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FROM SHORECREST PTSA

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, January 14

7:00 - 8:30pm

Performing Arts Center

*Find out more about the
upcoming Levy election in
February.*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2014. 2014? **2014!**

What are your New Year's Resolutions for 2014? I've skipped the usual (lose weight, exercise more, eat healthier) and opted for a different tack which will give everyone more satisfaction than all of my [failed] resolutions in the past. I am resolved to **APPRECIATE more!** As President of Shorecrest PTSA, I am surrounded by active, creative, intelligent and helpful people. I rely on them—and delegate responsibilities to them—knowing they will come through. It is a fabulous thing to be able to step forward and say how much this means to me, and take a pro-active stance to recognize and appreciate them more.

This is what that looks like in official jargon

- Whereas the Shorecrest PTSA is a coordinated effort of Parents, Teachers, Students;
- Whereas our membership is comprised of all volunteers;
- Whereas all of our efforts are for the health, education, safety and welfare of all children;

BE IT RESOLVED that the New Year 2014 will be a joyful experience of working together in mutual appreciation to meet our goals and support the mission of the Shorecrest Parent, Teacher, Student Association!

This is what it looks like in action

"Thank You" to the following:

- Everyone planning the meeting on Tuesday, January 14 in the Shorecrest Performing Arts Center at 7:30pm. Craig Degginger, Kirsten Vogel and many others are bringing information to everyone living on the east side of Shoreline School District about our upcoming Levy vote in February, and our search for a new superintendent. Bring your family and neighbors, and a list of your questions so these knowledgeable presenters can answer them.
- Financial Review Committee (Dan Benson, Kathy Brandstetter, Teri Gregg) meeting January 18.
- The Nominating Committee (Sadrina Dorn, Jeff Sackett, Gina Walton) working to fill the open positions for officers for PTSA 2014-15.
- Everyone working on the opening of our **BRAND NEW SCHOOL BUILDING** in February!
- Our new Volunteer Coordinator, Kristine Emerson.
- Our tireless and supportive Board of Directors (Laura Brewer, Dana Campbell, Mike Curti, Tracy Etherton, Carol Fyall, Laura James, Mary Mehlert, Jane Shea, Kirsten Vogel).

Happy New Year everyone – and thank you for ALL you do!

See you on the 14th!

Kendahl Adjorlolo, President, Shorecrest High School PTSA



PLANNING MEETING FOR 2015 SENIOR SPREE: PARENTS NEEDED!

Wednesday, January 22, 2014. Third Place Commons Conference Room, 7:00pm. Class of 2015 Parents—It's never too early to start! Planning for Senior Spree, that is... Join us for the first planning meeting for parents of the Class of 2015. Senior Spree is a tradition at Shorecrest High School. It's an all-night, drug- and alcohol-free event that takes place after graduation. The students return the next morning after a fun-filled, entertaining night—a safe place to celebrate with their friends! Get in on the planning at the beginning and have a say in where your child will spend their graduation night!

SHOW YOU CARE WITH CUPCAKES

Friday, February 14, Valentine's Day Cupcakes, 9:00am drop-off deadline. A tradition at Shorecrest is for every student to receive a cupcake on Valentine's Day. Let our students and staff feel the love. Please bring in homemade cupcakes, store bought cupcakes, gluten-free, vegan—they love it all! We will need about 1,400 cupcakes to make this a success. Drop off cupcakes in the main office conference room. Cupcakes will be distributed during TAP (9:40-10:00am). Volunteers are needed for setting up and attending tables. Contact Shorecrest's Activity Coordinator, Johanna Phillips (johanna.phillips@shorelineschools.org) with any questions. To bring cupcakes and to volunteer, please sign up on [VolunteerSpot](#).

DINE OUT TO SUPPORT SENIOR SPREE 2014

Tuesday, February 18, 2014, 5:00-10:00pm. Lake Forest Bar & Grill. Have a great meal and support Senior Spree, an all-night event for 2014 graduates, sponsored by Shorecrest PTSA and Grad Nights. All you need to do is buy food or drinks at Lake Forest Bar & Grill and 10% of all sales that night will support the costs of this great event. Questions? Contact Laura Brewer at laurab@playvisions.com.

SPREE—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 from now to June 1, 2014, for only \$169*—over 100 of your friends already have! Check 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 scholarships are available.*

MANY PEOPLE TO THANK!

Holiday Helpers: The Shorecrest PTSA would like to thank all who contributed to—and volunteered for—the Shoreline Holiday Baskets Food, Toys & Teen Gifts Drive. All food and teen gifts collected were provided to serve 435 families (1938 individuals) this year. Thank you to the students who volunteered for storefront collection drives. We appreciate the support of Albertsons at 17171 Ballinger Way NE, and Thriftway at Ballinger Village for letting our students collect food at their stores.

