



Cheer Senior Night in October. Photo by Wayne Pridemore.

Food & Teen Gift Drive Underway

Please bring non-perishable food (no glass bottles, please) to school by December 11th for the annual Holiday Baskets Food Drive to benefit Shoreline School District families. This is a cooperative effort both here at Shorewood—involving ASB, SERVE, and the PTSA—and in the city with all school PTA chapters, Shoreline PTA Council, local Rotary Clubs, Hopelink, Shoreline Fire Department, the YMCA, the City of Shoreline, and scores of devoted community members.

See [page 2](#) for Shorewood Food & Gift Drive details and the Shoreline PTA Council [Holiday Baskets page](#) for further information on this big operation, including how to [volunteer](#) or make a [monetary donation](#).

Noche Universitaria Ayuda Financiera en Español

¿Habla Español? Dirigido por un especialista ayuda financiera de la universidad de habla española, jueves 03 de diciembre a las 7:00 pm en el Centro de Carreras. Para padres y estudiantes de cualquier grado, especialmente los juniors y seniors.

Need Dental Care?

A Mobile Dental Clinic will be at Shorewood on December 16th to provide free care to students. See [page 8](#) and contact [Nurse Paula Williams](#) 206.393.4386 to make an appointment and fill out the required paperwork.

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Considering Buying a Letterman Jacket?

A Shorewood parent is organizing a group to bring down the cost of this fun but expensive item. [page 7](#)

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Symphony Orchestra during the Shorewood Orchestras Fall Concert in October.



PTSA Membership Cards

Lori Ramsay, Membership Director

Thank you for joining and supporting our Shorewood PTSA. Membership cards are emailed with a welcome letter from Washington State PTA. If you have not received an email, please contact us at membership@shorewoodptsa.com. Don't forget to visit [WA State PTA](#) to view the 2015-16 Member Benefit Discounts you can get with your card. Happy Holidays!

Volunteer Opportunities

To volunteer—for anything for Shorewood or the PTSA—send an email to volunteer@shorewoodptsa.com. Include your name and the year your youngest Shorewood student will graduate. You will receive occasional emails for various tasks and you can respond if and as you wish.

Food & Teen Gift Drive Underway

Brandon Becker, Drive Chair, and Wendy Zieve, PTSA Family Services Director

The Food and Teen Gift Drive will end December 11th. Shorewood's goal is 500 bags of flour. All donations of non-perishable, non-expired food that is not in a glass container will be accepted and appreciated.

Gift cards (\$15-\$25) for the teen drive should be taken to the Shorewood front office rather than placing them in the food collection boxes.

[Monetary donations](#) (credit cards or checks) go toward a non-profit and may be tax deductible. Please make checks payable to Shoreline PTA Council and note if for the food or teen gift drive. Donate and view donation details [online](#); receipts will be provided upon request.

Thank you for supporting your Shoreline Community. Donations go directly to Shoreline families. If your family is in need of assistance, please contact [Nurse Paula Williams](#) and get signed up.

The Teen Giftcard drive is the collaborative effort between the Shoreline School District PTAs, Hopelink, the Lake Forest Park Rotary, the City of Shoreline, & Dale Turner Family YMCA to provide parents at least one quality gift per teen for the holidays. Questions? Contact [Wendy Zieve](#).

Legislative Update

Carrie Campbell, PTSA Legislative Director

Legislative Assembly added 2 new issues on the [PTA platform](#): increased education & training requirements for teaching assistants; and improved support for youth in foster care. The State Legislature is trying to lower the bond passage threshold to a simple majority; it is currently 2/3rds majority.

With the recent passage of I-1366, we will see increased challenges to appropriately fund education. The new Legislative Session, which begins January 11th, 2016, should be an interesting one!

