



## Shorewood News – October 2018

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### PTSA Membership and Curriculum Night

#### Shorewood Open House & Curriculum Night – October 4, 2018

Please join the staff at Shorewood High school for open house and curriculum night. Staff will run a six period schedule with “Zero” and “Period 7” classes meeting early as well as several important meetings that you may choose to attend. You’ll have an opportunity to meet your student’s teachers and learn about the curriculum. Class sessions for parents and guardians will be 10 minutes in length, hosted by your student’s teachers.

Student schedules will be available at the event. However, you can access your student’s schedule on [Skyward](#). You should have received a letter with family access account details in August. Another option... ask your student for his or her schedule (period and room number)!

#### Schedule for the evening:

- 6:15 – 6:45 – **English Language Learner Open House Introduction**. Everyone interested in learning more about the ELL program, please join the counselors and ELL team members in the Career Center.
- 6:30 – 6:55 – **Shorewood PTSA General Membership Meeting**. All are encouraged to join the annual general membership meeting in the gym.
- 6:30 – 7:10 – Two **Tech Focus Groups** (same content) regarding the district’s adoption of new technology for student use. Several models are currently under consideration, including continuation of the current 1:1 iPod and other equipment and distribution models. District staff are offering two focus groups for parents and guardians to provide direct input prior to the final decision:
  - 6:30 – 6:50 – **Tech Focus Group 1** – Library Classroom
  - 6:50 – 7:10 – **Tech Focus Group 2** – Library Classroom (same content)
- 6:45 – 6:55 – **Zero and Period 7 class presentations**
- 7:00 – 7:10 – **Welcome and General Meeting** in the Gym
- 7:15 – 9:00 – **Classroom presentations**

## General Membership Meeting

*Kim Ositis, President*

It has already been an exciting first month of school! Thank you to all the volunteers, led by Nina Shoop, who helped serve over 400 hungry students and adults at the Back to School BBQ.

Our first General Membership Meeting will be on Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30-6:55, at the beginning of Curriculum Night / Open House. We hope you will join us for this first General Membership meeting. 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.

## Support Shorewood PTSA – Membership Drive and Pass the Hat

*Krista Keller, PTSA Membership/Pass the Hat Director*

Thank you – and welcome – to our newest PTSA members! We are able to support our students and staff here at Shorewood because of the generosity of all of you.

If you haven't already become a member, hopefully you have received a little green flier in the mail inviting you to join Shorewood PTSA. Please bring this with you to Curriculum Night on October 4<sup>th</sup>. In addition to hearing from school leadership and visiting your student's classes, Curriculum Night includes "Pass the Hat," the PTSA's one big fundraising effort. You will learn a little more about the Shorewood PTSA and what we do (back-to-school BBQ, classroom grants, Forefront in Schools, and more). We will have collection bags in all the classrooms for membership forms and PTSA donations.

Didn't receive a flier? No worries – we will have extras in the classrooms. As always, you are also welcome to join online through our website: [www.shorewoodptsa.com](http://www.shorewoodptsa.com). See you at Curriculum Night!

## PTSA / EQC / Boosters: What's the Difference?

**Shorewood PTSA** is a conventional Parent Teacher Student Association with many functions, including academic enrichment. Join PTSA on [www.shorewoodptsa.com](http://www.shorewoodptsa.com). Donations are gratefully accepted all year. "Like" Shorewood PTSA 6.12.105 on Facebook to stay connected.

**EQC**, Education for Quality Classrooms, is a PTSA committee that provides classroom grants that directly fund teachers' classroom projects. See the [PTSA website](#) for more information.

**Shorewood Boosters** is a separate nonprofit organization that supports extracurricular clubs, sports and other activities. See [Shorewood Boosters](#) website for details.

Many Shorewood parents support all three causes – PTSA, EQC and Boosters – since they each support different aspects of student life at Shorewood.

## Homecoming Week: October 15-20

Homecoming is a major highlight of the year. See the [Daily Announcements](#) for details.

