



Parent Association Handbook 2017-2018

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THE PURPOSE OF SLHS PA

The Parent Association is comprised of all parents, guardians, and other supporters of Seattle Lutheran High School. It's mission is to support the school and to enhance the educational experience of students by enriching the quality of the school community.

The Parent Association carries out this mission by:

Building Community

- Partnering with the school to provide opportunities and programs that support and strengthen the school community.
- Supporting new families with orientation to the school community.
- Communicating news, events, and needs with our families.
- Partner with SLHS to reach out into our greater community.
- Plan and coordinate volunteers for various school events.
- Coordinate teacher appreciation.

Investing In Our Community

- Partners with the school to fund many of the programs that extend our student's learning.
- Provides grants for teacher professional development ie. workshops, teachers Conference.
- Provides grants for materials to enhance classroom instruction.
- Awards 2 leadership scholarships each year at graduation.
- Provides parenting support resources and education.

PA OVERVIEW

All parents or guardians of SLHS students are members of the Seattle Lutheran High School Parent Association. There are no membership dues. Grandparents, alumni families, and other members of the SLHS community are welcome to participate in our mission. The PA holds three general assembly meetings during each school year. The purpose of these meetings is for members to:

- Join in fellowship with other parents and teachers.
- Find out about upcoming school activities.
- Learn about the many programs the PA funds in support of the school.
- Learn how to get involved in fundraisers. Be a part of your school, make a difference, and easily fulfill your PIP hours.

The PA has an executive board of officers, who are elected by the PA general assembly. The executive board meets monthly and works with the school administration, faculty and various sub-committees to oversee and direct the activities of the PA.

BE INFORMED

PA is **YOUR** resource to learn what is going on at SLHS. Your ideas and input are always welcome!

The three yearly PA general meetings are an excellent way to get updated on school activities, learn about PA, and provide input on school related issues. PA general meetings are open to all families.

Join us at this year's PTH General Assembly Meetings:

- Monday, September 11th at 7 PM in conjunction with Back to School Night
- Monday, February 26th at 7 PM in conjunction with Special Guest Speaker
- Monday, May 21st at 7 PM in conjunction with Community Night

The PA & Communication reps from each class send out class specific updates following our monthly board meetings. Don't hesitate to contact the PA board members if you have questions, ideas, suggestions, or feedback.

BE INVOLVED

PA is for **YOU!** Curious about what is going on at SLHS? Would you like to have stronger bonds with other SLHS families? At the heart of Seattle Lutheran High School's ability to successfully provide a Christ centered and student-focused environment is a high level of cooperation and involvement on the part of parents and guardians. Parent support of and interest in a student's academics, activities, sports and college planning are essential to the SLHS community. There are many ways to get involved: volunteer to join the Parent Association Board, attend athletic and dramatic events. There are also opportunities for you to get involved by voicing your ideas and opinions, or helping on small projects. Your efforts will be greatly appreciated and benefit the entire school body. Never worry about PIP hours again!

PA – REGULARLY SPONSORED FUNDRAISERS

Our ability to balance the PA budget is based on our success at fundraising. The PA regularly sponsors the following fundraising activities. Your participation in these and other fundraisers is critical to our success in reaching our mission.

Fall Fundraiser - SLHS Green's Sale

Chairs: Lisa West & Tammy Shelver (seeking a Freshman shadow)

Date: September forms come home & pick up in November TBD.

We start early getting into the spirit of Christmas! We rely on this very important fundraisers to bring in over half of what we need to fulfill our mission. The greens are beautiful and priced comparable to what you will see in the community. Support our school by purchasing greens from SLHS. Spread the word to friends and family! An order form is distributed at the all parent meeting and is also available at www.seattlelutheran.org.

Put on your Christmas cheer and earn PIP hours at the same time! The chair of this fundraiser meets your complete PIP requirement.

Spring Fundraiser - 2nd annual "STEP UP FOR SEALU" Stairclimb

Chairs: Allison Carver

Date: Spring 2018

PARENT INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM (PIP)

Seattle Lutheran High School parents, students, per the SLHS enrollment contract, are required to perform 20 hours of PIP activities/annually. The faculty and staff of SLHS look forward to working with you! (School requirement; PA assists the school in sharing of information)

Program Purpose:

- To foster closer identification of all families with the school through parent involvement.
- To capitalize on the values of working together and getting to know each other.
- To tap community, parent, and family resources in order to enrich the school program.
- To support and encourage teachers.
- To provide real assistance to the school coupled with monetary savings.