Have Pizza with SW Grads/ College Freshmen

Students, on December 16th and January 7th, come to the Career Center during lunch to hear about the first year of college and ask your own questions. We will have panels of 2015 Shorewood graduates who have just finished their first term at college. The grads/ college freshmen attend a variety of schools, and are eager to share their experiences. For more information, email aftershorewood@gmail.com. Thank you to PTSA for providing pizza for these events! This is the fifth annual SW Grad Pizza Lunch event, and we have had great responses every year. Send your kids for some candid advice on college selection and college life.

December 16th Panel

(plus one or two others):

Scott Latz, California Polytechnic State University

Steffen Torgerson, Dartmouth College

Cameron McDowell, Santa Clara University

Emily Miller, Seattle Pacific University

January 7th Panel

Amy Buswell and Malaika Rosenfeld will participate, and we have other invitations awaiting confirmation!

After Shorewood



After Shorewood is a resource for all Shorewood families, run by PTSA/ school volunteers in cooperation with the Shorewood Administration, Counseling Department, and Career Center. Our goal is to support families as they help their students figure out life After Shorewood, whether the goals involves college, vocational school, or a career.



On Wednesday, November 18, the Shoreline Rotary presented its 2015-16 Senior Scholarships. Photo by Laura Kalvoy. See article on page 5.

A Middle Way: Be Prepared and Avoid the Hype

Marianne Stephens, After Shorewood Volunteer

Parents might think that they have two options for future planning: implement a high powered regimen for the battle of highly competitive college admissions, or avoid thinking about it at all until senior year.

Recent articles feed into parent panic. It is true that admission rates are very low at a few institutions.¹ It is true that some families pay ridiculous amounts for private college counselors.² It is true that some students apply to 20-30 schools.³ However—big however—you can avoid this level of craziness.

The rankings are mainly measures of hype. Many schools “woo supplicants for the purpose of turning them down”.⁴ It is a cycle: schools recruit more applicants to appear more selective and raise their rankings; families apply primarily to schools with the highest rankings; students apply to more schools to increase their chances. This cycle only serves the rankings: more applications per student and more applications per school decrease the chances for students overall. Doing nothing until senior year might sound tempting, but that might not give you time to make wise choices.

What’s the alternative? Be open-minded about options, and if college is the path, be open-minded about choosing schools. The best school for your student may be one you have not yet heard of. Look at several criteria and put ‘prestige’ last. Realize that: most college admission rates are reasonable; getting into college has actually gotten easier⁵; and, for well-qualified students, getting into a good college is not difficult.⁶ Getting in is not the goal; succeeding once there is. Prepared families will choose colleges where acceptance is likely and that fit their student academically and financially. Be prepared and let the process unfold without the panic.

1 Larry Gordon, [Acceptance rates at elite U.S. colleges decline](#) 4.20.14

2 Barbara Booth, [How much would you pay to get your kid in Harvard?](#) 11.12.14

3 Ariel Kamer, [Applications by the Dozen, as Seniors Hedge College Bets.](#) 11.15.14.

4 Frank Bruni, [Promiscuous College Come-Ons](#) 11.23.14

5 John S. Katzman [Relax. Getting into college has actually gotten easier.](#) 9.11.14.

6 Kevin Carey [Reaching a Good College Isn't as Hard as it Seems.](#) 11.29.14.

7 [College Graduation Gap](#) 12.1.14. Listen to this excellent broadcast about college options.

Counselors' Reminders

Pam Richards, Counseling Department Chair

Did you know that when students apply for jobs, scholarships, college and enrichment opportunities, they often need or request a school counselor's recommendation? Thank you for encouraging your student to stop by and help us get to know him/her so we can be helpful advocates.

College Financial Aid Night Thursday December 3rd 6:30-7:45 p.m. Shorewood Theater. Learn the many types of financial aid for college, such as grants, scholarships, federal and state aid, etc, and how to get them. A college financial aid specialist will explain options and process. This is for parents and students of any grade, especially juniors and seniors.

