



## Shorewood News – March 2019

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### President's Message

Welcome to March! And aren't we all ready to bid goodbye to February?! Due to the snow closures, we did not hold a February PTSA Board meeting. We hope you will join us for a General Membership meeting March 5<sup>th</sup>, followed by a presentation from Principal Dunbar.

Thank you to everyone who has submitted a nomination for Shorewood PTSA annual awards - continue to send in your nomination through March 10!

We are excited to once again have the opportunity to treat our special Shorewood staff to an appreciation lunch coming up on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. See below for more information and we hope you can help us in honoring the awesome adults who work with our kids every day.

If these cold days have you looking forward to summer and warmer weather, I recommend checking out the Shoreline PTA Council's Summer Camp and After-School Resource Fair coming up on Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm. This free community event held in the Shoreline Room at the Shoreline Center will feature more than 30 exhibitors who offer summer camp and after-school activities for students of all ages. In addition to finding summer camps to attend, high school students can learn about potential summer volunteer and employment opportunities with these local organizations. <http://www.shorelinepta.org/resource-fair.html>

### General Membership Meeting & State of the School presentation - Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> - 7pm in the Library

Please join us for a General Membership meeting on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. We will have a quick business meeting, including electing the nominating committee, followed by a special State of the School address. Mr. Dunbar will give a presentation on the school program, student success and progress to graduation and new State Board Graduation requirements for the class of 2021, school improvement efforts and results of a community survey on perception of the school.

### PTSA Award Nominations

Each year we honor an amazing teacher, volunteer and advocate. Do you know someone you would like to see recognized? You can nominate them for the annual PTA awards!

The awards include Outstanding Educator, Golden Acorn (outstanding volunteer), and Outstanding Advocate (someone who has gone above and beyond for all students). Recipients will be selected in March and recognized in April at a special Shoreline Council event and at the Shorewood PTSA general membership meeting. Nominations will be accepted through March 10<sup>th</sup>. To make a nomination, send an email with the person's name, position and reason they should receive the award to [president@shorewoodptsa.com](mailto:president@shorewoodptsa.com). Help us make these awards special this year; send in your nominations today!

## SW PTSA Strikes “Gold”

The Washington State PTA recently recognized the SW PTSA with the Gold Membership Growth Award! PTAs are presented with this award for enrolling members equaling at least 110% of their previous year’s total membership. That means our PTSA is growing! Thank you to everyone who has become a member so far this year: YOU are the reason our PTSA achieved this award! If you haven’t yet signed up for a 2018-2019 PTSA membership, please consider joining today! By doing so, you are demonstrating your support for our PTSA and all we do for Shorewood High School. [www.shorewoodptsa.com](http://www.shorewoodptsa.com)

## Shorewood Booster Auction

The Shorewood Booster Auction is March 9th and it’s not too late to get a ticket (or a table of tickets)! Invite your friends and neighbors to a fun evening to raise money for our Shorewood Kids (including incoming Freshman)! There will be a full dinner and games, plus a live auction to bid on amazing experiences, items and services. Don’t miss it! The theme is T-Bird Pride so come wearing your Shorewood gear and enjoy a fun night of community and fundraising! Ticket sales end March 6th - click the link to register: <https://shorewood.auctionreg.org/registration>.

We also still need volunteers! There are many volunteer opportunities including set up and jobs the night of the event. These are great opportunities for everyone to give back to our community, including students who can earn volunteer hours toward the 40 required for graduation! We have separated the volunteer job opportunities and sign ups for ADULTS (<http://signup.com/go/BMSJoxu>) and for STUDENTS (<http://signup.com/go/oScwYgg>).

Contact Vicky at [vice-president@shorewoodboosters.com](mailto:vice-president@shorewoodboosters.com) with questions. Go T-Birds!

## Staff Appreciation Lunch

The Shorewood PTSA is hosting a St. Patrick's Day-themed Staff Appreciation Lunch on March 15th from 11am-1pm. We are requesting help from the Shorewood parent community with donations of food and/or volunteer time. We are lucky to have supportive and brilliant educators and administration that provide safety, communication, and academic knowledge to our community of diverse and amazing teenagers. Please sign up on [Perfect Potluck](#) by March 11th.

