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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, October 8

CANCELLED in lieu of Open House
on the 10th

Tuesday, November 12

7:00pm
Shorecrest Library

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BOO!

I find it a bit scary that October is already here! As much as we try to be on top of it all—jobs, volunteering, sports, music, social activities—keeping up with home life can make us breathless and even a little panicky. My advice is to **TAKE IT EASY**. We made it through the first month, and we'll make it through the rest of the year, too, as long as we do it **TOGETHER!** Parents, teachers and students together working in community, sharing the load and giving each other a hand. That's what community service is all about, and that's what PTSA is all about—for the good of **ALL OUR KIDS!** Volunteer! We communicate with you each month, plan times when we can meet and share the load. Look at the [PTSA calendar](#) and note the dates of our events for the year. In that way, you can join us each month to share information, interests, concerns, hopes, ideas— and a little time together!

This month's community time is the **OPEN HOUSE** on **Thursday, October 10, 7:00-9:00pm**. PTSA has put aside our regular meeting time in order to save you time to come see what Shorecrest has planned for our students this year. You will meet your scBooster and Shorecrest PTSA leaders, your teachers and administrators. You will learn about your student's class schedule and expectations. It's an exhilarating time, and worth attending! Stop by the PTSA table to introduce yourself or to say hello, and to join PTSA, if you haven't already. Your membership gives us a voice in advocacy for our children. And the more voices we have, the more we are heard on education funding, juvenile justice, healthcare, safety, and the overall welfare of our kids.

Two things for you to do this month:

- Fill Out The Legislative Issues Survey. Our three Legislative Delegates need to know how you feel so they can represent your views at the Washington State PTA (WSPTA) Legislative Assembly on October 18 and 19; and
- Contribute To "Pass-The-Hat". Our one fundraising event each year to support PTSA. This opportunity not only offsets the minimal administrative costs of PTSA, but gives PTSA the funds needed to fulfill grants requested by our staff for classroom needs. The larger our funding, the more grants we can give! Last year, over \$7,500 was granted to our school for various field trips, events, equipment and programs. All of it thanks to you! At Open House, look for the folks with the hats (on head and in hand) taking up collections.

Also, we are working hard to meet our goals this year.

- 1) Increase PTSA Membership to 60% of Staff: Be on the lookout for Gold Stars to show the number of staff members who have already joined PTSA! Already, 40 have joined, which is ten more than last year! Way to go, Shorecrest educators!
- 2) Increase Membership to 400: We have over 200 now. Halfway there and the school year just begun!
- 3) Keep You Abreast of Advocacy Efforts: Information is in this issue of the SCOOP on a community forum to attend on Tuesday, October 8, as well as the Legislative Issues Survey. Levy election information will be coming to you in future editions, so READ ON, SHORECREST!

Have a happy and safe Autumn. However you choose to celebrate the changing of the seasons, breathe deep, smile and know you are not alone..

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

NEXT PTSA GENERAL MEETING

The October General PTSA meeting is cancelled in lieu of the Shorecrest Open House on October 10. This is an exciting night to explore the school, meet your student's teachers and experience Highlander pride. We'll see you in November!

Tuesday, November 12, 2013, Shorecrest Library, 7:00-8:30pm. 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 November 12th!

THREE WAYS TO SUPPORT SPREE

Senior Spree is an all-night drug and alcohol-free graduation celebration sponsored by the Shorecrest PTSA and Grad Nights. It takes place after graduation ceremonies. You can help cover the costs of this overnight last hurrah for the graduating class, while also providing fee assistance for those who need it. Join in these fun events:

MENCHIE'S FROZEN YOGURT: A YUMMY WAY TO SHOW YOUR SPIRIT!

Fridays, October 4, 11 & 25, 9:00-11:00pm, Menchie's Frozen Yogurt 18336 Aurora Avenue N, 206-629-4495.

After Shorecrest's home football games, score a winning point at Menchie's Frozen Yogurt! Many flavors of frozen yogurt to choose from, with a huge selection of toppings, too! Show your team spirit, wear your game gear and tell Menchie's you're from Shorecrest! It's a testy way for 20% of Shorecrest sales to support Class of 2014 Senior Spree!

JERSEY'S GREAT FOOD & SPIRITS: DINE OUT ON FABULOUS FOOD!

Saturdays, October 5 & November 2, 2013, 11:00am-6:00pm, Jersey's Great Food & Spirits 1306 N 175th Street, Shoreline [between N Ashworth Ave & N Midvale Ave], 206-546-4054.

