

# the scoop

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### TUESDAY, MAY 14

7:00pm, Shorecrest Library

topic: **TEEN HEALTH**

### TUESDAY, JUNE 11

7:00pm, Shorecrest Library

**Induction of 2013-14 Officers**

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### INTRODUCING THE 2013-14 PTSA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PTSA 2013-14 officers were elected at the April 9 General Meeting. They are:

- Kendahl Adjorlolo, President (continuing)
- Tracy Etherton, Vice President
- Dana Campbell, Secretary
- Mike Curti, Treasurer (continuing)
- Legislative Representative, OPEN (*nominations taken at each General Meeting until filled*)

Our newly elected officers begin their duties officially on July 1, but are already meeting with the PTSA for planning next year's calendar and budget. We hope to have biographical information and photos to publish soon.

Thank you, to our outgoing officers, Teri Potter (Secretary) and Alfred Frates (Legislative Representative). Your knowledge, diligence and sense of humor will be missed. We will see you at school events, and will feel your presence at General Meetings and on committees. PTA is forever...

### STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK MAY 6-10: STOP BY & LET THEM KNOW YOU CARE!

ASB and PTSA are teaming up to treat our entire Shorecrest staff (139 persons!) in various ways all week. During that time we hope that parents, students and community partners will take the time to add their kudos and comments for all the time and effort each of them puts into creating and maintaining a healthy, productive environment for student learning! Teachers, administrators, custodians, para-educators—all are part of this great team!

### DRIVERS EDUCATION PANEL A SUCCESS!

Held at the April 9 General Meeting, this panel was very informative and greatly appreciated by those who attended. Driving schools that were represented were 911, Swerve and Sears, as well as two insurance providers and one local police officer. They were able to answer questions and give guidance to parents and students about options and laws regarding teen driving (and some information for older drivers, too!).

### STAY STRONG FOR THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!

This is the time of year when our students have the most trouble staying on track as weather gets nicer and days get longer. It is our time as parents to find ways to GENTLY encourage them to get to bed on time and continue to apply themselves to their academics so they can finish strong!

**Kendahl Adjorlolo**  
*Shorecrest PTSA President*

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# principal's letter

Dear Families of the Class of 2014:

As you know, earlier this year the Shoreline School Board adopted the parameters of the new Senior Culminating Project for both Shorecrest and Shorewood.

Shorecrest and Shorewood have previously had different culminating experiences — Shorecrest's senior project and Shorewood's culminating exhibition. Since the new unified District high school graduation requirements were adopted in December 2011, there has been consensus to create one uniform experience at both schools.

I am glad to now share with you the final details on the new Senior Culminating Project, and also our plans for rolling it out, beginning with next year's seniors, the class of 2014. This will replace the traditional senior project requirement at Shorecrest.

The Senior Culminating Project pulls together work that our students have already been doing in college and career readiness activities throughout their years at SC, and adding, in the senior year, the creation of a completed college, technology or trade school, internship, missionary, military, or employment application.

In addition to the actual application paperwork for any given post-high school plan, students will also be required to show evidence of all the typical supporting documentation that goes into making a full application to college and career opportunities. These generally include the following:

- required tests (for students applying to 2-4 year college or military)
- required writing samples (personal essay for college applications, cover letters for job or internship applications)
- letters of recommendation (for colleges or employers who require them).

We will also expect students to demonstrate that they have engaged in post-high school financial planning. We assure you that we will not be requiring students to share family financial records; we simply will ask students to show evidence of completion of their planning, not to share any documents containing personal details.

This evidence will be housed as part of an application portfolio in the online program Naviance, as will all the separate elements of the Senior Culminating Project application requirement. Your student will receive their introduction to [Naviance](#) in their classes after spring break. Parents should have received Naviance access information last Fall, both in an email and in a letter that included Dashboard and Family Access information. If you do not have this information, you can contact Erika Spellman as noted below.

