

## General FAQs for Shorecrest High School Families

### How do I know what my student's school work and homework is?

Students are encouraged to record work in either a paper or electronic planner. Most teachers also post classwork, homework and project information on Canvas. Students will also be required to submit some of their assignments online, through Canvas. Learning to navigate Canvas early in the year, alongside your student, is a worthy priority. Using Canvas regularly is a key part of managing academic work.

### How do I keep track of grades?

Grades are updated on Canvas every two weeks. If you have a question about a grade or an assignment, please email the teacher directly. You will find teacher's emails on the website as well as through Canvas. Additionally, we mail home report cards at the end of first quarter, the end of third quarter, and at the end of both semesters. Semester grades are the final grades that will appear on your students' transcript. Quarter grades are essentially a progress report.

### How do I excuse an absence?

Please call our attendance office at (206) 393-4284 to excuse an absence or send an email to [sc.attendance@shorelineschools.org](mailto:sc.attendance@shorelineschools.org). Absences must be excused within 24 hours. If your child is 18 or older, they may excuse their own absences only after you have given written permission for them to do so. Contact the attendance office for more information on how to do this.

### How do I reach the school nurse?

Please reach the school nurse by phone at (206) 393-4308 or send an email to our nurse at [carlene.urrutia@shorelineschools.org](mailto:carlene.urrutia@shorelineschools.org).

### How can I reach my student during the school day?

Please contact the attendance office at (206) 393-4284 and we will get a message to your student. We ask that students not be on their phones during class so please refrain from texting or calling during class time.

### When will my student pick up his/her iPad? Is there fee assistance for the insurance?

Freshmen will pick up iPads in the summer on the day dedicated to Link Crew activities. Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors keep their iPads over the summer and once checked out to them, they have the opportunity to have the same iPad for their 4 years at Shorecrest. There is a \$35 insurance fee and there is fee assistance. If a student qualifies for free or reduced lunch, the insurance fee will be waived on the day of iPad pick up.

### Is there fee assistance available for athletics, ASB or class fees?

Yes. See your student's counselor for fee assistance.

### Can my 9th grader go off campus during lunch?

Yes, we have an open campus for all grade levels at lunch only. There is no open campus during Highlander Home or nutrition break. Please talk with your student to set boundaries and expectations about leaving campus during lunch. For example: Does your student have permission to go in another student's car?

### How does student drop off and pick up work at Shorecrest?

To pick up or drop off your student please go to the north parking lot (driveway is located behind, north of, the theater). Please follow the signs to loop around the lot and pick up your student outside the building (for students, they will need to exit out the door by the green stairs).

Please do not drop off or pick up your student in the front parking lot of the main building for student safety and for the ease of our busses who rely on this area being open. Busses are traveling throughout the school day to provide transportation to and from Shorewood so these bus lanes need to remain open during school hours.

### Are students assigned lockers? Is there a school supply list?

Shorecrest only has lockers for students in the gym locker rooms for PE. Otherwise, there are no lockers available. Students should come to school on the first day with basic school supplies – binder, paper, pens/pencils. Teachers will tell students if there are specific needs for a particular class.

**I want my student to get involved in activities at Shorecrest. How can I help them choose?**

We'll have a Fall Kick-Off event in August and clubs will have display tables and a form for interested students to sign up. The SC website also has a great list of all of our clubs and activities.

**How should I help my student decide whether to take Honors or regular class?**

It is key for students to be organized and have good time management skills. There is more homework in honors classes than in standard classes. Help your student think about a balance of academics and extra-curricular activities and the overall difficulty of your student's schedule. It is important to know that moving out of an Honors course is difficult to do; the choice to enroll in Honors should be made with confidence. Aim for stretch, not strain.

**What is Highlander Home?**

Highlander Home is an academic period in the school day (9:40-10:15 AM) that includes time for students to work on assignments or get help from a teacher. We also emphasize community building through Highlander Home and integrate various all school activities. Highlander Home groups are made up of a mix of students from all grade levels with the intent to keep those students together with the same teacher for all four years. All students are assigned to a Highlander Home. I

**I heard that students can get PE waived if they play a sport. Is that true?**

The state requires that students take 1.5 credits of PE (3 classes) over the course of four years. Additionally, there is a .5 (one semester) Health requirement. Shorecrest doesn't automatically waive PE if students play a sport and we recommend that 9<sup>th</sup> graders look to build in PE classes early in their high school schedule. Zero period PE offered. In the junior year students can apply for a PE waiver of a maximum of 1.0 credit if they are unable to fulfill this requirement due to their academic schedule and they have a Shorecrest or documented outside sport or physical activity. Counselors advise students on this process.

**How can I access help for my student in math?**

Our math teachers host Math Night every Wednesday once the school year gets started. Please look for information in the school broadcast and from teachers on when this begins. It is FREE and our math teachers lead the help sessions. Our National Honor Society students also are required to complete tutoring hours. If you are interested in having an Honor Society tutor, please contact your student's counselor as well as the National Honor Society Adviser, Ms. Nemeth ([maureen.nemeth@shorelineschools.org](mailto:maureen.nemeth@shorelineschools.org)).

**How can I help my student complete homework?**

We have Homework Club available after school two times a week. It will run from 2:45 to 4 PM and bus transportation is provided back to student's home elementary schools. Teachers are on site to help students with homework. Please see more information on days Homework Club is offered through the school broadcast and/or contact your student's counselor.

**I've heard there are some on-line class options and what about Running Start?**

For questions regarding our on-line offerings through Shoreline Virtual Learning (SVL) or about Running Start, please contact your student's counselor.

**What is the best way to reach my student's counselor?**

Call the counseling center at (206) 393-4296 to schedule an appointment or to speak directly with a counselor.