



**Shoreland Lutheran
High School
Pastor/Principal Update
December 2009**

School/Student News:

Merry Christmas

God has given Shoreland Lutheran High School the opportunity to share the Christmas message with thousands of students for 38 years and counting. The Christ-child born in Bethlehem more than 2000 years ago continues to be the center of everything we do at Shoreland. By God's marvelous grace we continue to Educate, Equip, and Encourage students for lives of Christian service. On behalf of the Shoreland faculty and staff, I wish you God's richest blessings as you celebrate the birth of the Christ-child.

Christmas Concert Review

Our directors, students, and other performers brought the wonderful Christmas message to more 500 people on December 11th. The Lord has truly blessed us with an abundance of talented individuals. Our directors, choirs, instrumentalists, and accompanists glorified their heavenly father by making the best use of their talents. Three long time Shoreland family members expressed that this concert was one of the best they had experienced in their time at Shoreland and many more were amazed at the quality of the music. Thank the Lord for the dedicated, hardworking members of the music department.

WELSSA Update

9 out of 10 self-study teams have completed their work and have submitted a report. The steering committee is in the process of preparing the reports and evidence for the outside visiting team. The steering committee meets again on Thursday as they continue to prepare for the big visit from the outside team that will validate our findings from the self-study. In order to be granted accreditation, 85% of the standards must be fully met, 95% earns the school and exemplary status. After the initial reports were submitted we had 82.9% fully met. The curriculum team, with 60 standards, has not yet completed their work. Things are getting very exciting now!

Wrestling Team on the Rise

The 6th place finish is a huge improvement for our wrestling team. It marks the first time that we finished better than last place. We had 9 athletes wrestle as opposed to the two or three that wrestled last year. Thanks to Paul Brug and his coaching staff the newcomers are learning quickly and contributing to the team's success. The veteran wrestler, Jordan Van Sant and Jacob Mundstock, continue to experience great success in their weight class.

Dan Bailey

A severe back ailment has forced Dan to retire from his duties at Shoreland. Dan filled so many roles that it is hard to accurately name them all. His main contributions to the Shoreland ministry included working in the kitchen and teaching the Wood Working and Engine Repair and Maintenance Classes. His presence in the building and in the classroom will be missed by all. We thank the Lord for Dan's dedicated service to the Shoreland ministry and wish him God's richest blessings as he works through the painful process of recovery. Words cannot express the gratitude we have for the years of service that Dan committed to this ministry.

Shoreland's Growing Reputation

A phone call a few weeks ago handled by Mr. Dorn demonstrates Shoreland's growing reputation for excellence in the community. The phone call came from a father looking into high schools for his daughter. That is not uncommon but the fact that he subscribes to the religion of Islam is. After having a great chance to explain what we teach, Mr. Dorn asked the caller, why a Lutheran school if you believe the teachings of Islam? His reply, I hear Shoreland is an excellent school. This conversation emphasizes the importance of producing a good product. It emphasizes the importance of being the best we can be in the classroom and producing the best athletic and fine arts programs possible. By being the best we can be and producing an excellent educational experience, many doors are opened to share the precious message of the Gospel for the purpose of nurture and outreach. Thanks be to God for the Gift of Shoreland and the many talented people who make this ministry what it is today!



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