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.

CORKS 'N CANVAS NIGHT OUT: PAINT AND SIP THE NIGHT AWAY!

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

Let your inner Van Gogh out! 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!

PTSA WEBSITE NOW TRANSLATED INTO MANY LANGUAGES

It is important to the Shorecrest PTSA Board to make sure all information the PTSA provides is accessible to all Shorecrest families. Through this effort, the Shorecrest PTSA website can now be translated in many languages. Please visit www.shorecrestptsa.org and click on "Translate" on the top right-hand corner of the page. After you choose the language from the selection, click "Translate" again.



Corks and Canvas
Girls Night Out

Fundraiser for Shorecrest Senior Spree



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

Deadline: Wednesday, October 30, 2013. A student may submit an entry in any of six arts areas. Only original works of art are accepted. The six art areas are.

- **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.

STAFF THE WORKS, THE SHORELINE COUNCIL PTA CLOTHING ROOM

Shorecrest is assigned two Wednesday evenings, needing four volunteers each to staff the works. The WORKS takes donations of gently-used clothing for school-age children. Donations can be dropped off any Wednesday evening from 6:00-8:00pm. The WORKS is located at the North City Elementary portables (816 NE 190th, Shoreline). Dates TBD.

LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday, November 20, 2013. Second Annual Holiday Baskets Benefit Dinner. Sponsored by Shorecrest ASB and Shorecrest PTSA. This event will benefit the Shoreline Holiday Baskets event December 14. The ASB organizes this event with a spectacular dinner provided by Shorecrest Culinary Arts, and featuring a variety of student performers. Look for more information regarding tickets soon. Last year we had 71 people attend and we hope to grow the event this year!

November 27–December 13, 2013. Holiday Baskets Food & Teen Gift Drive. The Shoreline School District will again be participating in the Shoreline PTA Council, Shoreline Fire Department, Hopelink, Rotary Club of Lake Forest Park, Rotary Club of Shoreline (Lunch), Shoreline Breakfast Rotary & Rain City Rotary, Dale Turner YMCA "Holiday Baskets" Food, Toys, & Teen Gifts drive. Together, we will provide quality food and gift support to Shoreline School District families needing assistance this holiday season. The goal is to provide holiday meal basics, winter break food support and holiday gifts for our participating families. **Shorecrest has been assigned 'cooking oil' as their target item for the holiday meal basics.** Please keep this in mind as you shop for your holiday meals.

Note: Families in need who want to participate in the PTSA food and gift program must contact Shorecrest school nurse, Nancy Dalan at 206-393-4308. (This is a secure phone, so messages are confidential). Please provide this information: name of parent(s); total number of children in the home; ages and gender of those children; address and phone number. Families will be mailed a time to pick up their food, and will have an opportunity to "shop" for one gift for each child in the home. The pick up day this year is December 14 at Kellogg Middle School. If you have students in multiple schools, you only need to sign the entire family up at one facility.

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Saturday, December 7, 2013. Shoreline Fire Department Toy Drive. The annual Shoreline Fire Department Toy Drive will be held Saturday, December 7 at the Shoreline Fred Meyer, or drop off donations at any Shoreline Fire Department.

Saturday, December 14, 2013. Holiday Baskets Event. Volunteer information will be provided as we get closer to the date. Please save the date on your calendar.

March, 2014. Academic Pep Assembly. If you have gift cards lurking in your home that just never get used, consider donating them to the Academic Pep Assembly. Or did you receive some gift cards for the holidays that just weren't the right fit for you? We will once again host this fun event celebrating student Scholastic Achievement and Improvement. For each recognition category, we are hoping to give away a couple gift cards at random to our hardworking students. Contact Johanna Phillips at johanna.phillips@shorelineschools.org for more information, or to donate gift cards.

* Please keep this event in mind when doing your holiday shopping!



“LIKE” US ON FACEBOOK!

We're excited to give you another way to stay connected! The Shorecrest PTSA is on Facebook! Please visit our page, “Like” us, and let us know what's of concern to you regarding our teachers and students. Shorecrest High School PTSA's Facebook direct link: www.facebook.com/pages/Shorecrest-High-School-PTSA

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CROSS-CULTURAL COMMUNICATION WORKSHOP

Tuesday, October 8, 2013, “What I Said & What I Meant: Improving Cross-Cultural Communication.” 4:30-6pm. Shoreline City Hall, 17500 Midvale Avenue N.

