

## Principal's Message

Hello Sehome families,

I think Mother Nature heard our request and finally granted Spring. It is refreshing to see the changes in nature and the changes here at Sehome. For many of you who have visited our campus, you will have noticed a few slight changes due to construction. Building a new home or school is very exciting, but at the same time can cause displacement and frustration during the build process. We are hoping to stay ahead of the game and use School Messenger and our web page to communicate with you the changes during the new Sehome High School build. To start, we are in the process of fencing off the soccer fields along with 10 parking spots that are adjacent to the soccer field in the "Junior" parking lot off of Voltaire Street. This will enable students to monitor the progress of the project from a safe distance.

In preparation for the project, we have also taken the time to help prepare staff and students by reacquainting them with parking etiquette. This will help with the transition to the Fall when the "Junior" lot will be significantly reduced in order to accommodate the build project. At this time, parking is available in the "Senior" lot off of Bill McDonald Parkway. Here are a few things that you can do to help us through this process:

1. If you have a student who drives to school or is planning to, please make sure that they pick up a parking pass in the ASB office. This will require them to register their vehicle.
2. Help your student plan ahead. Students who tend to run late to school have developed a habit of parking in visitor, staff and unmarked parking spots. While this may help them to get to class on time, it causes our visitors and shared staff to arrive late to their appointments or to their teaching assignments because they cannot find open visitor and staff parking spots.
3. If you pick-up or drop-off your student, please make sure to use the front office loop in the morning before 7:15 a.m. and after 7:40 a.m. To accommodate our bus schedules, using the front office as drop-off/pick-up location is not permitted during the hours of 7:15 a.m. and 7:40 a.m., as well as, 2:00 p.m. and 2:25 p.m. The parent drop-off/pick-up loop (located off of Ferry Street) is always open in the morning and afternoon.
4. Bike parking is plentiful and our bikers could use some bike company! If your student is getting ready to drive and wanting a new car...you may want to bribe them with a new bike?

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding with our campus changes.

Michelle Kuss-Cybula  
Principal, Sehome High School

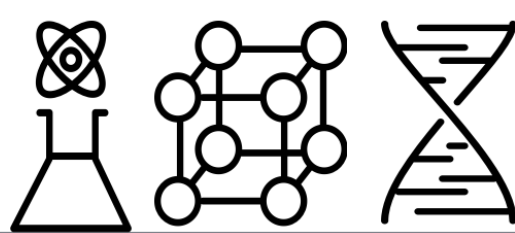
## PTSA General Meeting

You are Invited to join the PTSA and school staff on May 11th from 7:00 – 8:30 to the Spring Round Table discussion. The topics will center around:

- How to help our students transition to the new schedule (school work, longer class periods, and staying in communication with staff)
- "But my students didn't know!" How to help Sehome better communicate with students and families. Got ideas? We're ready!
- The new school. What does this mean for my student? Thinking ahead to what the new school will embody as a class and a community.

## Upcoming Events

- 4/20: SHS Band Concert, 7 pm, Cafeteria
- 4/22: Compost Sale, Senior parking lot
- 4/22: Prom, 9-11:30 pm, The Leopold
- 4/26: Play: "Twelfth Night," 7 pm, Little Theatre
- 4/28: "Twelfth Night," 7 pm
- 4/29: PTSA Auction, 5:30 pm, 4 Points by Sheraton
- 4/29: "Twelfth Night," 7 pm
- 5/1: Summer Athletic registration begins, see description
- 5/4: "Twelfth Night," 7 pm
- 5/5: "Twelfth Night," 7 pm
- 5/6: "Twelfth Night," 7 pm
- 5/11: PTSA Meeting, 7 pm, Library
- 5/13: WWU GEMS, 12-4 pm, see description
- 5/15-5/19: 7 Arts Week



## WWU GEMS

Name: WWU GEMS (Girls in Engineering, Math and Science) Fair  
 Description: All ages are invited to this free and hands-on family-friendly event. Learn about groups around campus and Bellingham that have ties to the STEM community.  
 When: May 13, noon to 4 p.m.  
 Where: Western Washington University  
 More info: <https://ee.wwu.edu/youth-programs/programs/gems-fair-bellingham-girls-engineering-math-science>



## Athletics & Activities

!! COMING SOON !!

NEW \* NEW \* NEW  
ON-LINE ATHLETICS / ACTIVITIES  
REGISTRATION FORM

Middle School & High School registration is moving to a new online Activities & Athletics Registration Form STARTING MAY 1ST  
The new registration form will be in Skyward Family Access.

In-coming freshmen and returning Sehome athletes will be able to register for 2017 Summer Athletic Programs and 2017-18 school year Athletic & Activities online.

Watch for the official opening of the Skyward Online Registration

!! Also .. COMING SOON !!  
Information on ...

2017 Sehome Summer Sports Programs and  
The May 2017 Sports Physical Night at BHS

Questions—contact Sehome Athletics/Activities Secretary  
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## PTSA AUCTION

Raise the Sails

Mark your calendars

Saturday, April 27, 2017  
Four Points by Sheraton  
714 Lakeway Drive  
Bellingham, WA 98225

Doors open at 5:30 pm

Tickets: \$50.00 per person  
Includes appetizers,  
dinner, beer & wine, soda,  
coffee, and water

[Click here to reserve tickets online](#)

## Summer Opportunities

Extended education and volunteering are great ways for students to add enrichment to their vacation. They don't have to travel far...

WWU College Quest- students in grades 10-12 can register for one class in one or both weeks. They experience dorm life, engage in courses taught by professors and even earn college credit. WWU also offers the Korean High School program. 50 Korean students will be visiting WWU's campus July 16-28. High school students are needed assistants in STEM classrooms, as English conversation partners and for the fun activities like field trips and recreation time.

Perks of volunteering for this is: 20 plus volunteer hours, a WTA bus pass and lunch for full-day volunteers. Visit [www.wwu.edu/youth](http://www.wwu.edu/youth) for more information. Deadline to apply is May 29th.

## WCC OPEN HOUSE

11th and 12th grade students are invited to join us on Thursday, May 18th to explore Whatcom Community College through mock classes, campus tours and information sessions. The event is free with lunch provided by WCC. Students will need to sign up in the Sehome Career Center by Tuesday, May 16th.

## S.H.O.C.

What is S.H.O.C. and why should my student sign up? S.H.O.C. stands for Students Helping Our Community. We list it as a club but it is mostly a tool to encourage students to volunteer and to log their hours through the Career Center. Many organizations within our community rely on volunteers such as our students to run their programs. In turn, students gain soft skills and work experience as well as community service hours that can make them more eligible for scholarships. Students can find the registration form and time log in the Career Center or on the Sehome Career Center Webpage. All students registered with S.H.O.C. will be invited to a mini ice cream social in early June as a thank-you for their service to our community.