Inside the Scots’ new home

The new Shorecrest High School gymnasium opened right on time for the start of school in September. The building features a main and auxiliary gym with a movable wall between them, aerobics/exercise and weight rooms, training room, locker rooms and classroom. The gymnasium is the first building to be completed as part of the modernization/replacement of Shorecrest and Shorewood approved by District voters in 2010.

The new Shorecrest gymnasium blends the new with the old; the boards above the doors were salvaged from the old bleachers.

The Shorecrest volleyball team plays its first match in the new gymnasium. (Photo by Sang-Won Cho)
Dear Shoreline Schools Community,
Increasing student achievement continues to be the highest priority for the Shoreline School District. For that reason, we were particularly pleased to be recognized in the 2012 study conducted by the Washington School Research Center within Seattle Pacific University. Based upon student achievement and other factors, the study identified Shoreline as one of the most effective school districts in Washington state over a six-year period. Essentially, Shoreline was recognized as one of the top 5 percent of 295 districts in our state!

This year the focus of our instructional team will be helping teachers make connections through ongoing content-based professional development. We will be connecting content and instructional changes brought by the Common Core State Standards to new curriculum in secondary language arts, middle school math, and math in the primary grades. These Common Core Standards have been adopted by 45 states including Washington.

As we implement new kits in elementary science, we will be making new connections to Washington State Standards, the Next Generation Science Standards, and Common Core literacy standards in science. The 2012-13 school year will begin a textbook adoption process for social studies in grades 7 to 12 with newly designed high school courses. This process will connect current Washington State Standards to Common Core Literacy Standards in social studies.

Shoreline has adopted the Danielson Instructional Framework for Teachers, and the Instruction Department is working to show the connections between best practices implementing Common Core and new curriculum with distinguished teaching on the Danielson rubric. The teacher and principal evaluation pilot currently under way in our schools is also based upon the Danielson Framework.

For more information on the Board/Superintendent/District Priorities and comprehensive work plan for the 2012-13 school year, please visit our Web site at www.shorelineschools.org.

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Marla Miller joins Shoreline as Deputy Superintendent

Marla Miller has joined the Shoreline School District as deputy superintendent. Her new responsibilities include oversight of business and finance, capital projects, food service, support and operations and transportation.

Miller had previously been employed by the Edmonds School District since 1993, and served as its executive director of business and operations since 1998. “We are excited about having Marla Miller on our Shoreline team,” Superintendent Sue Walker said. “She brings a wealth of experience in Washington state school finance and her breadth of knowledge in capital projects will be essential as we continue construction of the new Shorecrest and Shorewood High Schools.”

Miller succeeds Marcia Harris, who retired Aug. 31 after six years as Shoreline’s deputy superintendent.

Miller first joined Edmonds as a human resources consultant, then became human resources manager and director of business services, payroll and benefits before becoming executive director of business and operations.

She is a graduate of Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn. She is active in the community as a member and past president of the Edmonds Daybreakers Rotary Club, as a board member of the Edmonds Public Facilities District, on the Dale Turner Family YMCA Strategic Planning Committee, and as past president and lifetime member of the Seattle Milk Fund.

Miller and her husband live in Edmonds and are the parents of three children.
Shoreline Science and Technology Fair
and STEM event planned for March 2013

A group of community volunteers is organizing the first annual Shoreline Science and Technology Fair and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Career Exposition.

The fair will be held March 23, 2013 in the Pagoda Union Building at Shoreline Community College. It is sponsored by Shoreline STEM and Shoreline Friends of Science.

The fair will be open to students in grades 4 to 12 from District schools. Registration is now open and any STEM-related area is open for presentation.

The event will include a STEM Career Exposition featuring booths from area science and technology firms.

For more about registering or volunteering for the event, visit their Web site at www.shorelinesciencefair.org.
National Merit Semifinalists announced

Six seniors from Shorecrest and Shorewood High School have qualified as 2013 National Merit Semifinalists.

From Shorecrest, they are Tzuria Falkenberg, Robert Kau and Jennifer Sui. From Shorewood, they are Nathan Hickman, Rebecca Yuen and Yi Zhou.

These students have the opportunity to compete for Merit Scholarship awards by qualifying as a National Merit Finalist. About 16,000 seniors nationwide will be competing for some 8,300 Merit Scholarships worth more than $34 million that will be awarded next spring.

More than 1.5 million juniors in nearly 21,000 high schools entered the 2013 National Merit Program by taking the 2011 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. The nationwide pool of Semifinalists, which represents less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest scoring entrants in each state. The number of Semifinalists in a state is proportional to the state’s percentage of the national total of graduating seniors.

To become a Finalist, a Semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by the school principal, and earn SAT scores that confirm the student’s earlier qualifying test performance.