Humans communicate on many levels: spoken language, tone, body language, style and personality. The fact that we have complex cultural identities and a host of differing past experiences increases the probability of cross-cultural miscommunications. This workshop presents major cross-cultural communication theories, ways that cultural values, power, privilege and differences affect the way we communicate, tools for questioning assumptions, and ways to improve cross-cultural communications skills. Free. The presenter, Rosetta Lee, has been a diversity speaker and trainer on a variety of issues, including: cross-cultural communication, prejudice reduction and coalition building, facilitation skills, gender and sexuality diversity, and bullying in schools. Space is limited. Email nsslnetwork@shorelineschools.org to reserve a spot.



■ SPIRIT NIGHT FOR FOOTBALL GAME!

Friday, October 11, 7pm. Shorecrest v. Shorewood Football Game. Shoreline Stadium. Show your true colors—wear your green and gold to this annual Rotary Cup game.

SHORECREST DRAMA RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, October 19, 2013, 9am-4pm. Shorecrest Performing Arts Center Pick up a unique article of clothing, or a one-of-a-kind Halloween costume, at the Shorecrest Drama Rummage Sale. Contact Sandy Chudler at schudler@comcast.net with any questions.

LOOKING FOR MR. SHORECREST

Wednesday, October 23, 2013, 7-9pm. Shorecrest Performing Arts Center. A much-anticipated annual event! Join in the fun as Highlander hunks vie for the title!

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SHORELINE PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION FALL CAMPAIGN FOR KIDS Sunday, November 3, 2013. Pick Up Your Phone!

October is the kick off for this event that culminates November 3! Your donations can support and enhance the education of every K-12 student in each school in the Shoreline School District. Donations from the past year allowed SPSF to fund a large variety of needs district-wide: IXL Math grants in the elementary grades; music enrichment, tutoring and author programs in middle and high schools; Bike Rodeos for our special needs students; and the funding of Elementary and Secondary Summer School. SPSF's commitment to expand the education of every child in the district means funding large and small needs on a regular basis.

There are several opportunities for you to donate during the next month:

- 1) Donate online now by visiting www.shorelinefoundation.org
- 2) Click the link that will be sent to you through your school emails, or
- 3) Answer your phone on Sunday, November 3rd in our culminating "Calling for Kids Phone-A-Thon". (Donations online eliminate the need for a phone call to your home on November 3rd.)

Your donation will help SPSF reach their Fall Campaign for Kids goal of \$40,000 and provide resources to help all students achieve their full academic potential. Thank you for sharing in the deep commitment to improve the Shoreline Public Schools through the Shoreline Public School Foundation, which in turn strengthens our community.

VETERAN'S RECOGNITION ASSEMBLY

Thursday, November 7, 2013, 8:00am. Shorecrest Gymnasium. We would like to welcome all families to join us for our Veterans Recognition Assembly. If you know a veteran who would like to join us, please invite them to be our honored guests for the assembly. There will be a reception in the library immediately following the assembly for veterans, guests, and family members. Our keynote speaker is Tom Curcio, Shorecrest Class of 1971 and Marine Corps Staff Sergeant, speaking on the topic "Making a Difference."

HOP IN TO SEE SHORECREST'S FALL PLAY, "HARVEY"

In November, Shorecrest Drama will present Mary Chase's Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy, "Harvey". Show times will be 7:30pm on November 14, 15, 16 and 21, 22, 23, and 2:00pm on November 17 and 24. Tickets will go on sale soon. Keep an eye out for this event!

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.shorecrestpta.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.*



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THANK YOU!

A HUGE thank you to all the parents and family members who helped celebrate Homecoming with us! It was wonderful to see you at the assembly and the football game. Additionally, we really want to give our special thanks to volunteers working the coat check and dessert table at the Homecoming Dance, and to all of you who contributed desserts to the dance. The kids LOVED the desserts—it makes them feel very special to be treated so wonderfully at the big dance. If you brought in a dessert, please remember to pick up your dishes!

Also, a great, big THANK YOU to Barb Swan who made sure we got all the volunteers we needed for Picture Day, Monday, September 9, and to all of the wonderful volunteers. We could not have asked for a better crew! They were on top of it, positive and flexible.

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SENIOR PHOTOS DUE FOR YEARBOOK

Deadline: Tuesday, October 15, 2013. Seniors! Remember that headshots for the yearbook are due on October 15. Turn them in electronically or drop them off in Mrs. Johnson's mailbox in the main office. Requirements can be found on Mrs. Johnson's website. Also, **senior quotes are due by October 31.** You must have a senior headshot in order to submit a quote!

