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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, September 17

7:00pm
Shorecrest Library

Tuesday, October 8

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Shorecrest Library

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HELLO, SHORECREST! AND WELCOME, FROM YOUR PTSA!

Summer break has been a time to change schedules, relax, and get a fresh perspective on life. Coming back to school is time to set goals and start the year with a clean slate and high hopes. Recently, your Shorecrest PTSA set these goals:

1. To promote our membership's understanding of legislative issues and PTSA's role. Translation: Your voice matters and can be heard by joining PTSA!

2. Get the vote out for the 2014 school Levy. Translation: 2014 is normally a year when Shoreline votes to renew our school levy—a tax which pays for more than 25% of our school budget. PTSA's job is to encourage you to register to vote, and send in your ballot when the time comes!

3. Increase membership to at least 60% of our staff and a total of 400 general members. Translation: PTSA is YOU joining together to help your kids in health, education, safety, and general welfare! Sign up to join or renew your PTSA membership at shorecrestptsa.org (check, cash or pay online).

The plan is to only have three General Business Meetings this year so we can use the rest of our schedule to learn more about our kids' world, and how we can better understand and support them. Please check your school calendar so you don't miss out on our special speakers for Reflections, legislative issues, driver's education, student health advocacy, and so much more!

Our first meeting is Tuesday, September 17 at 7:00 pm in the Shorecrest Library. We will be electing our Nominating Committee so that they have the whole year to seek out the best candidates for PTSA officers. It also is a "Meet & Greet" for you to get to know your PTSA Board—and for us to get to know YOU! Bring your ideas and speak up!

I was happy to meet so many of Shorecrest's incoming freshmen and their families at our Back-to-School BBQ on Thursday, August 29! A big SHOUT OUT to our volunteers: Laura James and her mother, Linda, Jorien Smythe, Eric Muilenberg, Melissa Degginger, Shorecrest junior Sammy Hehn, and Dana Campbell, a new parent to Shorecrest. We could not have done it without you!

I'm looking forward to seeing you at various events this year: football games, Homecoming assembly, School Board meetings, and especially at our monthly PTSA events.

~ **Kendahl Adjorlolo**, President, Shorecrest High School PTSA

ptsa news

NEXT PTSA GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, September 17, 2013, Shorecrest Library, 7:00-8:00pm. We would like to elect our PTSA nominating committee at this meeting, and we need your suggestions of qualifying candidates. These candidates must:

- Be a member of a PTA. Kellogg counts, AND last year's membership continues until October 31, 2013, so there is time to renew.
- Cannot have been on the nominating committee last year.
- Cannot currently be president or principal at the same school as this PTA.

Talk to likely candidates. We need the names of 3 to 5 willing folks by September 17! Also, enjoy a Meet & Greet time with the 2013-2014 officers:

President: Kendahl Adjorlolo (continuing)

Vice President: Tracy Etherton

Secretary: Dana Campbell

Treasurer: Mike Curti (continuing)

Legislative: Kirsten Vogel



DINE OUT TO SUPPORT SHORECREST SENIOR SPREE

Saturday, September 7, 2013, 11:00am-6:00pm, Jersey's Great Food & Spirits
1306 N 175th St, Shoreline (between N Ashworth Ave & N Midvale Ave). 206-546-4054
Senior Spree is an all-night drug and alcohol-free graduation celebration sponsored by the Shorecrest PTSA and Grad Nights. It takes place right after graduation. On September 7, Jersey's Great Food & Spirits is supporting the Class of 2014 by donating 10% of all sales to Shorecrest Spree! Dine in or take out at Jersey's and you will help cover the costs of this overnight last hurrah for the graduating class, while also providing fee assistance for those who need it.

CORKS 'N CANVAS GIRLS NIGHT OUT

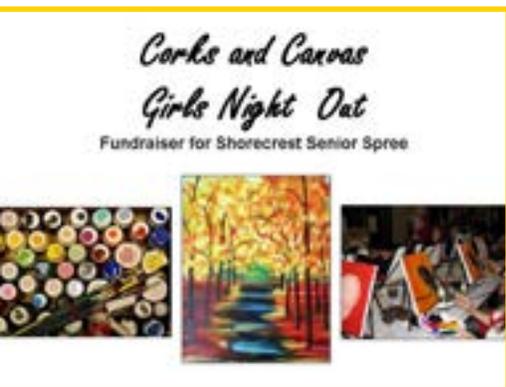
Tuesday, October 15, 2013, 6:00-9:00pm, Vessel Wines 9405 144th Ave NE, Woodinville.

