

the scoop from Shorecrest PTSA | February 2012

general meeting:

January 31st

7pm, SC Library

Please come and vote in the Nominating Committee! This is a special committee formed to find candidates for next year's PTSA Board & Committee member. If you are interested in either being on this committee or being a Board Member next year, please contact Tiia Jones at volunteers@shorecrestpta.org
Thanks for your time and see you Tuesday

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We now have almost 350 members and growing! It's never too late to join the forces to improve education here in Washington and the nation. You can find forms online through the Shorecrest HS website and click on PTSA.

Did you know there are greater benefits to becoming a member?! Check out our website to find deals with these great partners:

Hertz - Up to 20% off car rentals

T-Mobile - Discounts on cellphones and accessories

OfficeMax – Exclusive savings throughout the year

Parenting – Discounted subscription rates

MetLife Auto & Home - Special savings and benefits

Sharp Electronics Corporation - See wastatepta.org for electronics discounts.

Membership is good through October 1, 2012. We welcome parents, neighbors, grandparents, students and teachers. Get to know the people that support your student ... do it today!

THANK YOU for your support.

Shorecrest PTSA Membership

EVENTS

SENIOR SPREE FUNDRAISER @ LAKE FOREST BAR & GRILL -- FEB 4

Lake Forest Park Bar & Grill is helping us raise money for Senior Spree! On, Saturday, February 4, 2012, all you need to do is have dinner at the grillhouse between 5pm and 9pm on Saturday. It's that simple! It also counts on "take out orders" as well, and 10% goes to Shorecrest PTSA Senior Spree.

UNITY FESTIVAL -- FEB 7

Celebrate Diversity! The Unity Festival is right around the corner. It will take place at Shoreline Center this year and featuring foods from around the globe. A variety of ethnic-inspired dishes are needed for this delicious event! We are expecting around 100-150 people at the Unity Festival.

To participate, please contact Sabhah Sharma at sharma_sabhah@yahoo.com -- and feel free to bring a dish your family would love to share (please bring enough for 8-10 people).

SHORECREST BOOSTERS AUCTION -- February 11

This fun-filled auction will raise funds to benefit all Shorecrest sports, clubs and activities. Join us at 5:30pm at the Shoreline Center. For more information or to register online: [click here](#). if you're interested in volunteering or donating item(s) for auction, contact Cathy Reed.

VALENTINE'S DAY CUPCAKE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED -- FEB 14

Bakers and shoppers, we need your help with our traditional Valentine's Day cupcake giveaway. We are looking for approximately 1,500 of these little gems to be distributed to students and staff on February 14. They can be dropped off in the main office conference room by the morning the 14th. We need volunteers to set up the cupcakes on tables and be available to supervise when kids get them during TAP (9:40-10:00). Contact johanna.phillips@shorelineschools.org for information. To volunteer, send an email to Tiia Jones at teacherintl@yahoo.com.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Well, we made it through the big January snow and are revising the calendar to accommodate the days that school was not in session due to weather conditions. Semester finals will be February 2 and 3, Thursday (2,4,6), and Friday (1,3,5), to allow for one more full instructional day on Wednesday before finals. The 2nd Semester will begin as previously scheduled on Monday, Feb 6.

Please note the following calendar changes to make up for lost school days:

- March 19 - full student day.
- June 4 - full student day.
- June 22 - full student day.
- June 25 - last day of school, early release day

Thanks to everyone for cooperating with our new parking arrangements resulting from the construction at our school. We appreciate your flexibility!

Best wishes,
Pat Hegarty

WISH LIST

STARBUCKS DONATIONS = CLASS WISH LISTS

Starbucks has partnered with the Bill and Melinda Gates foundation to donate thousands of dollars to local schools through the DonorsChoose website at www.DonorsChoose.org, an online charity that makes it easy for anyone to help students in need.

Shorecrest will be joining public school teachers from every corner of America posting classroom project requests on DonorsChoose.org. Microsoft is sponsoring this effort. Patrons can browse project requests and give any amount to the one that inspires you. Once a project reaches its funding goal, we deliver the materials to the school and you will get a written thank you for your donation.

For an updated Wish List, please visit: <http://shorecrestpsa.org/grants.html#wishlist>

SCHOOL CONNECTIONS

SHORECREST BOOSTERS. It's never too late to join!!

The Boosters provide support and contribute to fundraising efforts for sports, clubs and activities at Shorecrest. Go to www.sboosters.org for more information.

Buy your Grad's Spree Ticket!

Now is the time to buy your senior student's Spree ticket for the post-graduation celebration. Click here for more information.

SAT PREP COURSE

Parents, is your junior preparing to take the SAT? An SAT Prep course will be held at Shorecrest taught by experience high school teachers and is designed to decrease test anxiety and familiarize students with test directions, types of questions and test-taking strategies. Cost for the course is \$319, cost for the practice test is \$45. The practice test is recommended but not required to take the course. Students can register at www.satprep.org or see their counselor for more information.

- Test dates are 5:30 to 8:15pm, Mondays
- March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16
- Registration deadline: March 6
- Enrollments are limited!

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

TheWashBoard.org matches YOU with scholarship opportunities. It is:

- FREE with no spam or ads
- Washington focused - for Washington residents or students attending here.
- 8 out of 10 scholarship seekers would recommend theWashBoard.org to their friends.

Log-in today to make your PROFILE, get your list of MATCHES, and APPLY for scholarships. Through January 31, 2012, you can enter a contest to win \$3,000 in scholarship money! All high school seniors and current undergraduate students in the state of Washington or Washington residents who will be enrolled at least part-time at an accredited university or college are eligible. Make a 60-second video to apply ... see Washboard.org today!

LEGISLATIVE EVENTS

PTA FOCUS DAY IN OLYMPIA -- FEBRUARY 20th

Shoreline PTA Council is providing bus service to the Washington State PTA Focus Day in Olympia, Monday, February 20th. We are partnering with Northshore PTA Council and have 27 seats available. Cost is \$10 per adult, and \$5 for each child, maximum per family of \$25. The Bus usually leaves around 7:30am at the Shoreline Senior Center and returns to the Senior Center about 4pm.

To reserve seats contact Sarah-Ann Woodfield at 206-890-1056 cell or email shorelineptaleg@gmail.com. Reservations will be done on a first come, first served basis.

The Focus Day Schedule is at www.wastatepta.org/meetings/focus_day/index.html. The RALLY is on the Capitol steps is at Noon and we hope to see you there!

A WIN FOR WASHINGTON STATE SCHOOLS

In its historic ruling in January, the Washington State Supreme Court found the state is not meeting its constitutional duty to provide for the ample education of all children.

But this isn't news to us. To PTA and PTSA members, the news is that today the cuts stop.

"This is a clear win, and starting today we have a new conversation," says Novella Fraser, Washington State PTA president.

"We're not going to talk about more cuts to school kids. We're going to figure out how to pay for an instructional program that prepares all of our children for college and career."

Starting today, our top priority -- a basic education that prepares all kids for college and career -- is also the state's top priority.

To read more about the ruling and to take action, click on the two links below!

1) TAKE ACTION. Tell your legislators we need immediate and continuous progress toward ESHB 2261 (the definition) and SHB 2776 (the phase in plan).

2) THE RULING. A monumental and historic victory!!