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

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

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

**Events:** The community is encouraged to support all athletic teams during Homecoming. For a list of athletic events, see [Wesco Athletics](#). Dress-up days and lunchtime contests will be announced daily. The Homecoming Assembly is 10/19/18, 12:40 PM. Families are welcome.

## Homecoming Dance: October 20

**Who Attends:** The Homecoming dance is heavily attended. Students can go as couples, singles or in groups. Some students ask each other to the dance in elaborate ways, but this is not necessary. Students may bring a guest from another school, but the guest must be cleared in advance. Clearance forms are available online and are due by 10/12/18 at 6:00 PM.

**Who Pays:** Couples often split expenses. Encourage your student to discuss expenses with his/her date ahead of time.

**Tickets:** Tickets will be sold in the commons during lunch through Thursday 10/18.

**Attire:** The attire is semi-formal: dress shirts, slacks and ties (sometimes a sport coat); semi-formal mid-length dresses. The WORKS has semi-formal attire for girls and guys. *The WORKS is free for all students, regardless of need.* See the [WORKS website](#) for more information.

**Flowers:** Couples often get a corsage or boutonniere for each other. Talk about colors, but please *do not* buy red flowers; the petals stain our floors. Most girls prefer wrist corsages.

**Coat Check:** Students may check coats and other items at a parent-staffed, secure coat check.

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

**Pictures:** Photo packages are not being sold this year. Many students make arrangements to take photos with friends prior to the dance.

**Chaperones:** Chaperones consist of administration, staff and volunteers. To volunteer, contact [Britt Harris](#), Activity Coordinator. Volunteers must complete a State Patrol Clearance form (including a copy of your driver's license) in the front office as soon as possible.

### Rules:

- Shorewood students *must* have Shorewood photo ID.
- Guests have to be cleared in advance and will need photo ID.
- Once admitted, students cannot leave and come back.
- SW has a *no alcohol, no drugs* policy (also applies to cars on school property). If students are suspected of drinking or being impaired, parents will be called to pick them up.
- Dancing must be appropriate.

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Homecoming Snacks and Desserts

This year we would like to provide treats for the students at the Homecoming dance. Please consider donating easy-to-eat finger foods, specifically desserts. Click [HERE](#) to sign up!

The PTSA will provide napkins for serving the treats. Non-perishable treats can be dropped at the school on Friday 10/19 during the day. Perishable treats can be dropped off at the school prior to the dance. Please provide at least 20 servings to ensure we have plenty for everyone. Please email questions to [mcshannon79@hotmail.com](mailto:mcshannon79@hotmail.com). Thank you!

### Shorewood Experience

As you have probably noticed, public education and all the amazing opportunities at Shorewood do not come free. Though we are fortunate to live in a giving community that approves bonds and levies for our students' needs, these do not cover all the costs of going to high school or preparing for graduation. It can cost more than \$350 for 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> graders and over \$800 for seniors preparing to graduate.

The PTSA's mission is to support student learning. Studies show that students are better prepared to learn when they are not hungry, when they have supplies they need, and when they can participate fully in their school community. How can you help?

- Donate to the [Shorewood Experience](#). Read more and click the Donate button on the [PTSA website](#).
- Donate bus passes and bus pass coupons to the Shorewood Counseling office.
- Give your time by donating at [The Works](#).
- Prepare for the Holiday Baskets drive (December 3-14). Shorewood will be collecting non-perishable food items, with an emphasis on paper towels (yes, more paper towel towers in the commons) and peanut butter (48 oz or less in plastic containers; NO glass), and gift cards for teens. We need volunteers to help December 15<sup>th</sup> at Kellogg Middle School to set-up and distribute the baskets.

Thank you for caring about and for your community. Please contact Carrie Campbell ([campprit@hotmail.com](mailto:campprit@hotmail.com)) with questions about PTSA's support for families at Shorewood.