Let your inner Van Gogh out in the FUN-draiser to support Shorecrest's Class of 2014 Senior Spree. Enjoy sipping amazing Washington wines while painting your very own masterpiece! Tickets are \$50 per person, which includes canvas, painting supplies, instruction and your first glass of fabulous wine for inspiration. Signing up is easy via PayPal at www.shorecrestptsa.org/paint. Questions? Contact Laura Brewer at laurab@playvisions.com or 206-364-5772. Space is limited, so sign up for your spot at the easel by Friday, October 11!

2013-14 REFLECTIONS THEME IS: "BELIEVE, DREAM, INSPIRE."

Deadline: Saturday, November 2, 2013. What do you think of when you read this? What do you see? What creative way could you choose to express this theme? Film? Music composition? Photography? Fine arts? Dance? There is even a Special Artist Division for the first time this year! The Reflections Program is a National PTA and Washington State PTA cultural arts competition. The purpose of this program is to provide an opportunity for students to use their creative talents by expressing themselves through their own original works. A student may submit an entry in any of six arts areas. Only original works of art are accepted.

Who can participate? Any Shorecrest student may submit an entry in any of six arts areas. Entries are judged on creative ability and interpretation of the theme. Only original works of art are accepted. The six art areas are detailed below.



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How do I submit an entry? Simply create your entry at home or at school, and deliver it to the Shorecrest office by the due date in November, along with an official completed entry form. Note that the entry form requires a parent AND student signature! Make sure that your submission follows the specific rules and guidelines for the category. PTSA will return the submissions to the student, with the exception of some Literature entries. Entry Forms and Rules sheets are available from the office, Shorecrest PTSA website, and from the Washington State PTA website [click here](#).

Category Information: Make sure to check the Rules Sheet for each category so that your entry complies and will not be disqualified.

- **Literature** -- works of fiction, nonfiction, poetry, prose, drama, short stories and lyrics.
- **Music Composition** -- original musical composition, with or without words.
- **Photography** -- prints up to 11 x 14 inches in color or black and white, including techniques: photogram, retouched, montage, sandwich and multiple exposure.
- **Visual Arts** -- drawing, painting in tempera, oil, acrylic, watercolor & t-shirt paints, computer generated art, two-dimensional collage, printmaking, needlework & leather tooling.
- **Film/Video** -- original works, with or without sound, of animation, narrative, documentary, experimental or music video/film.
- **Choreography/Dance** -- originally choreographed dance composition.

Participation in Reflections is organized by student age and grade levels. Student works are critiqued against others in the same grade division. This allows recognition and judging of artworks by appropriate developmental age and skill levels. The grade divisions are:

- Primary -- Preschool - Grade 2
- Intermediate -- Grades 3 - 5
- Middle/Junior -- Grades 6 - 8
- Senior -- Grades 9 - 12

Entries are judged on creative ability and interpretation of the theme. The Reflections Program is structured for PTSAs to recognize students at the local, council, state, and national levels. Entries are first judged at the local level and selected works are chosen to represent the PTA at each subsequent level. If a PTA is a member of a council, they will send the chosen entries to the council program according to the guidelines established by their council. If a PTA is not a member of a council, they will submit their entries directly to Washington State PTA. Once entries reach the state level, the state PTA may select up to four entries in each of the six arts areas (a total of 24) to submit to the National PTA. National first, second, and third place, and honorable mention entries are recognized at the National PTA Annual Convention. Entry forms for the 2013-2014 Reflections program will be available by the start of the school year.

AN EXTREME MAKEOVER

The Shorecrest PTSA has a new website! Our goal is to make sure you get information quickly and easily when you visit the site. Please visit www.shorecrestptsa.org and let us know what you think. We will continue to make enhancements to meet your needs. Go Scots!



events



HOMECOMING ASSEMBLY & FOOTBALL GAME

Friday, September 27, 2013, 8:30-10:40am, Shorecrest Gymnasium. Parents and families are invited to attend "Shorecrest 2013: Heroes' Homecoming".

Friday, September 27, 2013 7:00pm, Shoreline Stadium. Shorecrest Highlanders v. Meadowdale Mavericks. Everyone's welcome! Families and alumni—show your Scot pride!