Spree Support: Many thanks to our extended community for supporting not only the Brown Bear Car Wash sales, but also Spree Trees sales. We sold a record 128 trees during the sunny, chilly weekend in December! Both fundraisers helped to fund buses for Senior Spree 2014, which are essential to transport our kids from graduation to fun places to food to school drop off. Many people helped make these fundraisers a success, including Steve Cockburn, who devoted his whole weekend to the tree lot, and the Brewers (Laura, Bob and Zach), who were the roots of it all.



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Reflections Recognitions: The 2013-14 Reflections committee would like to thank each of the amazing student artists who submitted works with the theme "Believe, Dream, Inspire". Only 15 artists were allowed to advance to the PTA Council level. As always, special thanks goes to Laura King for encouraging our kids to be the best artist they can. Those advancing: (12th) Mimi Hovila, Jane White, Skylar Sotelo, Natalie Wilhelm, Rosa Rice-Pelepko, Frida Swensen, Julia Jones; (11th) Miyuki Rutledge, Laura Mentel; (10th) Emily DiGianni, Reane Joy, Theodora Betzvog, Cedar Pardee-Lewis; (9th) Peter Kariuki, Alea Kirby.



"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

events



"PHYSICAL POETRY" PRESENTED BY AWARD-WINNING HIP HOP DANCE TEAM

Friday, January 10 & Saturday, January 11, 2014, Shorecrest Performing Arts Center, 7:30pm. "Physical Poetry" combines exciting dance varieties on one stage—sharing culture and art with the rest of the community, "Physical Poetry" continually delivers exciting routines and dancers to a sold-out crowd. Exciting, heart-stopping, foot-stomping dance forms including hip hop, jazz, lyrical, tap, tango, zouk, Tahitian, Irish, Afro-Brazilian, modern, all guarantee to keep attendees on the edge of their seats anticipating more. Experience two spectacular evenings, packed with amazing talent from the Greater Seattle Area. This family-friendly event will have the audience craving more! **Advanced tickets are \$15, purchased at physicalpoetry.brownpapertickets.com.** Tickets are \$18 at the door.

Coached and choreographed by Rex Kinney and assistant coach Angelo Buelva, SC Hip Hop Dance Team's purpose is to promote diversity within the community by utilizing hip hop dance as the medium. While learning teamwork, responsibility and dance, the team develops camaraderie and a sense of belonging with their teammates. Along with the awards and accomplishments received, SC Hip Hop continues to promote spirit and good will to their audiences. Awards include an Academic Excellence Award in 2006 and 2007, District Title wins from 2004-2012, State Championship Titles in 2006, 2009, 2010, 2013 and National Titles in 2010 and 2012. For more information about Shorecrest Hip Hop, please visit shorecresthiphop.com. Questions? Contact Rex Kinney at rexkinney@gmail.com.

RUMMAGE SALE TO BENEFIT AVID

Saturday, January 11, 8:00am-3:00pm, Shorecrest High School. Start your spring cleaning early and donate gently used items, big or small, to the AVID rummage sale. Don't have anything to donate? Come and shop! The AVID program is designed to support students who show academic potential, may be the first in their family to go to college and may benefit from additional support in order to complete a four-year college preparatory high school program. The AVID Rummage Sale is a fundraiser for a field trip to local universities. This will give students an opportunity to learn about in-state colleges that may be a good fit for them. **Donation drop-off will be from 7:00-7:30am.** Questions? Contact Wendy Friedman at 206- 393-4299, or wendy.friedman@shorelineschools.org.

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“ROARING 20’S” WINTER FORMAL DANCE

Saturday, January 18, 2014, Shoreline Center, 9:00pm-12:00am. Get your Flapper on! Come dance the evening away in the glitz of the era. Whether you dress for the 20's or wear your finest duds, don't miss this event! This event is sponsored by the Shorecrest Flag Team, and they are expecting 300-400 students. A DJ with Kube 93 and also Dorian Photography will be there. Tickets are \$10 w/ASB, \$12 w/out, and \$15 at the door.

Parents: Many volunteers are needed to help make this a success. Please sign up for any of the following ways to be involved:

- **Coat Check.** Two shifts of 4-6 adults per shift (8:45-10:45 and 10:30-12:15).
- **Desserts*.** Contribute cookies, brownies, cupcakes, fruit bars & other finger sweets.
- **Dessert Table Attendants.** Two shifts of 4 adults per shift (8:45-10:45 & 10:30-12:15).

Sign up to volunteer directly on [VolunteerSpot](#) or contact Shorecrest Activity Coordinator Johanna Phillips at johanna.phillips@shorelineschools.org to volunteer. Sign up with your friends to make it an evening of fun!

