



The Parents' Association

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to welcome you to the Parents' Association (PA) of the British International School of New York (BIS-NY) for the start of the 2020-21 school year. All BIS-NY parents are invited to join the PA to help create a close, vibrant and supportive school community and to enrich you and your children's school experience.

The PA offers a relaxed and friendly environment that is a great way to get involved in the School, connect with your children's school life and meet other families. Please see below for some important information to help guide you in the PA's activities:

Class Representatives

Every BIS-NY class will have at least one Class Representative who is responsible for attending PA meetings as regularly as possible and communicating PA information to parents in their class. Class Reps will be in touch with your class before the school year to send you important start-of-the-year news.

Volunteers for PA Events

The PA's event schedule is set out in the calendar, below. All PA events are organised and supported by parents on a voluntary basis. Volunteering is an enjoyable and greatly appreciated way to get involved in the School, connect with your children's school life and meet other families. Parents are encouraged to volunteer for activities throughout the school year at PA meetings, through their Class Representative, or by email to bisnypa@gmail.com.

Scheduled PA Meetings

The PA's monthly meetings are used to discuss and plan upcoming events and share information with parents on topics of relevance to the BIS-NY community. Typically the meetings take place on Wednesday mornings after school drop off at 9.00am in the School Dining Hall. **However, during first term and until further notice, meetings will be held via Zoom.** The meeting agenda will be circulated in advance of each meeting and includes participation from senior school leadership.

The PA aims to include discussion on current topics of interest to parents. Please do let us know of any particular issues you would like to see discussed.

bisnypa@gmail.com



The Parents' Association

The PA meetings for 2020-21 are as follows – please note them in your diary!

9 September, 2020

7 October, 2020

4 November, 2020

2 December, 2020

6 January, 2021

3 March, 2021

5 May, 2021

2 June, 2021

PA Dues

The PA collects annual dues of \$200.00 per pupil from all families in order to fund the student-focused events run by the PA. These dues also cover gifts for BIS-NY teachers and staff at the December holiday and year-end, so that families are not required to give individual gifts. The PA funds are not used to cover social events for parents; they are to ensure the PA can continue to serve the School community.

PA dues are automatically invoiced at the start of the year and payable through the TADS system. PA funds are overseen by the PA Treasurer, Erin Moore, and any questions about PA finances may be sent to bisnypa@gmail.com.

We would welcome your questions – please don't hesitate to contact us. We very much look forward to seeing all of you at the start of school in September!

Rachael Bennett
PA President

