



Friends School
BALTIMORE • 1784

Family Guide to

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

2020-2021

Friends School of Baltimore

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CONGRATULATIONS

Your Friends student is on the educational journey of a lifetime. Your family is part of a vibrant, inclusive community of parents, caregivers, grandparents, alumni, faculty, staff, and students.

Together we will learn, laugh, and support one another as we work on behalf of the Friends School mission and our goal of nurturing each child's growth. This guide is designed to help you make the most of your Friends School experience.

All you need to do is participate.



VOLUNTEER



GIVE



HOW DO I GET STARTED?



GIVING



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YOUR
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YOUR FINANCIAL
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VOLUNTEER



Every year we ask our families to join in the life of the School – from helping celebrate our students' milestones to partnering with our teachers and coaches.

“Volunteering at Friends deepens my connection to this welcoming, supportive, and inclusive community.”

Shareka Weaver P'31

GIVE



We also ask that each family make a tax-deductible gift to *The Fund for Friends*, the School's annual giving program.

“We know our gift makes an immediate and vital difference to every student, every day.”

Jenn and Dave Taylor P'23



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VOLUNTEERING

THE FSPA IS YOUR GO-TO FOR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES... AND YOU ARE ALREADY A MEMBER!

The Friends School Parents Association (FSPA) is an inclusive and dynamic group of diverse individuals with unique life experiences and perspectives. The FSPA seeks to support and amplify the efforts of the School to foster an environment where all students feel included, respected, challenged, and nourished and where every parent and caregiver senses they belong and knows they matter. Expect a weekly communication in your inbox with upcoming FSPA events and reminders.

Visit the FSPA on the myFriends Resource Board where you can explore opportunities to get involved this year. Here are a few ideas to get you started.

- ♦ Scarlet & Gray Day
- ♦ Brain Boosters
- ♦ MLK, Jr. Day of Service
- ♦ Community Giving Tree
- ♦ Faculty & Staff Appreciation
- ♦ Family Support Network
- ♦ Night Out With Friends
- ♦ Family-to-Family

Staff members are eager and willing to explore these additional opportunities with you.

- ♦ Fundraising Team
- ♦ Admissions Ambassador
- ♦ Sports Photography
- ♦ Library/Maker Space

VOLUNTEERING YOUR TIME AND TALENT HELPS KEEP THE FRIENDS COMMUNITY STRONG

GIVING



THE FUND FOR FRIENDS IS YOUR VEHICLE FOR SUPPORTING THE MISSION OF THE SCHOOL

The top fundraising priority of the School, *The Fund for Friends* enables students and faculty to successfully navigate this school year by providing the School with the flexibility to address its highest and most urgent needs.

Every member of the Friends School community is asked to participate. Every gift makes an immediate impact.

- ✦ This year more than ever Friends depends on your gift to provide funding for student financial assistance, modifications to facilities so teachers and students can safely return to campus, additional teaching staff and professional development to create smaller cohorts and prepare for different learning modes through the year, and expansion of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Office
- ✦ Philanthropy helps support 10% of the School's operating budget
- ✦ 2,000+ members of the FSB community give each year
- ✦ Our goal is 100% participation

YOUR GIFT AFFIRMS YOUR BELIEF IN THE VALUE OF A FRIENDS SCHOOL EDUCATION



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READY TO JUMP IN?

For more information about the **Friends School Parents Association** visit the FSPA on myFriends or contact Beulah Sabundayo, FSPA Chair, at bsabunda@gmail.com.

For more information about **The Fund for Friends** visit friendsbalt.org/ giving or contact Lisa Pitts '70, Director of Parent Relations and Giving, at lpitts@friendsbalt.org.

For more information about the **Parent Ambassador** program contact Amy Mortimer '87, Director of Admission, at amortimer@friendsbalt.org.

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