¿Habla Español? College Financial Aid Night in Spanish, led by a Spanish speaking college financial aid specialist, is the same night: December 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Career Center.

FAFSA Completion, January 2016 Seniors and their parents should fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA): fafsa.ed.gov in January. The FAFSA is used by college/universities nationwide, including community and technical colleges, to decide how much financial aid to offer students. Fill it out even if you aren't sure of your plans, so that you are eligible for financial aid. Parent/guardians will likely need to estimate 2015 income and update it later. The key is to get it submitted by February 1st to meet all priority deadlines. Don't wait! Es-ti-mate [your income]! This is an example of "you snooze, you lose."

FAFSA Help Night Wednesday, January 14th 6:30-7:45 p.m., Shorewood Theater. Financial Aid specialists explain how to fill out the FAFSA or WASFA. This is a very helpful night; senior parents are encouraged to attend.

More FAFSA Help Contact any college's Financial Aid office or go to a [College Goal Washington](#) event, where translators in a variety of languages are often available. There are events at Mountlake Terrace High School on January 12, 2016 and Edmonds Community College on February 4, 2016.

Note for non-citizens: Washington State Need Grants and College Bound Scholarships are now available to low-income, non-citizen students who meet program requirements. Check out the WASFA: Washington Application for State Financial Aid at www.readyssetgrad.org/WASFA .

Seniors: Say Thank You! Did you ask a staff member to write a letter of recommendation for college applications? If yes, be sure to follow up with a thank you! This is an important life skill [saying thank you] — a perfect way is through a hand written note.

Seniors: Plan for January 1st Deadlines Many college deadlines are January 1st, during winter break! Please make sure your senior has alerted teachers and counselors if the application requires a letter of recommendation and/ or any documents from the school.

Contact Your Counselor

We encourage students to drop in during their free time, including before school, breaks, lunch, and after school. Students can also sign up on our clipboards, and we will send a note to class.

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"ANT" College Application Steps

Here are the abbreviated A.N.T. steps for seniors to complete their college applications. Thank you for reminding your senior:

Apply - through college website

Naviance - enter the colleges into "colleges I'm applying to" in Naviance [SW sends all school documents, such as transcripts, through Naviance]

Track - give Ms. Roma a salmon colored tracking sheet indicating where you are applying, deadlines and what documents are needed to complete your application.

These three steps will lead to complete applications being submitted to colleges.

All-State Musicians

Congratulations to the following musicians named to the All-State music honor groups. These students represent music achievement at the highest level in the state, and will represent Shorewood at special concerts during the music educators state conference, Yakima, February 2016.

- Zachary Braaten, viola, Symphony Orchestra
- Kia Burt, soprano, Treble Choir
- Rain Davidson, alto, Treble Choir
- Adam Freemantle, bass, Symphonic Choir
- Henry Girard, string bass, Symphony Orchestra
- Tim Goei, trumpet, Concert Band
- Jack Holmes, tenor, Jazz Choir
- David Lee, percussion, Wind Ensemble
- Hannah Liu, soprano, Treble Choir
- K.Lee Morris, violin, Symphony Orchestra
- Hannah Owen, soprano, Symphonic Choir
- Rhye Pirie, French horn, Concert Band
- Reina Sato, oboe, Symphony Orchestra
- Takumi Taguchi, violin, Chamber Orchestra
- Kate Vaughn, violin, Symphony Orchestra



Shorewood All-State Musicians. Photo courtesy of Orchestra Director Dan Wing.

Leah Deobald Advances in Piano Competition

Adapted from MTNA Press Release
Shorewood Sophomore Leah Deobald will travel to Missoula, Montana in January to compete as a Division Finalist in the Senior Performance Competition.

Leah earned this opportunity after winning the very competitive Washington Division of the Senior Piano Competition. Leah has been studying piano for 10 years and is currently a student of Professor Duane Hulbert, known for his Grammy Award nomination of Glazunov piano recordings.