- Set up will be at 10am. Extra help would be much appreciated! You can sign up for a volunteer shift at the bottom of the page.
- Drop off in the Staff Lounge: March 14th or March 15th by 10am.
- Label items dropped off with “Staff Appreciation Breakfast” and note any dishes that need to be returned. Labeled perishable items can be put in the refrigerators.
- No oranges (fresh or cooked) due to a severe orange allergy.

Not able to bring food but still want to contribute? Make a donation via check to Shorewood PTSA (put “Staff Appreciation” in the memo) and drop off in the Shorewood office.

Any questions, please contact Shannon McMaster at [mcshannon79@hotmail.com](mailto:mcshannon79@hotmail.com).

## Help the SW Counseling Office

The counseling office needs composition books, mechanical pencils & pencil lead and Scotch tape. If you are willing and able, please drop donations off at the counseling office. If you are willing but cannot get the supplies to the school, contact Carrie Campbell at [campprit@hotmail.com](mailto:campprit@hotmail.com) to arrange a pick-up. 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](#).

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.

## Senior Spree

Senior Spree tickets are on sale...get yours now and secure your spot at this fun post-graduation event on June 9th! Tickets are \$175 each. You can drop off registration forms and payment at school or pay online: <https://www.shorelineschools.org/domain/1128>

Calling all parents...we need some help to make sure Senior Spree is a safe and fun event for our seniors! We need chaperones (all night commitment, 9pm-6am), help with a fun activity (3am-5am) and help serving an early breakfast (4am-5am). More details about location will be closer to the event (it's a surprise for our seniors!!). If you or someone you know is able to help, click [HERE](#) to sign up.

## Suicide Prevention Education Night for Parents

**Tuesday, March 19th, 6:30-8pm Shorewood Library**

As our families navigate the pressures of today's world, it's easy to lose sight of the big picture. Our children are faced with numerous stresses on a daily basis--as those stressors accumulate, the potential for suicide also increases. We want to give all parents the tools to recognize and address the warning signs of a potential crisis.

Shorecrest and Shorewood High Schools have joined other King County schools in partnering with Forefront Suicide Prevention, which is affiliated with the University of Washington. Our work with Forefront includes trainings on suicide prevention for parents and faculty, refining our crisis response plan, and expanding our curriculum on student mental health. We are very excited to have Forefront's support and to be on the leading edge of preventative care.

The biggest protective factor is the strength of our combined community. We can all be active in supporting our young people and helping them be the healthiest they can be. Our adult training is meant to equip us with an eye for prevention across the community—looking out for our own children as well as their friends, classmates, and neighbors.

Watch this video to hear what local youth are saying about suicide prevention: [King 5 News - Youth Preventing Suicide](#).

Our Shorecrest and Shorewood Parent Suicide Prevention Educator volunteers will provide the training and our high school counselors and administration will be available to talk further about where we are in our journey in our school district and high schools. Together, we will identify warning signs, practice reaching out to a struggling child, and understand how to access additional support when needed. Please join us to talk about this challenging and very important topic.

## Free Tax Preparation Help

Looking for help filing your taxes this year? United Way is offering free tax preparation services at many locations across King County now through April 18th, 2019. Check out their website at <https://www.uwkc.org/need-help/tax-help/> to find your closest location. They can offer help to any families who earned less than \$66,000 in 2018 in many languages. Just bring your Social Security cards or ITINs, Photo ID and all tax statements like your W-2s. Thank you!

## Calendar

### March

- 3/1 PTSA/Principal's coffee, 8:00 am, check in at office
- 3/5 PTSA General Membership meeting and State of the School presentation, 7:00 pm, Library
- 3/9 Booster Auction
- 3/18 Shorewood Mobile Dental Clinic
- 3/21 Shorewood Mobile Dental Clinic

### April

- 4/2 PTSA Board meeting, 7:00 pm, Career Center
- 4/4 Shorewood Mobile Dental Clinic
- 4/5 PTSA/Principal's Coffee - 8:00 am, check in at office
- 4/22–4/26 No School – Spring Break
- 4/29 Shorewood Mobile Dental Clinic
- 4/30 Shorewood Mobile Dental Clinic