**Drop off your items either January 17 (Friday) from 7:20am-2:00pm (Shorecrest Main Office), OR January 18 (Saturday) 7:00pm-9:00pm (Shoreline Room @ Shoreline Center, north end).*

BIG BAND SWING DANCE

Saturday, January 25, 2014, 7:00-10:00pm, Shorecrest Cafeteria. Putting your dancing shoes on! Come and hear some great music!

SHORECREST EASTSIDE SINGFEST

Tuesday, January 28, 2014, 7:30-9:00pm, Shorecrest Performing Arts Center.

SC BOOSTERS AUCTION: SCOTS MADNESS

Saturday, March 15, 2014, Shoreline Center, 5:30-10pm. The scBooster Club Annual Auction is a vital fund-raising event that helps Shorecrest programs and teams which otherwise wouldn't receive additional resources. Join us in our efforts to support Highlander Pride by raising funds to augment SC Scots athletic programs, performing arts groups and over 40 activities, clubs and organizations. [{More info}](#)

LOOKING AHEAD

March, 2014. Academic Pep Assembly. Keep saving up gift cards to donate 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!

SPORTS

[Click here to view Shorecrest sports schedules.](#) Please join us in rooting for the Highlanders at our winter sports events. All of our fall sports teams have thrilling competitions throughout the year and would love your support.



legislation update

LEGISLATIVE CONTACTS

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32nd District Elected Officials:

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State Representative
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LAKE FOREST PARK

46th District Elected Officials:

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WSPTA FOCUS DAY

Tuesday, February 4, Washington State Capitol Rotunda, Olympia, WA. Join hundreds of PTA members from around the state as they rally, lobby and learn about education issues in Washington State and how you can make an impact. The upcoming legislative session will require our lawmakers to make many difficult funding decisions. This is a great opportunity to let our legislators know right at the beginning of the session that education should be a priority in Washington. More information and an agenda can be found at www.wastatepta.org/advocacy/focus_day/index.html

Levy Information Forum & Superintendent Search Community Meetings—January 14th

The Shoreline School Board has unanimously approved placing two replacement levies for voter approval on the Feb. 11, 2014 special election ballot. The District projects that these replacement levies will allow for continued stability of school tax collections for the next four years. **Learn more about the levy measures at an informational meeting in the Shorecrest Theater 7:30pm on Tuesday, Jan. 14th.**

Immediately following this event will be a Superintendent Search Community Meeting to assist in the process of hiring a successor to Superintendent Sue Walker when she retires at the end of this school year. Consultants Janet Barry and Brian Benzel will describe the search process and timeline and ask for input from community members on three key questions:

1. What do you value and appreciate most about the Shoreline School District? (What will you definitely want to protect and keep as the District makes a leadership change?)
2. What should be improved?
3. In light of these strengths and needs, what are the characteristics you most want to see in your next superintendent?

Please consider attending these important events. This is a great opportunity for Shoreline families to provide input on how we would like our school district to be managed.

VOTE!

Two Shoreline School District Replacement Levies on February 11th Special Election Ballot

Ballots will be mailed January 22nd. Please remember to vote by Feb. 11th. To register to vote, visit <http://www.kingcounty.gov/elections/register.aspx> More detailed information on these levies can be found at <http://www.shorelineschools.org/news/release.php?releasesid=1540>

Shorecrest PTSA Endorses February 2014 Levies

The Shorecrest PTSA voted at the November 12th general membership meeting to endorse the replacement Educational Programming Operations & Maintenance Levy, and the Capital Levy for Technology & Support on the February 2014 ballot. To add your name as a personal endorsement, or to donate to the levy campaign, [click here](#).

To get up-to-date information on everything that is going on in Olympia, please visit the SC PTSA Legislation page:

www.shorecrestptsa.org/legislative-news

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FLAG TEAM TRYOUTS

Look ahead to these dates if you are interested in trying out for the Shorecrest Flag Team:

Wednesday, January 22: Tryout Information Meeting

Tuesday, January 28: Applications Due

Monday, February 3-wWednesday, February 12: Tryouts

Thursday, February 13: Final Tryouts

FLOCK YOUR FRIENDS!

Start 2014 with a little fun and mischief. Surprise someone for an upcoming special date (birthday, Valentine's Day, anniversary) or for no reason at all! A lawn full of cheerful pink flamingos is a great way to brighten someone's day! Imagine their surprise to find their yard covered by 20 flamingos! Support Shorecrest Cheer parents fundraising for Leadership Training by flocking your friends as a gag. A note of explanation is also delivered. Suggested donation: \$25 (for 24 hours). Schedule a landing at teamflamingo@comcast.net or on Facebook at "Shorecrest Cheer Parents".

THANK YOU, CONTRIBUTORS, FOR FULFILLING WINTER WISHES!