MEMORIAL HONORED SHORECREST TEACHER

Stacey Fenton, age 45, passed away on September 19, 2013, due to complications from an undiscovered infection. Stacey had been a paraeducator at Shorecrest for students with significant Autism for the past four years. Prior to that, he was a paraeducator at Ridgecrest Elementary. Besides his work as a paraeducator in Shoreline, he was a coach for Seattle Select Baseball, Pitching Coach for Shoreline Community College, and Assistant Baseball Coach for Shoreline High School. Stacey is survived by his wife, Keri Fenton, his daughter, Mandy (16) and son, Drew (13). Memorial services were held Monday, September 30, at Calvin Presbyterian Church in Shoreline.

SHORECREST TEACHER AWARDED

On September 13, 2013, Stephanie Rietman was honored during a school assembly as a "Symetra Hero in the Classroom" by Symetra and the Seattle Seahawks. Ms. Rietman teaches Algebra and Calculus at Shorecrest, and is one of 16 K-12 teachers in the Puget Sound area to be honored for educational excellence in the Symetra Heroes in the Classroom program during the 2013 NFL season. Awarded teachers receive a \$1,000 donation for classroom books and supplies. In addition, they receive tickets to a Seahawks home game and are acknowledged during an on-field presentation at CenturyLink Field. Ms. Rietman was recognized at the Seahawks v. San Francisco 49ers game on September 15. Teachers may be nominated by their principal, district staff, student or student's parent. The winners are selected based on their ability to make a real difference in students' lives; to go above and beyond in their day-to-day responsibilities; and to help students build life skills. To nominate a teacher, visit symetraheroes.com/team/seattle-seahawks



ONLINE FOOD SERVICE PAYMENT SERVICE EXPANDED

The District has expanded its online payments system to include food service deposits at Shorecrest and Shorewood High School, Einstein and Kellogg Middle School and Syre Elementary for the 2013-14 school year. Log in here for Online Payments: touchbase.shorelineschools.org

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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 at shorecrestpsa.org/get-involved/teacher-wishlist.

SHORECREST WEBSITE REDESIGN

You may have noticed a new design to Shorecrest's webpage. 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

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.

PLANNING AHEAD: PAYING FOR COLLEGE

Wednesday, December 4, 2013: Financial Aid Night. An overview of the financial aid and FAFSA processes.

Thursday, January 16, 2014: College Goal Washington. Assistance completing the FAFSA, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

Saturday, February 1, 2014: FAFSA Filing Deadline for College Bound Scholarship, and recommended universal FAFSA filing deadline for Seniors

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COLLEGE PERSONAL STATEMENT PANEL

Wednesday, October 23 or Monday, November 18, 2013, 3:30-5:30pm. Seniors may bring in a draft of a personal statement for college applications. Two adult readers will give comments on strengths and suggestions for improvement. Readers will include one college admissions rep and one other adult reader. 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.

PARENTS OF SENIORS! OPEN HOUSE PRE-SESSION ON COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

Thursday, October 10, 2013, Shorecrest, 6:30pm. Room A-17 Seniors and parents: The counselors will host a presentation prior to the Open House that covers 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. Please review the Senior Meeting 9/12/13—College Application Process slideshow that is posted on the Shorecrest Counseling website (<http://learn.shorelineschools.org/shorecrest/scounseling/documents>). This gives an overview of important senior information. Discuss the information in the slideshow with your senior student.

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.

legislation update

General Election Day—Remember to Vote!

Tuesday, November 5, 2013. The deadline to register and be eligible to vote in this election is Monday, October 7. Positions on the ballot will include: King County Council District 1, Shoreline City Council, Lake Forest Park City Council and Shoreline School Board. For voter information and to register to vote online: wastatepta.org/advocacy/leg_basics/VoterRegInfo.pdf

WSPTA Focus Day

Tuesday, February 4, 2014. Gather in Olympia with PTA members from around the state to rally, lobby and learn about issues that affect kids here in Washington. More information soon at http://www.wastatepta.org/meetings/focus_day/index.html

Shoreline School District Levy

Tuesday, February 11, 2014, Special Election. Get out to vote! Shoreline School District will be asking for continuation of the Maintenance and Operations Levy and the Technology Levy in this February 2014 Special Election. This means homeowners would continue to pay the same amount in property tax to the District as the previous year.

To get up-to-date information on everything that is going on in Olympia, please visit the SC PTSA Legislation page:
www.shorecrestpta.org/legislative-news