online](#) with credit card or bank account!

**Orders must be received by Friday, November 22nd.** Drop off check orders by 2:35pm in the Shorewood Main Office. Online orders can be submitted until 11:59pm. Pick up for all orders will be **Tuesday, December 10th** from 2:30-6pm in the Activity Room (Ms. Harris' classroom) right off the Commons at Shorewood High School.

Classroom Grants is a Shorewood PTSA committee whose mission is to provide much needed classroom learning materials and equipment for Shorewood students and staff. All gifts to Shorewood PTSA are tax-deductible to the extent of the law.

Go to <https://www.shorewoodptsa.com/classroomgrants> to download the print order form and to access the link to order online. Questions? Email [president@shorewoodptsa.com](mailto:president@shorewoodptsa.com).

## 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.

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

**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>

## 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.

## Nov 20, Parent Education Night – Suicide Prevention, Shorecrest High School

This event will be in the Shorecrest Theater from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. The *Forefront* Suicide Prevention teams from both Shorewood and Shorecrest will be partnering with SC Drama's fall production of *Be More Chill*. The themes of the production connect closely with the *Forefront* message and training. Together, we will identify the warning signs, practicing reaching out to a struggling child and understand how to access additional support.

## Youth-led School Board Candidates Forum

For their civics class, Shorewood students organized a youth-led candidate forum for Shoreline School Board candidates on Tuesday, October 22, 2019. Student questions were prioritized and the topics included: gender neutral bathrooms, sexual assault and consent awareness, high school start times and scheduling, school lunch times and choices, art/humanities programs, gender/race/equity disparities, other very thoughtful and important issues for K-12 students.

Special thanks for Ronald United Methodist Church, Starbucks at 155th, and Safeway Aurora for the treats!

## Calendar

### November

- 11/4 *Reflections* submissions due
- 11/5 SW PTSA Board of Directors meeting - 7pm, Career Center
- 11/8 Veterans Day Assembly
- 11/11 Veterans Day – No School
- 11/20 Parent Education Night – Suicide Prevention, Shorecrest Theater, 6:30 pm
- 11/22 Poinsettia/Wreath fundraiser orders due
- 11/28 Thanksgiving Holiday – No School
- 11/29 Thanksgiving Break – No School

### December

- 12/2 – 12/13 Holiday Baskets food drive
- 12/3 SW PTSA Board of Directors meeting - 7pm, Career Center
- 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)