



Hello Middle School Families!

On behalf of the Shady Side Academy Middle School Parents' Association, I would like to welcome all of you to the Middle School! The Parents Association (PA) is focused this year more than ever on providing a fun environment for the kids and their families to connect.

We already have several exciting events planned. Some are brand new ideas, and some are old traditions, but all provide an opportunity to gather with the Middle School and the SSA Community and to have some fun!

Here is a list of important events that are coming up soon –

Event	Who Attends	Date and Time
Ice Cream Socials	6 th Grade students and Families	August 28 – 4-5:30 pm Middle School Front Lawn
	7 th and 8 th Grade students and Families	August 29 – 5-6:30 pm Middle School Front Lawn
Parent Coffee with Amy Nixon	All Parents	September 2 – 8:30 am
Parents' Night	All Parents	September 9 - 6:30 pm
Parent Meetings (Social and Developmental Issues)	6 th Grade Parents	September 21 – 7-8:30 pm
	7 th Grade Parents	September 14 – 7-8:30 pm

	8 th Grade Parents	September 23 – 7-8:30 pm
Academy Wide Tailgate Party! **New Event**	All Academy Students, Families, Faculty and Staff	September 24 - Time TBA Prior to the SSA vs. Sto-Rox Football game - SSA Senior School Campus
Bring Your Parents to School Day (First time that students will have to wear formal dress – get those blazers!)	All Parents	October 7 Open House beginning at 8:00 am
The Haunted Walk is back!	All Academy Students, Families, Faculty and Staff	October 29 - Time TBA SSA Senior School Campus

In addition to the many fun and informative events on campus, there are many opportunities for you to get involved with the Middle School this year. Here are a few ways that you can help make this year the best yet:

- Become a Form Parent
- Volunteer to serve the kids on Bagel Days. Sign up by clicking [here](#).
- Host a Bagel Day. Sign up by clicking [here](#).
- Support our teachers by hosting a Faculty Friday Breakfast (sign up coming soon)
- Host a Treat our Teachers during a Faculty Meeting (sign up coming soon)
- Plan Halloween parties for all three classes
- Chair the Christmas Cookie Table for Faculty and Staff
- Plan Form I and 2 Dances (January and May)
- Plan a Parent Potluck Event (March)
- Plan the 2nd Annual School-Wide Trivia Contest
- Plan Teacher Appreciation Week (Week of May 2)
- Plan the Teacher Luncheon (June)

Please email me at angelakamin@yahoo.com if you have any questions about the items listed above or if you are interested in helping in any way. You do not have to do it alone. The PA Board is willing to support our volunteers with all of these events and more. More information about these opportunities and sign-up forms will be available in the coming days on the SSA website or by clicking [here](#) under the Middle School Division.

I hope to see you at one of the Ice Cream Socials or our first IN PERSON parent coffee with Amy Nixon in over 18 months! It is going to be a great year at the Middle School!

Go Bulldogs!

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