



2019 - 2020 PARENTS ASSOCIATION (PA) EVENTS & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

OUR VISION

In direct alignment with the Quaker values of **S**implicity, **P**ease, **I**ntegrity, **C**ommunity, **E**quality, and **S**tewardship (SPICES), the Sandy Spring Friends School (SSFS) Parents Association is a resource for school-wide community building and fellowship. Through well-planned events, activities, and partnerships, we provide opportunities to engage with one another; share information, talents, and interests; and enhance our sense of community here at SSFS. Our goal is to reach out to parents who may not yet be connected to the SSFS community, and continue to build camaraderie among all parents and guardians throughout their child's years at SSFS and beyond. All SSFS parents are automatically members of the PA – no special signup required!

PA BENEFITS

- **Be Part of a Team** – Work together to design and develop activities, events, strategies, and tools that build communication and support between SSFS parents and the School;
- **Network** – Find others in the community who share similar interests and activities;
- **Share** – Celebrate successes and help provide improvement opportunities; socialize tips on how to navigate SSFS systems (the online learning management system, portal, etc.);
- **Educate** – Utilize resources for parental support, including education about childhood and adolescent social and academic development;
- **Connect** – Use our Community Connections website to find a babysitter, share a ride, offer dog sitting services, plan a hiking trip, and more!

We welcome new clerks, co-clerks, grade/division reps, volunteers, and ideas and comments for these and many other activities. Training will be offered. To contact us, volunteer for an event, or learn more about any of the events below, please email pa.clerk@ssfs.org. You can also go to the Parents Association web page; there is a public version available at <https://www.ssfs.org/support-ssfs/parents-association>, and a password-protected version with more info available at <https://www.ssfs.org/parents/parents-association>. We look forward to a great year!

FRIENDS DAY ~ SEPTEMBER 14, 2019 ~ 4:00-7:00 PM

LOCATION: SSFS CAMPUS

CLERK: TIFFANY JONES

Designed to connect new and returning SSFS families, Friends Day is a gathering of food, friends, and fun! We'll have live music, inflatables, and games, as well as opportunities to speak with PA reps about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities.

FRIENDSFEST ~ NOVEMBER 9, 2019 ~ 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

LOCATION: SSFS CAMPUS

CLERK: NICOLE CAREY

Celebrate the season SSFS style at the biggest community-builder of the school year! A festive, all-day Saturday event open to both SSFS families and the wider public, FriendsFest (formerly known as Winterfest) provides fun for the entire family. The day features music, baked goods, holiday decor, a book fair, fabulous local vendors and crafters selling their creations at the Artisan's Market, and much more. Dad's Diner also dishes out delectable lunches and snacks!

MAINTENANCE APPRECIATION LUNCH ~ DECEMBER 10, 2019 ~ 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

LOCATION: SCOTT HOUSE

CLERK: CHARLENE WARREN-DAVIS

This is a great opportunity to show appreciation to the hardworking, behind-the-scenes staff who do so much for the PA and so many others in the SSFS community! Volunteers are needed to help with set up and clean up, and bring food, beverages, and desserts.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OF SERVICE ~ JANUARY 20, 2020 ~ 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

LOCATION: SSFS CAMPUS (VARIOUS LOCATIONS)

CLERK: TBD

Come join us for the annual MLK Day of Service! Breakfast will be served, followed by a variety of service project activities and discussion groups available for all ages. See a video of the day online!

POST-PROM ~ APRIL 18, 2020 ~ 11:00 PM - 6:00 AM

LOCATION: YARNALL

CLERKS: DAWN LEE & LAUREN DEICHMAN

The Post-Prom Committee uses the guidance and resources of the Montgomery County's Post-Prom/Graduation Committee, the SSFS PA, and enthusiastic Upper School parents to create a fun, exciting, safe, drug- and alcohol-free environment for students and their dates to hang out together following the prom. Parents of Lower and/or Middle School students are especially requested to support this event. With this partnership, it is truly a night to remember!