In addition, we invite you to join us at the The Sophomore/Junior College Planning night on May 16, 6:30-8:00 in the SC library; one of our breakout sessions includes a preview of college application elements in Naviance.

In order to support and monitor student progress over the course of the year, each teacher will be assigned a small group of seniors for whom they will act as a resource in order meet standard and verify that each component is completed. Our College and Career Readiness Coordinator will assign staff and seniors, and she will also direct the scope and sequence of the program. All components of the Senior Culminating Project will be due by May 1 each year, with final verification to be completed by the College and Career Readiness Coordinator and our counselors.

We are excited to begin this new version of the Senior Culminating Project requirement. If you have any additional questions, please contact Erika Spellman, [\*\*erika.spellman@shorelineschools.org\*\*](mailto:erika.spellman@shorelineschools.org) or Jill Brown, [\*\*jill.brown@shorelineschools.org\*\*](mailto:jill.brown@shorelineschools.org) at Shorecrest (206 393 4286).

Sincerely, **Pat Hegarty, Principal**

## STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK IS MAY 6-10

Shorecrest ASB and PTSA are sponsoring Staff Appreciation Week. Stop by and let the fabulous Shorecrest staff know how much you appreciate them!

## PTSA HOSTS ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS RECEPTION

Preceding the Shorecrest Academic Achievement Awards, PTSA will host a reception honoring recipients and their families. Volunteers are needed to help set up and clean up, attend dessert tables, provide decorations (balloons, flowers, etc.), bake finger desserts and donate beverages for a punch mix (7-Up/Sprite, fruit juices, etc.). If you can help out, please sign up on [VolunteerSpot](#).

## SENIOR SPREE IS COMING UP QUICKLY!

Senior Parents! Remember to sign up your son/daughter for their final event with their class, Senior Spree. It is a fun, chaperoned, tightly-monitored event on graduation night. Once the students board the bus for an exciting evening, they are not able to leave until the conclusion the following morning. Senior Spree offers a drug-free, alcohol-free and safe environment. It also gives our seniors a final opportunity to socialize and have a great time with their classmates. Dinner is provided, as well as food and snacks all night, culminating with breakfast in the morning. Entertainment, carnival games, casino, inflatables and many, many more surprises are all included. Please click on this link to the site for info and to download the registration form: [www.shorecrestptsa.org/spree.html](http://www.shorecrestptsa.org/spree.html).



## 2013 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Shorecrest PTSA announced its 2013 Award winners at the April 9 meeting. As part of the program, donations are made to the Washington State PTA scholarship fund in the name of each of these recipients. They were celebrated at a special dinner April 17 at the Shoreline Center.

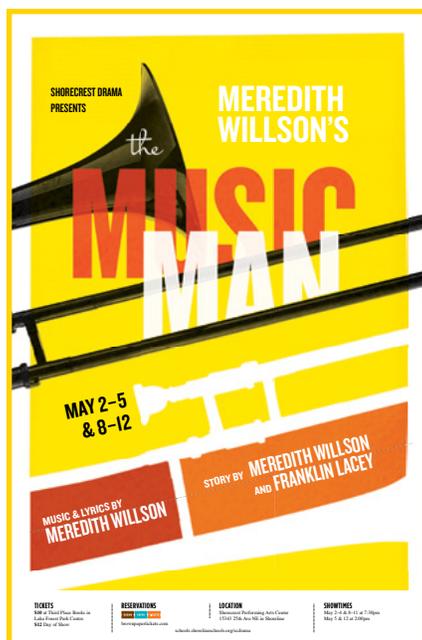
**Outstanding Educator: Stephanie Rietman.** Stephanie has been with Shorecrest for 5 years and teaches various math courses. For the last 3 years, she has been co-department chair. She is also advisor for the class of 2015. She is well-respected by her students, “makes class fun and engaging and is fair with her grading.” A staff member said, “Stephanie is a very hardworking teacher... at the end of my day (4:30-5:00), I almost always see Stephanie’s car in the very empty parking lot.” Congratulations, Stephanie! We greatly appreciate your love for both math and our students. You represent so many wonderful teachers at Shorecrest.

