



## Shorewood News – September 2018

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### Welcome to the 2018-2019 School Year!

*Kim Ositis, President*

Welcome to all new and returning families! The start of a new school year is exciting since the entire year is ahead of us, full of possibilities.

PTSA, EQC and Boosters are three great ways for you to help provide students with the best education and high school experience. On behalf of the PTSA, I encourage you to join and show your financial and volunteer support. I invite you to join us for our first Board of Directors meeting of the year on Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Career Center, and the General Membership meeting which is part of Curriculum Night on Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup> (more information below). Please visit our [website](#) and join! Together let's make this a great year at Shorewood!! Thank you!

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

**Shorewood PTSA** is a conventional Parent Teacher Student Association with many functions, including academic enrichment. The PTSA holds one fundraiser, Pass the Hat, in conjunction with the Fall PTSA Membership Drive. Join PTSA on [www.shorewoodptsa.com](http://www.shorewoodptsa.com) or by turning in a membership form anytime to the office, or during the fall Open House. Donations are gratefully accepted all year. Please "like" Shorewood PTSA 6.12.105 on Facebook to stay connected.

**EQC**, Education for Quality Classrooms, is a PTSA committee that provides classroom grants. On your PTSA membership 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. More information about EQC is included on the [PTSA website](#).

**Shorewood Boosters** is a separate nonprofit organization that supports extracurricular clubs, sports and other activities. Boosters sell Shorewood gear, coordinate concessions at sporting events, and hold an annual auction in March. 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.

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

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

If you are a new addition to the Shorewood community - welcome! If you are a returning family - welcome back!

Shorewood PTSA relies on membership and donations to create a strong, supportive group and to keep our programs running! The Shorewood PTSA mission is to provide academic enrichment and advocacy for all students. The PTSA is a vital part of the Shorewood Community, running programs that include:

- A vocal and monetary advocate for Forefront in Schools
- Contributions to student scholarship funds
- Reflections Art Competition
- Back-to-School BBQ for new families
- Classroom grants via EQC
- Quarterly Staff Appreciation Meals
- Support of Shoreline PTA Council programs: WORKS, Food Drive, & Teen Gifts
- SAT Prep Course

Please join us. As a member of PTSA, you can also enjoy special benefits associated with your membership, such as *Washington State Fair* admission discounts, back to school discounts at *Office Depot*, gate price discounts at *Silverwood Theme Park*, *Great Wolf Lodge* discounts and many more.

Memberships and donations are both important for our PTSA organization. Please complete the membership form and return it along with your check to Shorewood High School's main office, or make an online payment at the [Shorewood PTSA Website](#).

Thank you in advance for joining and supporting your Shorewood PTSA. If you need more information, please contact any of us through the PTSA website at [www.shorewoodptsa.com](http://www.shorewoodptsa.com).

Note about email addresses: Membership cards are emailed, so please provide an email address for every member. If you only enter one email address, you will receive duplicate emails.

## Boosters – Membership and Shorewood Gear

Boosters memberships fuel our mission to support extracurricular activities for our Shorewood students. Click [HERE](#) to join. See our [website](#) and [Facebook](#) page for volunteer opportunities and more. Join us for the first Boosters meeting of the year: Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 in the Career Center.

Show your T-Bird spirit by ordering your Shorewood gear. You can order gear [online](#) through September 5<sup>th</sup>, and at the Boosters tent at Shorewood home football games, September 7<sup>th</sup> and September 21<sup>st</sup>.

## PTSA Meetings

The Shorewood PTSA usually meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Career Center. Our first board meeting will be **Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** in the Career Center. All community members are welcome!

Our first General Membership Meeting will be on **Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>** at the beginning of the Curriculum Night / Open House event (there will not be a Tuesday meeting in October). Stay tuned for specific time and location details. 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.

## 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. These meetings are typically on the first Friday of the month, excluding January and June. The first meetings will be September 7<sup>th</sup> and October 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am. Check in at the office.

## 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).

## 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 our seniors want. Once tickets go on sale, cost per ticket will be \$150. This is the initial cost for tickets, and 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)).

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Volunteer Email List

The PTSA relies on volunteer support. Email your name and the year your youngest child will graduate to [volunteer@shorewoodptsa.com](mailto:volunteer@shorewoodptsa.com) to be added to our volunteer list. Adding your name does not obligate you; you will be notified of volunteer opportunities and can select the ones that work for you.

### Open PTSA positions

As a 100% volunteer-led organization, the PTSA is always looking for interested individuals to serve on our Board of Directors. Please contact me at [president@shorewoodptsa.com](mailto:president@shorewoodptsa.com) if you are interested or want to learn more about any of these positions. We are currently recruiting to fill the following positions for the 2018-19 school year:

**Programs Director** - oversees the Homework Club and SAT/AP Prep sub-committees; also looking for chairs to head these projects.

**Student Services Director** - oversees several student-centered programs (e.g., Reflections) that already have identified chairs.

**EQC Committee** - looking for members to serve on the EQC committee to evaluate and award grant applications; also looking to identify an EQC Committee Chair-in-training to take over in 2019-2020.

**Legislation Director** - keeps the PTSA board of directors and school community informed about relevant legislation that impacts secondary education; potentially also attends statewide legislative events (with budgeted travel assistance).

**Family Services Director (in training)** - assists the current director with projects such as the Holiday Baskets Food Drive, while receiving training to assume the Director role in 2019-2020.

### Picture Day Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help with Picture Day on Friday, August 31. Volunteer slots are 7:30 am – 11:30 am, or 11:00 am – 2:30 pm. Click [HERE](#) to sign up.

## Nuts and Bolts

### Drop Off/ Pick Up

you drop off or 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 move through quickly, as there are more than 140 vehicles each morning dropping off students in a short amount of time. Do not use the bus loop for dropping off / picking up students. Please do not park in the traffic circle or any painted no parking areas. If you need to go into the building, utilize the Visitor Stalls on the north side of the circle.

Please do not stop on 175<sup>th</sup> to load or unload. It is illegal to pull over on 175<sup>th</sup> and doing so interrupts traffic flow. Please obey the directions of school security, administration and traffic personnel. Student safety is our first concern.

### **Early Release Wednesdays**

Shoreline School District students will be released 100 minutes early on Wednesdays when there are five days of school. There will not be an early release during weeks when there are not five days of school, such as weeks with holidays or other non-student days. On the following early release Wednesdays, Shorewood students will be released at 12:55 pm:

- September: 12, 19, 26
- October: 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
- November: 7, 28
- December: 5, 12, 19
- January: 9, 16
- February: 6, 13, 27
- March: 6, 13, 20, 27
- April: 3, 10, 17
- May: 1, 8, 15, 22

### **Bell Schedule**

Shorewood High School has six class periods and three basic bell schedules. Following is the schedule for a typical five-day week.

- Monday and Thursday: O Day – Odd numbered periods meet (1, 3, 5)
- Tuesday and Friday: E Day – Even numbered periods meet (2, 4, 6)
- Wednesday: A Day – All six periods meet

## **Calendar**

### **August**

- 8/29 First day of school
- 8/31 Picture day

### **September**

- 9/4 PTSA Board meeting, 7:00 pm, Career Center
- 9/7 PTSA/Principal coffee, 8:00 am, check in at office
- 9/10 Shorewood Booster club meeting, 7:00 pm, Career Center

### **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 football game, 7:00 pm, Shoreline Stadium
- 10/20 Homecoming dance