The Senior Piano Competition will take place January 16–18, during the MTNA Northwest Division Conference. The winner of this competition will compete in the National Finals during the MTNA National Conference in San Antonio, Texas, in April.

See [complete article](#) in the [Shoreline Area News](#). Photo at left courtesy of Dr. Jessie Kim-Deobald.



Scholarship Recipients

Ten Shorewood seniors (photo on [page 3](#)) were recently selected to receive scholarships from our local Rotary Club. The club, which has been dedicated to helping launch Shorewood students for many years, welcomed the students and their families to a recent breakfast meeting at Shoreline Community College, where “leaders [came] together to exchange ideas, take action to make the world a better place, and have fun in the process.”

Congratulations to:

- Ian Callender
- Sarah Cornell-Maier
- Jafar Daniel
- Krystin Kalvoy
- Sean McCurdy
- Robert Overhus
- Holly Rowland
- Alyssa Sismaet
- Riley Smith
- Maya Talbot



Photo by Lisa Faidley

Athletic & Performing Honors

Shorewood High School Performing Groups (Drill, Flags and Hip Hop) won the Spirit Trophy at the Lake Washington Invitational, November 14th. The Drill Team took 2nd place in Drill and the Flag Team got a qualifying score.

Senior Elli Allen-Hatch was the WIAA Athlete of the Week. "Allen-Hatch was the leading force moving the Thunderbirds through the District 1 tournament and finishing in first place. She combined for 38 kills, 30 digs, and three aces." WIAA [Week 10 2015-16 Athlete of the Week Winners](#).

Volleyball Coach Jen Chartrand was named the Seattle Star Times All-Area Coach of the Year!

Ian Oxnevad, 2015 Shorewood graduate, was named WSBCA Player of the Year by the Washington State Baseball Coaches.

Signing Day

Shorewood held a Signing Day Celebration on Tuesday, November 3rd. Signing Athletes:

- Britt Blomso, Fort Lewis College, Soccer
- Delaney Hopen, University of Idaho, Volleyball
- Lisa Jensen, University of Washington, Soccer



Shorewood Volleyball played all the way to 4th place at State! Photo by W. Pridemore.

Fall Sports Results

Vicki Gorman, Athletic Director
Boys Tennis won the WESCO South League for the 2nd year in a row. Hugh Gaevart and Kyle Berquist are the District 1 Doubles Champions and Gunnar Thorstenson is the District 1 Singles Champion. These three athletes qualified for State and won the District 1 Team Championship for Shorewood.

The Girls Volleyball Team concluded its regular season with an undefeated 15-0 record. SW has won the League Championship for the last two years, and won the District Championships on November 7th defeating Stanwood 3-1, improving their record to 18-0 and earning a berth to State. On November 14th the girls won 4th place at the 3A State Tournament concluding an amazing season!

Girls Cross Country placed 7th in WESCO and Rachel Hansen competed at State.

Boys Cross Country placed 6th in WESCO and two athletes competed at State: Devan Kirk and Aaron Rainboth who placed 53rd.

Girls Swim/Dive placed 2nd at the 3A District Championships and sent 10 swimmers to compete in Federal Way at the 3A State Tournament. The swimmers placed 26th at 3A State. Britt Blomso placed 8th in the backstroke.

Football had a building season with a large number of young athletes.

Girls Soccer: lost their first playoff game to Glacier Peak 0-1; won their second playoff game vs. Ferndale 2-0; finished their season on November 5th with a 1-3 loss to Stanwood.

Boosters Concession Stand Seeks Volunteers

Felicia Forrest, Boosters

Shorewood Boosters seeks volunteers to staff the concession stand for home games during the winter sports seasons (girls and boys wrestling, girls basketball, boys basketball). An open concession stand fuels T-Bird spirit: the smell of popcorn and warm cookies are powerful tools! With multiple shifts per night, you can pick a time that works best for you.