**Golden Acorn: Tiffany Bengston.** Tiffany has served her PTSA at North City and Ridgecrest Elementary Schools, and at Shorecrest. She has brought so much energy, encouragement, and improvement in communication between staff, volunteers and PTSA members. She organized a wonderful Back to School BBQ this fall. She was instrumental in bringing us Starbucks grant money so that PTSA can enrich the classroom experience. Congratulations, Tiffany, and thank you for your time and talents to make the high school experience that much better for the kids at Shorecrest!

## NEW SHORECREST TEACHER WISH LIST

Teacher wishes are organized in two categories: 1) requests for supplies, and 2) requests for services. Our dedicated teachers have expressed some needs to enhance and enrich our students learning. Please take a moment to see if you can fulfill any of these requests. [Please visit the Wish List by clicking here.](#)

# events



## SHORECREST DRAMA PRESENTS THE MUSIC MAN!

Thursday – Saturday, May 2-4 @ 7:30pm

Wednesday – Saturday, May 8-11 @ 7:30pm

Sundays, May 5 & 12 @ 2:00 pm

Shorecrest Performing Arts Center

Join Shorecrest Drama in the newly remodeled Shorecrest Performing Arts Center for “The Music Man”, opening Thursday, May 2. Con man Harold Hill travels to the small town of River City, Iowa to earn his fortune. He decides to convince the town that they need a boys’ band and then plans to run away once the boys have paid for instruments and uniforms. He even claims to be a professor of music. His scheme is moving along perfectly until Harold falls in love with the town piano teacher, Marian. Tickets are available for \$10 in advance at Ms. Denney’s window or Third Place Books; \$12 day of show. Choose your own seats online at Brown Paper Tickets [brownpapertickets.com/event/362711](http://brownpapertickets.com/event/362711). For more information, see the drama website at [schools.shorelineschools.org/scdrama/](http://schools.shorelineschools.org/scdrama/).



## 2ND ANNUAL STAND UP COMEDY BENEFIT

Sunday, May 5, 7:00pm, Shorecrest Performing Arts Center

Tickets are available at the door for \$10 each.

Benefitting Shorecrest Track & Field, the show stars three top international touring headliners in the country! Donating their time will be:

- **Kermet Apio**, a past winner of the Great American Laff Off, Kermet tours with Brian Regan and has appeared on Comedy Central;
- **David Crowe** starred in his own SHOWTIME special and has appeared on Comedy Central, as well;
- **Brad Upton**, a past winner of the Las Vegas Comedy Festival, Brad tours with the legendary Johnny Mathis and Joan Rivers. He just returned from club dates in Singapore and Hong Kong.



## BACK-TO-SCHOOL EVENT

Saturday, August 24, 12:30-4:00pm, North City Elementary School (816 NE 190th St)

Registration: May 13 through August 16. Sign up before June 21 and get a surprise gift at the event! There are many ways to register:

- Online at [www.btsconsortium.org](http://www.btsconsortium.org)
- Mail in Registration Form
- Call 206-393-4916, Ext. 6—BTS Info Line. Leave a message and someone will return your call to register you
- Contact the School Nurse or Family Advocate

The August Back-To-School Event provides school supplies, haircuts and clothing assistance for families who are living with a low income and/or experiencing circumstances in their life that make it challenging to prepare their children for going back to school.

# school connections

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

To help families stay on top of the many activities and schedules at Shorecrest, a general school calendar is accessible [here](#).

## SPORTS CALENDAR

[Click here for Shorecrest Spring Sports schedules](#) including golf, track, baseball, softball, boys soccer & girls tennis.

