

Jazz It Up! in Shoreline Jan. 21

Jazz up your winter! Please join us at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 21 in the Shoreline Center Auditorium for Jazz It Up!, the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council's annual Arts Scholarship Program fundraiser.



The special guest this year is award-winning baritone saxophonist Gary Smulyan.

Joining him will be the Shoreline School District Friends and Faculty All Star Band as well as Shoreline middle and high school jazz bands. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for students/seniors and \$10 for children 12 and under.

Funds raised during Jazz It Up! each year help support the Arts Council's Summer Enrichment Scholarships awarded to Shoreline District students in grades seven through 12.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.shorelinearts.net or by calling 206-417-4645.

January 2012

- 4 • Classes resume after Winter Break
- 9 • School Board regular meeting, 7 p.m., Shoreline Center
- 11 • Shoreline PTA Council Reflections Reception, 6:30 p.m., Shoreline Center
- 16 • No School, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 21 • Kinderfest, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Shoreline Center (see story on this page)
- 21 • Shoreline PTA Council Futurefest, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Shoreline Community College
- 21 • Shorecrest at Shorewood basketball, varsity girls, 5 p.m., varsity boys 7 p.m.
- 21 • Shoreline/LFP Arts Council Jazz It Up! 7:30 p.m., Shoreline Center Auditorium
- 23 • School Board regular meeting, 7 p.m., Shoreline Center
- 28 • Shorecrest Big Band Swing Dance, 6 p.m.
- 30 • Kindergarten registration begins for 2012-13 at all elementary schools

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Kindergarten registration begins Jan. 30

Kinderfest is an opportunity for families who will be enrolling their children for 2012-13 to hear about the kindergarten programs offered by the Shoreline School District. Kinderfest will be held Saturday, Jan. 21 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Shoreline Room at Shoreline Center, 18560 1st Ave. N.E. Come and meet our Shoreline elementary principals and teachers and get all your questions answered.

Kindergarten registration for Shoreline residents with students starting kindergarten in the fall of 2012 will begin on Monday, Jan. 30 at all elementary schools. In order to attend kindergarten in the fall, a child must be five years old by Aug. 31, 2012.

For families living outside of the District interested in attending Shoreline Schools, kindergarten registration will also begin on Monday, Jan. 30. Registration forms for out-of-district students must be submitted to the Instruction Department of the Shoreline School District at Shoreline Center, 18560 1st Ave. N.E. The office is open between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Shoreline elementary schools will be open to prospective families for kindergarten classroom visitations



Parkwood Elementary Principal Laura Ploudré talks with a new Shoreline parent during last year's Kinderfest. The kindergarten information fair will be held Saturday, Jan. 21 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Shoreline Center, 18560 1st Ave. N.E.

at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 27. For more information on kindergarten registration and Kinderfest, please call Cathy Allred at 206-393-4211.

10 Shoreline teachers earn National Board Certifications

Ten Shoreline School District teachers have received their certifications from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

The teachers and schools are:

- Jennifer Altena, Syre Elementary**
- Andrew Bagley, Shorewood High School**
- Cristi Camp, Einstein Middle School**
- Mikael Christensen, Shorewood High School**
- Alisan Giesy, Shorewood High School**
- Roberta Ruark, Shorecrest High School**
- Brynne Saskor, Shorecrest High School**
- Marybeth Scherf, Lake Forest Park Elementary**
- Clark Youmans, Shorewood High School**
- Cheryl Zahajiko, Lake Forest Park Elementary**

With this latest announcement, Shoreline now has a total of 66 board-certified teachers currently working in the District. Numbers released by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards show that Washington has the second-most new NBCTs (945), behind only North Carolina, and is fourth overall in the total number of NBCTs (6,242). This achievement brings the total number of teachers certified nationwide to nearly 100,000.

The national certification process takes a minimum of 18 months. Teachers must demonstrate in their four-part portfolio a deep understanding and application of the national standards that are in place for their field of teaching. A national panel of peers then assesses the



From left, Shorewood High School teachers Mikael Christensen, Clark Youmans, Alisan Giesy and Andrew Bagley.

portfolio. Teachers also take a six-part examination in their content area.

The Shoreline School District supports the National Board Certification program by paying half of the registration fee. Those who complete the program receive a yearly salary bonus approved by the Legislature. Teachers attaining certification provide 25 hours of service either teaching professional development classes, supporting or mentoring colleagues, or working on projects.

Created in 1987, the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards is an independent, nonpartisan and nonprofit organization devoted to advancing the quality of teaching and learning. For more information, visit the NBPTS Web site at www.nbpts.org.