Volunteer or "PIP" hours:

- Participation in PIP may be performed by parents, grandparents, and guardians, not students.
- Extra hours served cannot be transferred to another family.
- PIP hours carry a value of \$25 each. Hours not served from June 1 through May 31 will be billed by the School after May 31 with payment due by June 15.
- Please click <https://www.seattlelutheran.org/secure/pip-recording-form/> to complete and submit your PIP form to the school.
- Support Scrip! One PIP hour may be earned for every \$100.00 purchase of Saints Scrip! That is \$25 for prepaying for \$100! Great way to earn. Please see the website <http://www.seattlelutheran.org/saints-scrip/> for more details.
- Some PIP activities include: attendance at SLHS Parent Association Meetings; providing refreshments and help at events; assisting with class events such as: Freshman Social, Back to School BBQ, dances, etc.
- PIP Opportunity information is included in weekly emails from school.
- May be worked in many ways, including working on fundraisers, helping teachers, working in the school office and maintaining the school grounds.
- Are to be recorded on the PIP forms electronically via the school website (click on "Parents," then "PIP Form").
- Are fulfilled in full each year for any person serving on the PA Board for a complete academic year with 80% attendance record.
- A PIP year runs from June 1 through May 31. For example, for the 2013-2014 school year, PIP hours must be served between June 1, 2013, and May 31, 2014.

SLHS IS A GREAT PLACE TO VOLUNTEER!

All parents are encouraged to participate in school events and activities. Below is a list of events and activities and who is responsible for hosting. Hosting typically includes organizing event, providing refreshments, set up and break down of chairs, tables, etc. Each class typically is responsible for two events each year. Fundraising events are the responsibility of all classes.

Date	Events and Activities	Class or Group Hosted By:
August	Back to School BBQ	Host: School
September	New Parent Information Night Back to School Night College Night	Host: School Host: Senior Class Families Host: Junior Class Families
October	Homecoming Dance Open House for Prospective Students Fall Greens and Pies Fundraisers	Host: ASB Host: Sophomore Class Families All Classes: Join the Holiday Green's or Pie Sales Team!
November	Fall Drama Production College Financial Aid Night Holiday Green's and Pie Sales	Host: Drama Families Host: Senior Class Families All Classes: Join the Holiday Green's or Pie Sales Team!
December	Fall Athletic Awards Giving Day	Host: Booster All Classes: It's not too late!

	Teacher Appreciation – ASK in kind financial donation.	Put your talents to use! Take on organizing a treat/small gift for your class to give each teacher.
January	Winter Ball	Host: ASB
January continued	Open House for Prospective Students –Hosted by the Senior Class Parents	Host: Freshman Class Families
February	All Parent Meeting	Host: Junior Class Families Earn PIP by attending
March	Winter Athletic Awards Tolo Dance	Host: Booster Host: ASB
April	Spring Drama Production	Host: Drama Families
May	National Teacher Appreciation Week Prom Senior Project Presentations Community Night	All Classes: All week prepare and serve teachers each day with a treat. Do you have a special talent? Car washing? Massage? Supply connection Host: ASB Host: School Host: Freshman Class Families

	Spring Athletic Awards	Host:
June	Academic Awards and Honor Society	Host: Sophomore Class
	Induction	Families
	Agape	Host: School
June continued	Graduation	Host: School

Ways YOU can volunteer at SLHS that count toward PIP

- Join the PA Board
- Attend PA General Assembly Meetings
- Fundraising
- Host School Functions -set up/take down/treats
- Provide Snacks at School Functions
- Teacher Appreciation
- Auction Chair/Co-Chair
- Auction Subcommittees
- Music Program Assistance
- Drama Program Assistance
- Robotics Program Assistance
- Athletic Program Assistance
- Campus and Building Maintenance
- Office Assistance
- Special Talents and Skills
- Chaperone Activities