## GETTING READY FOR PROM?

On Wednesdays, Prom Shop is open at The Works! Come check out our great selection of formal/semi-formal wear, shoes, jewelry, and accessories for guys and girls. The WORKS is open to Shoreline School District families Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 PM. Identification is required and can be a Washington State Driver's License or ID, or Shoreline School ID. The WORKS Prom Shop is located in the south portable at North City Elementary, 810 NE 190th Street, Shoreline.

## HELP NEEDED AT THE WORKS!

Shorecrest's next work day at The Works is Monday, May 15. Many volunteers are needed. Please contact Mary Mehlert or Jane Shea at [familysvc-1@shorecrestpta.org](mailto:familysvc-1@shorecrestpta.org).

## HOST A GERMAN STUDENT NEXT YEAR

Shorecrest will be hosting 20 high school students from Germany for two weeks spanning October 18-November 1, 2013. All German students speak English. Twenty families are needed as host families. It is ideal to match students with families before the current school year is over. That way, students can connect to their host families by either email or Facebook, getting to know each other before next fall! Questions? Please contact Vince Santo Pietro at [vince.santo.pietro@shoreschools.org](mailto:vince.santo.pietro@shoreschools.org).

# counselors corner

## A.P. TESTING NEXT WEEK

Students, check your email the day before your exam. Counselor Wendy Friedman will be sending reminders and room assignments. All exams are at the Shoreline Center. **Important: Do not bring any electronics to the testing room.** You can bring water and a snack for the break, and a calculator for Calculus and Physics tests. Bring photo ID, two sharp #2 pencils and two blue or black pens. Here are the dates and times:

Date	Date	7:30am	11:30am
Monday	May 6	Environmental Science	Psychology
Tuesday	May 7	Spanish	
Wednesday	May 8	Calc AB	
Thursday	May 9	English Literature (APE 12)	
Friday	May 10	English Language (APE 11)	Stats
Monday	May 13		Physics
Tuesday	May 14		French
Wednesday	May 15	US History	European History*

*\* you will take the bus from SC to Shoreline Center and back to SC after testing)*

This summer, you will receive an email from the College Board about your scores. You need an account to login to see your scores. If you've taken the SAT, you likely have an account. If not, or to check, click here: [www.collegeboard.org/ap-scores.html](http://www.collegeboard.org/ap-scores.html) to set an account up. You'll need the AP number on the labels that you have or your student ID number (which is your Data Dashboard number).

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## counselors corner continued...

### COLLEGE PLANNING NIGHT

**Thursday, May 16, 6:30pm, Shorecrest Library.** Mark your calendars for our upcoming sophomore/junior planning night. Hear from selected current senior parent and student pairs as they reflect on their college search and application process. Breakout sessions to include topics such as the Common Application for private colleges, an overview of financial aid, and a preview of college application elements in Naviance.

### INTERESTED IN RUNNING START?

If you are a sophomore or junior interested in Running Start, please [click here](#) to visit the links section of the Counseling Department's website, then click on "Running Start Presentation" for an overview of the program

### NAVIANCE

This new Career and College Readiness Tool helps students, parents, and school staff collaborate on career and college planning, including streamlining the college-application process. The Naviance page can be reached through [the Clan Connection link](#) on Shorecrest's home page.

- To see the many features of Naviance, check out a [tutorial](#).
- Log in to [Naviance Family Connection](#). (Students, just enter your data dashboard login and password. Naviance is case-sensitive, so capitalize the first letter of your last name).
- Scholarship Listings. Click on "Colleges" to use the scholarship match tools and view the scholarship lists. Special thanks to parent volunteer Angelica Hernandez-Cordero for her work on our scholarship list!
- Transcript Requests. Seniors and their parents can order transcripts through Naviance. In most cases, transcripts will be uploaded and sent electronically, but there may be some instances that transcripts will need to be sent via mail. Your student will need to provide a business size envelope with the college address and Shorecrest's return address, along with one 45¢ stamp. Bring envelopes to Jocelyn Hudson in the counseling office and she will mail it. If you have any questions, contact **Ms. Hudson** @ 206-393-4296.

