

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. We are grateful for an excellent faculty and staff who teach and motivate our talented students to do their best. The amazing support of our parents also 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. 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 **two 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.
- **Check the website and sign up to receive the SMHS e-Bulletin** sent out by the high school to subscribers 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 only if you are NEW to the San Marino School District --- go to **sanmarinohs.org** and follow the instructions on how to join the e-newsletters
 - You also will receive the monthly PTSA newsletter and other important PTSA electronic communications

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 jcsquared5@gmail.com or (626) 286-7088 if you have any questions or would like to get involved in the PTSA. Here's to a great year!

Jennifer Chen
2013-2014 PTSA President

Please click on the PTSA Volunteer Form link to sign up to help.