### PTSA Academic Support Task Force

The Shorewood PTSA is seeking volunteers to serve on a short-term (3-4 month) special committee to evaluate the academic support budget items that the PTSA currently funds and make recommendations to the Board of Directors. An example of this is the SAT Prep class. The PTSA has made the difficult decision to not offer SAT Prep classes this fall while we evaluate the costs and benefits of continuing to fund this important program. We need parent and student input on how best to use donations raised from our school community to have the most impact on our students and families. If you are interested, please contact Kim Ositis, Shorewood PTSA President, at [president@shorewoodptsa.com](mailto:president@shorewoodptsa.com).

## Senior Spree

Calling all seniors and parents of seniors! Senior Spree is an all-night celebration for graduates in a safe, FUN, entertainment-filled, alcohol-free setting. Spree is on the night of graduation (June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019). Watch for a survey, so we can tailor the spree to what seniors want. Once tickets go on sale, the initial cost per ticket will be \$150. The cost will go up progressively throughout the year, so buy them early once they are available for the best price.

We need parent volunteers to help with planning, fundraising, ticket sales, and chaperoning the event on the night of June 9<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in helping in one of these areas for this fun event for our seniors, please contact Rhonda McRae ([mcrae.rhonda@gmail.com](mailto:mcrae.rhonda@gmail.com)).

## Shorewood Staff Appreciation – Save the Dates

The Shorewood PTSA has set the following dates for staff appreciation events to honor our amazing staff! A volunteer sign up for donations and volunteer help for the first event on Friday, December 14 will be posted in November. Questions? Email Shannon McMaster, Shorewood PTSA Vice-President, at [mcshannon79@hotmail.com](mailto:mcshannon79@hotmail.com).

Staff Breakfast: Friday, December 14

Staff Lunch: Friday, March 15

Staff Lunch: Monday, June 3

## Get Involved, Stay Informed

### Reflections Competition

*Sayuri Gould, PTSA Reflections Chair*

All students are invited to participate in the Reflections Program, a National and Washington State PTA cultural arts competition. The purpose is to provide an opportunity for students to use their creative talents by expressing themselves through their own original works.

The theme for the 2018-2019 school year is **“Heroes Around Me.”** Students may submit original entries in: Literature, Music Composition, Photography, Visual Arts, Film/Video and Choreography/Dance. Entries must be submitted to the Shorewood main office by **Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**. Up to fifteen Shorewood finalists will advance to the Shoreline PTA Council level and possibly on to the Washington and National PTA competitions. Go to the [Washington State PTA Reflections page](#) for details and rules. Watch for more information at school. If you have questions, please contact Sayuri Gould at [sayuri.gould@gmail.com](mailto:sayuri.gould@gmail.com).

## PTSA / Principal Coffee

Principal Dunbar and the PTSA host opportunities most months for parents and community members to meet with the principal to discuss issues regarding the school. The next meeting will be October 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am. Check in at the office.

## Parent Resources for Monitoring Student Grades and Coursework

Shoreline School District has implemented a learning management system called Canvas for managing student assignments and grades. Teachers assign and collect schoolwork, assess and record grades for students using the Canvas system. We invite parents to follow their students' progress through either the **Canvas Parent** mobile app for Apple iOS or Android, or through the Canvas website. Parents and Guardians can set up the mobile account to keep track of student progress by viewing the website [HERE](#). Below are the key grade reporting dates for the 2018 - 2019 school year:

- Canvas updates: 9/13/18, 9/27/18, 10/11/18 and 10/25/18
- End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter: 11/2/18
- First quarter report card closed: 11/8/18 @ 12:00; Report cards mailed: 11/13/18
- Canvas updates: 12/6/18, 12/20/18 and 1/16/19
- End of 1<sup>st</sup> Semester: 1/31/19
- First semester report card closed: 2/7/19 @ 12:00; Report cards mailed: 2/11/19
- Canvas updates: 3/7/19 and 3/21/19
- End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter: 4/5/19
- Third quarter report card closed: 4/11/19 @ 12:00; Report cards mailed: 4/15/19
- Canvas updates: 4/18/19, 5/9/19 and 5/22/19
- Final report card closed: 6/14/19 @ 12:00; Report cards mailed: 6/18/19