### JUNIOR SAT/ACT

Is your student a junior? Planning to go directly to a four-year college? If so, s/he should register to take the SAT or the ACT this spring. Register for tests at:

**SAT:** [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)    **ACT:** [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

If your student qualifies for free or reduced lunch, they can see their counselor for a fee waiver.

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## volunteer for PTSA

### VOLUNTEER FOR PTSA

To become a volunteer with Shorecrest PTSA, please fill out our [online volunteer form](#). Many committee positions are available. Or, if you are creative with cupcakes, super at salads, or have an open space in your schedule, sign up for baking cupcakes for Valentine's Day, providing a salad for staff appreciation, or chaperoning a dance, just to name a few. [To volunteer for an upcoming event, please click here.](#)

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# legislation update

Alfred Frates

Shorecrest PTSA Legislation Liaison

**Guess what? The legislature ended the session without a budget (again) and more importantly, without agreeing on how much money to spend on education.** Unlike our federal representatives who made a big deal of our 2nd Amendment Constitutional rights in the gun control issue, our state representatives seem to be dropping the ball on our Educational Washington State Constitutional Rights. Please read the April 25th WSPTA Grassroots for a good summary of where we stand: [wsptagrassroots.blogspot.com/2013/04/house-plan-implements-basic-education.html](http://wsptagrassroots.blogspot.com/2013/04/house-plan-implements-basic-education.html). And please contact your legislatures to let them know how you feel.

*Read further for comments from Ramona Hattendorf, Government Relations Coordinator of Washington State PTA: **No deal for kids. Talk shifts to adult needs. Next session starts May 13** In a legislative session that was "all about McCleary" and living up to promises made four years ago to expand and fund basic education, the state legislature ended its 2013 general session Sunday night without a budget and without agreeing on key K-12 issues – such as how much money to put into the program of basic education. The divide isn't just about money for the next two years, or even overall funding levels. The divide is about how much money moves into the "protected" realm of basic education. And the question for Washington State PTA is just how much of a long-term commitment will the legislature make to a million-plus public school children?*

**[Take Action: Commit to kids; stop delaying on basic education »](#) [Read more »](#)**

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# featured staff article

By Steve Hirsch PhD, NCSP ~

Shorecrest School Psychologist

## You Need to Get Good Grades to Graduate, Go to College and Get a Good Job!

Spring brings rain, new growth, and 'Senior-itis'. For many, 'Senior-itis'—the lack of desire to focus on schoolwork—comes early, around sophomore or junior year.

Parents—often because of personal experience and maturity—understand the value of an education. There are parents...

- who did not complete their education when younger and are now returning to school. They try to communicate to their teenager the frustration that accompanies not completing an education.
- who are new to this country and see education as the door to opportunities that they never had. They try to communicate that optimism to their teenager.
- who are very 'education-oriented' and have completed pretty impressive levels of education. They try to communicate that value they have to their teenager.
- who try desperately to communicate the exasperation that comes with not reaching their potential because they never saw school as essential and they don't want their child to feel the same way. The children are to learn from their mistakes.

Despite all those well-intentioned efforts, the teenager just doesn't seem to 'get it'. Transferring your values—no matter what the situation, culture or environment—is no easy task when a teenager is involved. From what I've seen here at Shorecrest, it's a dilemma that knows no geographic or cultural bounds. Parents of every culture have spoken to me of this problem. Why don't they get it? Why don't they see that education equals opportunity equals career, and that it shouldn't be wasted? Teenagers are locked into the here and now. Discussing future benefits of current activity has little hope of success. If your focus is today, tomorrow is too distant to pay much attention to.

So, what do you focus on when you talk to your teenager? Focus on the here and now: "I bet it felt pretty good when you got that 'A!'" Avoid asking them if it felt good, because they will probably play it cool and not seem excited, when inside they might be doing cartwheels!