

Get Involved, Stay Informed & Have a Voice!

Welcome to new SMHS parents! Welcome back to returning SMHS parents!

As you know, San Marino High School is a highly ranked California public school due in large part to excellent faculty and staff who teach and motivate our talented students to do their best. But it is the amazing support of our parents that distinguishes SMHS and provides many wonderful opportunities and experiences for our students. Whether you are new to SMHS or a "seasoned" SMHS parent, whether you work outside of the home or inside it, I encourage you to get involved in your teen's experience at SMHS. And by staying informed about what is happening at SMHS, you can help guide your child toward a multitude of activities and opportunities.

Get Involved. No matter how busy your schedule is, there are a variety of ways to get involved. There are volunteer opportunities for one day or evening, one event, or one school year! Simply indicate your area of interest on the Parent Volunteer Information Form (located on the other side of this letter), and a PTSA representative will contact you when the need arises.

Stay Informed. There are *three easy ways* to stay informed and bridge the inevitable information gap with your teen:

- **Attend PTSA Meetings** -- held at 9 am on the third Wednesday of each month in the College & Career Center on campus.
 - The SMHS principal reports on school activities and is available to answer questions.
 - ASB representative reports on ASB activities.
 - PTSA officers and chairmen report on PTSA activities and present matters for approval by membership.
- **Provide an email address** on the SMHS School Information Form to automatically receive the PTSA monthly newsletter and other important PTSA communications electronically.
- **Check the website and sign up to receive the SMHS Bulletin** sent out by the high school to subscribers twice weekly during the school year.
 - Contains important information on upcoming school events, co-curricular activities, calendar changes, safety alerts, testing schedules, etc.
 - You must opt-in to receive the Bulletin -- go to sanmarinohs.org and click "Join the School News List" under the Titans logo.

Have a Voice. Become a PTSA member and provide input about PTSA-supported programs and activities by attending meetings and voting on matters presented to the PTSA membership. Among matters presented for membership approval are: PTSA budget (September), approval of Allocations Committee at-large members (October), election of Nominating Committee (November), approval of Allocations to programs and projects (November and May), election of Executive Board (March), and approval of contracts and expenses (monthly).

Please feel free to contact me directly at links4@aol.com or (626) 590-8766 if you have any questions or would like to get involved in the PTSA.

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2011-12 PTSA President

Please turn the page to see the Parent Volunteer Information Form.