Shorecrest Leadership received 511 winter wishes, and of those, they were able to satisfy 342! Some peculiar wishes were: a pineapple, a record player, something American. Some meaningful ones were: donating a hat to a shelter, giving cookies to Directed Studies, winter boots, a warm coat, pizza gift cards for a girl whose father had surgery. We gave out over 70 Starbucks gift cards! A huge thank you to Roberta Hasstedt and Andy Denney for their support in making Winter Wishes a success. Also, thank you to the following people, and to all the anonymous donors: Pamela Haines, Laura Brewer, Dorothy Jones, Cindy Moore, The Caple Family, Ellen Kaje, Michelle Hausman, The Lerner Family, Cristina Gruber, Buffy Summers, Marlys Pickrell, The Swan Family, Megan Scanlon, Sedona Sanchez, Starbucks (Gateway Plaze and 145th & 15th Ave), Megan Opfer, D'Angela Prichett-Rowe, Ms. Bow, Ms. Caruso, Kirsten Vogel, Stephanie Wiper, Linnea Rodriguez, The Wicken Family, Dawn Uppinghouse, Tony Vujovich, Kristine Emerson, Tami Johnson, Shorecrest Cheerleading Squad.



SHORELINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE MUSIC CALENDAR

Saturday, January 25, 9:00pm. "Funkngroove". Ould Triangle (9736 Greenwood Ave. N., Seattle). Free event.

Sunday, January 26, 3:00pm. "Piano Concert Series". #1600 Theater Bldg., SCC Campus. Entry fee.

For more information, visit www.shoreline.edu/music/calendar.aspx

SIGN UP FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTIFICATIONS

SchoolReport.org has joined FlashAlert Newswire. If you have previously subscribed to SchoolReport.org to receive closure messages via email and/or cell phone text message, you will need to create a new, free account in FlashAlert's Messenger service to continue receiving closure messages and other news. We are pleased to announce that you have a new option to get closures via the free Android/iOS app FlashAlert Messenger. It uses Push Notification to reach you fast and reliably and you may link as many phones to your account as you wish. Sign up today at www.flashalert.net/signup.html.

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ONLINE FOOD SERVICE PAYMENT SERVICE EXPANDED

The District has expanded its online payments system to include food service deposits at Shorecrest and Kellogg. Log in here for Online Payments: touchbase.shorelineschools.org

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.

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COLLEGE GOAL WASHINGTON

Thursday, January 16, 2014, Shorecrest Library, 6:00-8:00pm. This is an opportunity for senior students and families to get assistance completing the FAFSA, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Students who hope to receive financial assistance for two or four-year college will need to complete the FAFSA. We will have trained volunteers and experts from area financial aid offices here at school to help you complete the FAFSA. Plan to bring: an iPad or laptop, if possible; Social Security Numbers (SSN), tax information from 2012 and 2013. Let the counseling office know by January 10th if you need an interpreter to assist you. Seniors will be receiving a handout and brief explanation in class upon return to school January 6th.

PSAT SCORE RETURN

Juniors will be able to pick up their PSAT scores in the counseling office. Listen for announcements for an optional lunchtime follow-up question-and-answer session. Sophomores will receive their scores in January in their English classes, along with a presentation about the PSAT and a College and Career Planning lesson.

PRACTICE SAT

Monday, January 27, 2014 (a non-student staff work day). Juniors are encouraged to sign up for this Practice SAT. Why take this practice test? This will provide an opportunity to practice the SAT, and it includes a timed writing, a part of the SAT that is not included on the PSAT. It may also help you identify areas for improvement in advance of a spring SAT. NOTE- this is not the same as the PSAT taken in the fall, and it is not a real SAT. The cost is \$15, payable at Ms. Denney's window.

PAYING FOR COLLEGE

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

REGISTRATION IN FEBRUARY

Keep in mind that registration for the 2014-15 school year is right around the corner. This is a great time to begin discussions at home, with teachers and counselors about possible course requests for next year. Don't forget that the registration guide is available online for your exploration! schools.shorelineschools.org/shorecrest/registration/

featured staff article

The Value of A Study Guide From A Parent's Perspective

By Steve Hirsch PhD, NCSP

Shorecrest School Psychologist

Many of your student's teachers provide study guides to the students prior to a test. The usual format is for the teacher to provide a blank template, which—if your student completes accurately—assists them enormously when they take a test, for they often have the study guide to refer to during testing.

Many of our students don't take full advantage of this opportunity, even if the study guide itself is graded.

So what can you do?

When students ask me to help them with their study guide, I have found tremendous success. My secret: I ask them to teach me the subject. I pretend to not know much about the topic, then tell them to use the study guide to explain, in plain English, what everything means.

Have your student teach you their subject matter through the study guide experience. The act of teaching something cements their learning of it. You don't have to know the subject. In fact, it's better if you don't. You'll be amazed at the improvement in your student's grades!