A SHORECREST TRADITION FOR SENIORS

Sunday, June 15-16, 2014, Senior Spree, 9:00pm-6:00am. It's the last gathering of the Class of 2014—an evening of laughter, tears and lasting memories. A chance to have fun at a drug- and alcohol-free party before the graduates go their separate ways forever. Sign up for Senior Spree BEFORE SEPTEMBER 27, 2013 for the best ticket price of \$139. September 28 - June 1, 2014, ticket prices will be \$169*. Check out all the details at www.shorecrestptsa.org/spree to download forms and sign up your Senior, OR pick up a form from the main office. Please contact Laura Brewer at laurab@playvisions.com or 206-364-5772 with any questions. Sponsored by the Shorecrest PTSA and GRAD NIGHTS. * *Payment plan and financial aid are available.*

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who provided a salad or dessert for the Staff Luncheon on Tuesday, September 3. Please remember to pick up your dishes!

legislation update

LEGISLATION

What education issues do YOU want the Washington State PTA to focus on in 2014? Next month, PTSA representatives from Shorecrest will cast their votes to help decide the 2014 legislative priorities for the Washington State PTA. Please take a few minutes to let our representatives know which issues are most important to our community.

What would you like to change about our education system here in Washington? This year's short survey includes proposals that would adjust the WSPTA's current 2-year platform. Survey topics include: background checks on gun purchases, special education services, highly capable funding and English language learners. At the end of the main survey is an optional "Emerging Issues Advocacy Themes" survey. This portion covers a much wider range of topics and will help guide advocacy efforts and future PTA platforms.

Please [click here](#) for a short survey and follow the link to "WSPTA 2013 Issues Online Survey". Questions? Contact Kirsten Vogel, Shorecrest's Legislative Representative, at legislation-2@shorecrestptsa.org.

volunteer for PTSA

The Shorecrest PTSA is helping make this a fun and exciting year by supporting Shorecrest's ASB with their events. Many committee positions are still available and need to be filled. 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 visit www.volunteerspot.com. Some upcoming opportunities are:

Monday, September 9, Picture Day, Shorecrest Auxiliary Gym: 3 shifts available with 6 volunteers needed each shift: 7:30-9:45am; 9:45-11:55am; 11:45am-2:30pm.

Monday, September 23, Picture Make Up Day, Shorecrest SAC: 2 shifts available with 1-2 volunteers needed each shift: 8:00-10:30am; 10:30am-1:00pm. Bring a book, just in case it's slow.

Saturday, September 28, Homecoming Dance, Shorecrest Gym:

Desserts—We need many baked goodies. Drop off either before 3:00pm Friday 9/27 (Main office) or after 7:00pm

Coat Check—2 shifts available with 6-8 volunteers needed per shift: 8:45-10:30pm and 10:30-12:15am.

Dessert Buffet Attendants—2 shifts available with 3 volunteers needed per shift: 8:45-10:30pm and 10:30-12:15am

Monday, October 14, Picture Re-takes, Shorecrest SAC: 2 shifts available with 2 volunteers needed each shift: 8:00-10:30am and 10:30am-1:00pm. Bring a book, just in case it's slow.

To sign up for volunteering, follow these three easy steps:

- 1) Click on our page on [VolunteerSpot](#)
- 2) Enter your email address. You won't need to register an account on VolunteerSpot*
- 3) Sign up for events. You'll receive an automated confirmation and event reminders. Easy!

** VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact Tiffany Bengston, Shorecrest's Volunteer Coordinator, at ptatiff@yahoo.com.*

school connections

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. Many of us have pluralities we can easily share and grant a wish. It is also a great way to lighten your load and, in turn, contribute in a meaningful way. Please visit the Wish List at shorecrestptsa.org/get-involved/teacher-wishlist.

SHORECREST WEBSITE REDESIGN

You may have noticed a new design to Shorecrest's webpage. Hopefully, you will find it user friendly. Save the following pages as useful bookmarks:

[ABC schedule](#)

[Data Dashboard](#)

[Family Access \(for links to grades, attendance, accounts\)](#)

[College and Career Readiness](#)

[SC Community Calendar](#)

counselors corner

WELCOME BACK!