PA AUCTION ~ MAY 9, 2020 ~ 7:00-11:00 PM

LOCATION: TEN OAKS BALLROOM, CLARKSVILLE, MD

CLERKS: ALICE-ANN BEACHY & MICHELLE ALONZO

A fun-filled, magical, adult-only gala held in the spring, this event offers online, silent, and live auctions. One-of-a-kind donations received from community members as well as outside businesses are auctioned to the highest bidder. This event is the PA's biggest fundraising event of the year and helps provide financial aid to 40% of the students at SSFS. Childcare is arranged for parents! Volunteers help plan and advertise the event, seek sponsorships, pick up donations, and organize entertainment. Great friendships are enjoyed for those who attend, and especially for those who volunteer! Planning sessions are held daytimes and evenings. Independent work can also be done outside of meetings.

FACULTY/STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCH ~ JUNE 16, 2020 ~ 12:00-2:00 PM

LOCATION: WESTVIEW DINING HALL

CLERKS: SAUNDRA & CARL PRATHER

This luncheon shows our gratitude to all those who serve our students throughout the year. Volunteers plan the theme, menu, and logistics to celebrate our very deserving faculty and staff.

** Service hours for Upper School students are available for most events.*

PA MEETING DATES:

Save the dates! Meeting notes are also available from the Parents Association website (please log in to the Parent Portal first to access password-protected pages of the PA site).

- **October 22, 2019** ~ Yarnall, 6:00 pm
- **January 30, 2020** ~ PAC Studio B, 6:00 pm
- **February 12, 2020** ~ Scott House, 8:15 am
- **March 3, 2020** ~ Scott House, 8:15 am
- **April 14, 2020** ~ Scott House, 8:15 am
- **May 13, 2020** ~ Scott House, 8:15 am

2019-2020 PA REPRESENTATIVES

Executive Committee:

Mentoring Clerk: Lauren Deichman

Co-Clerks: Kelly Rush & Sandra Prather

Assistant Co-Clerks: Charlene Warren-Davis & Kavita Sehgal

Recording Clerk: Shruti Puram

Treasurer: Kathy Dalton

Assistant Treasurer: Meg Page

Division Reps:

Lower School: Bina Puri, Monica Payne, Silvia Kinch

Middle School: Allison Gilbert, Hilary Phillips, Desiree Polyak

Upper School: Nikol Jackson, Patrice Simms, Julie Hussman

Grade Reps:

PK3: Kelly Rush

PK4: Anna Grace Mbow, Ani Kame'enui

K: Alycia Onowho

1st: Jeffrey & Silvio Weisner, Archa Malhotra

2nd: Charita Armwood, Josh Morganstein

3rd: Rakesh Puram

4th: Yahtyng Sheu, Heather Wolfe

5th: Kaia Lenhart, Jen Ray

6th: Becky Knight, Sarah Hurtt

7th: Natesia Johnson-Samuel, Vanessa Stiffler-Claus

8th: Cathy Rochette

9th: Tiffany Jones

10th: Ali & Paul Thompson, Alyson Weinberg

11th: Jennifer Fairfax

12th: Adrienne Chisolm, Dawn Lee

VISIT THE PARENT ASSOCIATION WEBSITE ONLINE

[HTTPS://WWW.SSFS.ORG/PARENTS/PARENTS-ASSOCIATION](https://www.ssfs.org/parents/parents-association) (PASSWORD-PROTECTED)

[HTTPS://WWW.SSFS.ORG/PARENTS/SUPPORT-SSFS/PARENTS-ASSOCIATION](https://www.ssfs.org/parents/support-ssfs/parents-association) (PUBLIC)



PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAM (PEP) AND OTHER PARENT EDUCATION VIDEOS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE PA WEBSITE (VIA THE PARENT PORTAL):

- Vaping Presentation
- Raising "I Can" Kids
- Problem Solving With Teens
- Taming Morning Mayhem
- Tackling Technology
- Managing Stress and Pressure