Proceeds from the Boosters concession stand help support athletics, clubs and activities at Shorewood. Last year, 22 groups shared over \$5,000 in proceeds from the concession stand. When you volunteer in the concession stand, you can choose to designate which group receives credit for your hours and that group will benefit financially from your participation. Not only will you be helping support athletics at Shorewood, it is a fun and rewarding job where you get to meet other like-minded adults and mingle with the students!

To volunteer:

- Go to [Concession Sign Up](#).
- If it is your first time working, request training.
- Students are welcome to volunteer for community service hours, but must have a trained adult present.

Questions? Contact:

Felicia Forrest, 425.931.8443 or Rosemarie Cross 206.465.3461 concessions@shorewoodboosters.com

Chairs, Shorewood Boosters Concessions

Save the Date: Booster Auction 2016



2016

March 12, 2016

5:00-10:00pm



Dinner & Auction

Invitations will be mailed in January

Shorewood High School
17300 Fremont Ave N.
Shoreline, WA 98133
auction@shorewoodboosters.com

What is Shorewood Boosters?

You might hear about other schools' football booster clubs or performing arts booster clubs. Shorewood has one Booster Club for all sports, arts, and extracurricular activities. This way, the fundraisers do not compete with one another and we can support our multifaceted kids, who often participate in several groups. The auction is the main fundraiser of the school year, raising approximately \$100,000 that does not need to be raised by selling items or holding many small events.

[Shorewood Boosters](#) is an independent 501 (c)(3), as is PTSA. PTSA supports the academic and basic needs of students, while Boosters supports extra activities.

Letterman Jackets

When students excel in sports, they may earn a letter in the sport. Shorewood High School does not provide or sell Letterman jackets. Parents and students usually buy jackets independently from one of several companies that sell them. This year, a parent is organizing a group to buy jackets together to significantly bring down the cost. This group is independent and not a part of PTA or Boosters.

Anne Beres, Parent

Show your Thunderbird Spirit with a Shorewood Letterman jacket! Did your student earn a letter in a sport this fall or in the past year or so? A customized Letterman jacket would make a great gift. I am organizing a group order from a company called Stewart and Strauss to bring down the cost of the jacket, which usually runs several hundred dollars.

We need a minimum of 12 to place a group order. The jacket is royal blue wool with white leather sleeves as shown. The total price is \$205. Shipping time is 4-5 weeks. If we order by December 11th, we can expect them to arrive mid-January.

To place an order or to find out more, please email [Anne Beres](#) with your name, graduation year, and jacket size. Thank you.





Shorewood Volleyball won the District 1 Championship on November 7th, and went on to win 4th Place at State. Congratulations to the coach and players! Photo courtesy of Vicki Gorman.

Culinary Arts Dinner



SHOREWOOD
Culinary Arts

On Thursday, January
14th, Andaluca
Executive Chef
Sarah Lorenzen will

lead the Shorewood Culinary Arts students in the second dinner of the [2015-2016 Chef Dinner Series](#). Dinners cost \$40 per person, and usually sell out. Contact [Wendy Jordan](#) for reservations, or [make them online](#) through the District's payment site. See [Shorewood Culinary Arts](#) for more information.

Shoreline STEM Festival Planning

Shoreline STEM Festival
Organizing Committee

The 2015 Shoreline STEM Festival was a huge success and we would like to continue that tradition. The next event will be held on April 30th, 2016 at Shoreline Community College. If you would like to provide your ideas or volunteer to lead or assist with specific committees, please contact the organizing committee: shorelinestemfestival@gmail.com. We need lots of help to make the next festival a success!

Students should start planning a project for the festival.



Mobile Dental Clinic December 16th

Paula Williams, Nurse

If you haven't been to the dentist in the past year, or have tooth pain, contact Shorewood Nurse [Paula Williams](#) to come to the Mobile Dental Clinic, which will be at Shorewood once a month. Parents must fill out a permission form authorizing treatment for their student.