The Shorecrest Counseling Team is back in full swing. The 2013-2014 school year is off to a great start with continued changes to our buildings, as well as our team. Welcome, Mrs. Monson! Suzanne Monson is new to Shorecrest's Career and College Readiness Center, and is full time starting this fall. She's coordinating Naviance and Community Service programs in the College and Career Readiness Center in the counseling department. She can answer questions about the new Senior Culminating Project beginning this year. Suzanne is also the parent of three wonderful Shorecrest grads, so she brings a wealth of both professional and personal experience to our school.

WHO IS MY COUNSELOR?

We are looking forward to working with all Shorecrest students and families in the coming year.

A - Gre	Jill Brown
Gri - M	Molly Forry
N - Riz	Jenny Breed
Ro - Z	Wendy Friedman
AVID Program (9 & 10)	Wendy Friedman
AVID Program (11 & 12)	Jenny Breed

COLLEGE PERSONAL STATEMENT PANEL

Wednesday, September 18, 2013, Shorecrest Library, 6:00-7:00 pm. Attention, Seniors and Parents: Learn about the admission essay from college admissions reps from UW, Seattle University, Pacific Lutheran University and Western Washington University. College admissions reps will share tips for writing a personal statement, and critique a packet of sample essays. Registration forms are available in the Counseling Department. The cost of this AVID fundraiser is \$15, to be paid to Mrs. Denney in the main office. See your counselor for fee assistance, if needed. You may also pay at the door. Parents and students are encouraged to attend together!

Wednesday, October 23 or Monday, November 18, 2013, 3:30-5:30pm. Seniors may bring in a draft of one or more personal statements for college applications. Two adult readers will give comments on strengths and suggestions for improvement. Readers will include college admissions faculty, Shorecrest staff, and adults from various professions. Registration by October 16th is required for the readings. The cost of this AVID Fundraiser is \$15. Submit registration and payment to Mrs. Denney in the main office. See your counselor for fee assistance.

OPEN HOUSE PRE-SESSION ON COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

Thursday, October 10, 2013, Shorecrest, 7:00pm. Seniors and parents—The counselors will host a presentation that covers the school-based aspects of the college application process. Teachers and counselors all deal with letters of recommendation, school report forms and transcripts through Naviance. This presentation will cover information seniors heard in the September senior meeting and will help parents and students have a shared understanding.

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PSAT

Wednesday, October 16, 2013, Shorecrest. Many Shorecrest students will be taking the Preliminary SAT (PSAT) at Shorecrest High School. We will follow an altered testing schedule that day that is posted on iCal. The PSAT is a standardized test that provides early practice for the SAT and measures critical reading skills, math problem-solving skills and writing skills.

Sophomores: All sophomores will take the PSAT free of charge, courtesy of a district-wide initiative. The PSAT provides testing practice, helps to reveal potential that sophomores have for taking rigorous college prep coursework, and provides feedback on areas that could most benefit from additional study or practice. Sophomores will be automatically signed up for this test. Room assignments will be posted the week of the test. You will receive a practice booklet in your English class.

Juniors: We strongly encourage ALL juniors to register for the PSAT. The fall of the junior year is the traditional time to take the PSAT in preparation for a spring SAT testing date of your choice. If there is any chance your student will be applying to four-year colleges, he or she should sign up to take the PSAT. For juniors, the PSAT is the qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship. Because we are providing the test on a weekday (only), we strongly encourage juniors and their parents to consider this test a priority. **For juniors, the PSAT cost is \$14, payable to Shorecrest High School in the front office at Mrs. Denney's window from Tuesday, October 1st to Thursday, October 10th.** Limited fee waivers are available through the counseling office. Students will receive a practice booklet at the time of registration. Room assignments will be posted the week of the test.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Seniors interested in applying for scholarships to help pay for college can begin browsing the Naviance scholarship listings. The listings are in the process of being updated, but if you find a scholarship of interest in Naviance, you can search the Web for the new deadline for the 2013-14 school year.

community news

SPORTS

[Click here to view Shorecrest sports schedules.](#) Please join us in rooting for the Highlanders at our fall sports events. The football games are always a blast and an opportunity to see the new Otis mascot outfit and the marching band, cheer squad, and flag team perform. All of our fall sports teams have thrilling competitions throughout the season and would love your support. Please put Homecoming (football versus Mountlake Terrace Oct. 12) on your calendars, we need the whole Shorecrest community there!