





# **Parent Associations**

A student's experience at SPA is a partnership between the family and school. SPA's two Parent Associations—one for the Lower School and the other for the Middle and Upper Schools—are organizations formed by and for SPA families that are important pieces of that partnership. Both organizations support the community in two ways: by providing opportunities for parents/guardians to support the school's mission and core values; and providing ways for SPA families to get to know each other, forming friendships and support networks as their children move through their student years.

The Lower School Parent Association (LSPA) and the Middle/Upper School Parent Association (M/USPA) are open to all parents/guardians, and all parents/guardians are automatically members. Both associations provide a wide range of volunteer and engagement opportunities, and all parents/guardians are encouraged to find ways to participate that fit their family's schedule and interests. Opportunities include serving as Room Parents (in the Lower School) or Grade Representatives (in the Middle and Upper Schools); organizing guest speakers with expertise related to child development and parenting; and hosting social and networking events for parents/guardians to connect with the school and each other. The LSPA and the M/USPA work closely with the Assistant Head of School for Student Development and Community Engagement on aligning programming and activities with the school's approach to student and community life.

Both Parent Associations pride themselves on their openness, flexibility, and warmth. The LSPA and M/USPA leadership teams welcome all parent/guardian (and grandparent) involvement and are happy to help all SPA families find ways to be involved in the life of the school and connect with each other.

We look forward to working with you and for you this year!



## **PARENT ASSOCIATION CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020-21**

The calendar below lists a sampling of Parent Association events during the 2020-21 school year.

#### **AUGUST**

- Lower School Gently Used Uniform Sale
- Receptions for Grade 6 and 9 Parent/Guardian
- Senior Parent/Guardian College Night Reception

### **SEPTEMBER**

- Lower School Fall Family Picnic
- Lower School Family Movie Night
- Kindergarten Parent/Guardian Reception
- Grade 6 Parent/Guardian Reception
- Junior Parent/Guardian College Night Reception

#### **OCTOBER**

- · Homecoming Kids' Carnival
- Intercultural Life Reception for Families of Color
- · Grade 6 pizza party
- Middle School Parent/Guardian Reception
- Grade 9 Parent/Guardian Reception
- M/USPA Speaker Series

#### **NOVEMBER**

- Lower School Book Festival
- Lower School Book Festival Family Night
- · All-School Family Skate at Drake Arena

## **DECEMBER**

- LSPA Parent Workshop
- Grade 1 and 2 Parent/Guardian Reception

#### **JANUARY**

- All-School Family Skate at Drake Arena
- All-School MLK Jr. Day of Service
- Lower School Family Game Night
- M/USPA Speaker Series
- Grade 10 Parent/Guardian Reception
- Grade 11 Parent/Guardian Reception

#### **FEBRUARY**

- Grade 3 and 4 Parent/Guardian Reception
- Grade 7 Parent/Guardian Reception
- Grade 8 Parent/Guardian Reception
- Sophomore Parent/Guardian College Night Reception

#### **MARCH**

- LSPA Parent Workshop
- Lower School Gently Used Uniform Sale

#### **APRIL**

- Intercultural Life Reception for Families of Color
- Lower School Family Discovery Night
- Lower School Family Movie Night
- Middle and Upper School Book Festival
- M/USPA Speaker Series

#### **MAY**

- Grade 5 Parent/Guardian Reception
- Grade 5 Final Assembly and Last Day Celebration
- Grade 8 Moving On Ceremony
- Rising Grade 6 and 9 Parent/Guardian Receptions

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