## Homework Club

Homework Club is a **mandatory** Tutorial for students whom are currently failing one or more classes. At this tutorial, a certificated Shorewood teacher works with students to complete homework and prepare for examinations. Our experience is that when students attend Tutorial they come to understand the importance of academic achievement. Our Tutorial/Homework Club program has historically led to dramatic grade improvements, and we are continuing to improve it to help our students. Success for every student is our mission at Shorewood High School, and we are dedicated to seeing this mission fulfilled.

Homework Club/Tutorial meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:40 – 3:40 pm. Students are assigned to a specific Homework Club/Tutorial classroom based on their academic need.

Attendance is taken in Homework Club/Tutorial just like every other class. Students who need to miss Homework Club/Tutorial for any reason must have their absence excused. Failure to attend mandatory Homework Club/Tutorial may result in disciplinary action.

**Students are required to attend Homework Club/Tutorial until earning a grade of at least 70% or C- as reported on Canvas.**

In order to be removed from Homework Club/Tutorial, students or their parents must contact Success Coordinator, Becca Fabia, or Assistant Principal, Nancy Elder with proof of current grades and request to be removed from Homework Club/Tutorial.

Students and families can download detailed grade information (test, project and homework scores as well as missing assignments) by checking the student's Canvas account.

## **Educational Effectiveness Survey**

Shoreline Public Schools is committed to continuous improvement throughout all of our schools and district. To support that work, it is important for us to know how parents / guardians, staff and students view the job we are doing in providing a high-quality education for all students.

Next month, parents / guardians, staff and students will be asked to participate in an important survey to help us quantify strengths and opportunities for improvement. We are partnering with the Center for Educational Effectiveness (CEE) to conduct their Educational Effectiveness Survey (EES) that measures perceptual data based on the research-based Nine Characteristics of High Performing Schools:

- Clear and shared focus
- High standards and expectations for all students
- Effective school leadership
- High levels of collaboration and communication
- Curriculum, instruction and assessments aligned with state standards
- Frequent monitoring of learning and teaching
- Focused professional development
- Supportive learning environment
- High levels of family and community involvement

The surveys are anonymous and confidential. The data gathered will be used to support the development and implementation of school improvement plans and school district priorities for continuous improvement. Surveys will be shared and collected from October 8-26. Parent / guardian surveys will be available in online or paper form. The online version will be available in English and Spanish. Paper surveys will be available in English, Spanish, Amharic, Chinese, Korean, Tagalog, Tigrinya and Vietnamese. Staff and student surveys will be completed online. Contact the Public Information Office at [public.info@shorelineschools.org](mailto:public.info@shorelineschools.org) or 206.393.4412 if you have questions.

## Calendar

### October

- 10/1 Shorewood Booster club meeting, 7:00 pm, Career Center
- 10/4 Open House, Curriculum Night, PTSA General Membership meeting, Pass the Hat, details TBD
- 10/5 PTSA/Principal coffee, 8:00 am, check in at office
- 10/19 Homecoming assembly, 12:40 pm, Gym
- 10/19 Homecoming football game, 7:00 pm, Shoreline Stadium
- 10/20 Homecoming dance

### November

- 11/2 PTSA/Principal coffee, 8:00 am, check in at office
- 11/5 Shorewood Booster club meeting, 7:00 pm, Career Center
- 11/6 Election Day – Remember to vote
- 11/6 PTSA Board meeting, 7:00 pm, Career Center
- 11/9 Veteran’s Day Assembly, 9:35 am, Gym
- 11/12 No School – Veteran’s Day observed
- 11/21 Half Day Release – Thanksgiving holiday
- 11/22-11/23 No School – Thanksgiving holiday