- Students receive care at school during school hours.
- With parent/ guardian consent, students can access comprehensive exams, cleanings, fillings, fluoride treatments, x-rays, and sealants.
- Services delivered on the Mobile Dental Clinic will be provided at no out-of-pocket cost to students/ families. Insurance will be billed when available.

Program sponsored by ICHS, International Community Health Services. The nearest full-service ICHS medical clinic is near Shorewood at 16549 Aurora Avenue North, Shoreline, 98133. 206.533.2600. See www.ichs.com.

Community Events

"Noises Off" drama production at Shoreline Community College

December 4-6, 11-13; evening & matinee performances. Details & tickets at [Brown Paper Tickets](#).

Breakfast With Santa

Saturday, December 5th with two seatings: 9:00 or 10:45 a.m. Shoreline Senior Center. Bring the whole family for a delicious breakfast & photos with Santa, games, and activities for the entire family. Photo and gift bag included. Call or visit the Spartan Recreation Center for tickets: 206.801.2600.

Youth Mental Health First Aid Training

Monday, December 7th, 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Shoreline City Hall. A free education/training opportunity for adults who live and/or work in the city of Shoreline. Tanya Laskelle is certified by The National Council for Behavioral Health to provide Youth Mental Health First Aid and to teach individuals how to help. Register by contacting [Tanya Laskelle](#) 206.631.8836. Sponsored by Center for Human Services & City of Shoreline www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org.

Argosy Christmas Ship

Tuesday, December 8th, 7:30 - 8:50 p.m., Richmond Beach Saltwater Park. Listen to local school choirs sing while waiting for the Argosy Christmas Ship to arrive. Enjoy simple refreshments and stay warm near the beach bonfire.

Sock Hop for Elementary Kids

Wednesday, December 16th, 6:30-8:30 pm, Shorewood. \$10 per kid (adults free) includes ice cream, snacks, arts & crafts, games and dancing! Proceeds benefit Shorewood DECA. [Details](#)



Shorewood Marching Band, Fall 2015. Photos on this page by Wayne Pridemore.



Swim Senior Night Fall 2015.

December 2015

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12/1 TUE	PTSA Board Meeting (Career Center)	7:00 PM
12/2 WED	Poetry Out Loud (Black Box Theater)	6:30 PM
12/3 THU	Financial Aid Night (Theater) page 4	6:30 PM
12/7 MON	No School: Staff Workday	
12/9 WED	Einstein & Shorewood Orchestra Concert (Theater)	6:30 PM
12/9 WED	Shorewood Orchestra Concert (Theater)	7:45 PM
12/10 THU	Choir Concert (Theater)	7:30 PM
12/11 FRI	Last Day of Food Drive page 2	
12/14 MON	Boosters Meeting (Career Center)	7:00 PM
12/15 TUE	Band Concert (Theater)	7:30 PM
12/16 WED	Mobile Dental Clinic on site page 8	school hours
12/16 WED	Pizza Lunch w/ Recent SW Grads (Career Center) page 3	12:15 PM
12/16 WED	Senior Spree Meeting (Career Center)	6:00 PM
12/18 FRI	Last Day of School for 2015	
12/21-1/16	Winter Break	

January 2016

1/4 MON	School Resumes	
1/7 THU	Pizza Lunch w/ Recent SW Grads (Career Center) page 3	12:15 PM
1/14 THU	Culinary Arts Dinner (reservations required) page 8	6:00 PM
1/18 MON	No School: Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday	
1/21 THU	Jazz Night (Theater)	7:30 PM
1/22-24	Student-Directed Plays (Black Box Theater)	TBA
1/23 SAT	Shorewood/ Shorecrest Hoopapalooza (Shorecrest)	all day
1/27 WED	EOC Math Make-Up Test	7:50 AM
1/28 THU	EOC Biology Make-Up Test	7:50 AM