District students excel on state assessments

This chart shows Shoreline School District students achieving higher scores across the board than the state average on the spring 2012 state assessment tests. This was the first year that high school students in biology took End of Course (EOC) exams. Each year the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) publishes an online “Report Card” for each school and school district in Washington state. The Report Card lists the results of state testing, student demographics, teacher information and financial data. Look for the link to the OSPI District Report Card on our home page at shorelineschools.org.

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Two high schools, one community

Fans gather for the annual Spirit Night photo at Shoreline Stadium during halftime of the Shorecrest/Shorewood football game. The Scots came from behind to win a thrilling game, 23-17, and keep the Rotary Cup. (Photo by Brock Mason)

Online tools assist in college and career planning for Shoreline students

Last spring the District set in motion two initiatives to better support Shoreline students’ transition from school to their careers of choice.

A comprehensive College and Career Readiness Framework is being tailored to fit the Shoreline curriculum and culture, with learning standards for grades seven through 12.

To help deliver this comprehensive framework, the District has purchased the powerful online tool Naviance.

Naviance is a college and career readiness program that helps connect academic achievement to post-secondary goals. Its comprehensive college and career planning solutions optimize student success, enhance school counselor productivity, and track results for school and District administrators.

The “Family Connection” feature of Naviance helps students and families connect what students do in the classroom to their life goals, including finding colleges and careers based on their personal skills and areas of interests. Implementation is now under way at both high schools.

College and Career Readiness Coordinator Erika Spellman has joined the District to help partner with high school counselors in rolling out this new initiative to best prepare our students for the challenges and opportunities after high school.

Erika has spent the last 10 years in the Edmonds School District as the school to work coordinator, implementing college and career curriculum at both Edmonds Woodway and Mountlake Terrace High Schools.

She will be reopening the new College and Career Centers at both Shorecrest and Shorewood while working with teachers, counselors and seniors to use Naviance. As the year progresses she will be working with other grade levels to implement an understanding of Naviance, utilizing the new college and career readiness framework.

Be prepared for school schedule changes due to winter weather

Shoreline Schools participate in the SchoolReport.org Public Schools Emergency Communications System Web site to notify families of a school closure or delayed start due to adverse weather conditions or other emergency situations.

SchoolReport.org conveys the information to television and radio stations for broadcast. To receive an e-mail notification alert to your computer, mobile phone or pager, sign up at www.schoolreport.org. The District will also post the information on our District Web site at shorelineschools.org, individual school sites, Facebook, Twitter and on the Shoreline Education Access Channel 26 (Comcast) or 36 (Frontier).
‘Wizard of Oz,’ ‘Romeo and Juliet,’ on stage

Shorewood High School will present “The Wizard of Oz” from Nov. 8 to 18 in the school auditorium. Join them for the classic adventure story in the musical version that you remember from the MGM movie. Tickets are $9 in advance and available from brownpapertickets.com or at the school. They are $10 at the door. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Nov. 8 to 10 and 15 to 17, with matinees Nov. 11 and 18 at 2 p.m.

Shorecrest High School will present “Romeo and Juliet” from Nov. 8 to 18 in the school cafeteria. Tickets are $8 in advance and available at the school and at Third Place Books in Lake Forest Park. Tickets may also be reserved by e-mail: sc.tickets@shorelineschools.org or by phone: 393-6224. They are also available at the door for $10. Seating is limited. Show times are at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 8 to 10 and 14 to 17, with matinees at 2 p.m. Nov. 11 and 18. (Photo by Sang-Won Cho)

Shoreline Schools Calendar
For a complete list of events, visit www.shorelineschools.org

November 2012
5 and 19 • School Board meeting, 7 p.m., Shoreline Center
6 • General Election, please remember to vote
12 • No School, Veterans Day
8-11, 14-18 • Shorecrest fall play, “Romeo and Juliet”
8-11, 15-18 • Shorewood musical, “The Wizard of Oz”
22-23 • No School, Thanksgiving Break

December 2012
3 • No School, Staff Work Day
3 to 14 • PTA Council Holiday Baskets drive, donations of food and gifts can be dropped off at any school in the Shoreline School District
4 • Holiday Ships choir concert, 7:30 p.m., Richmond Beach Saltwater Park
10 • School Board meeting, 7 p.m., Shoreline Center
10 and 11 • Elementary band/orchestra holiday concerts, 8 p.m. at Third Place Commons in Lake Forest Park
20 to Jan. 2 • No School, Winter Break

Kindergarten registration for 2013-14 will begin Feb. 4 at all elementary schools. Please join us for the Kinderfest kindergarten information fair on Jan. 26 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Shoreline Center. Kindergarten tours will be held at elementary schools at 9:30 a.m. Jan. 30. For more information on kindergarten registration, call 393-4211.