



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Santa Teresa Families,

Santa Teresa Home and School Association (STHSA) would like to warmly welcome you and your family to our school community and the 2019-2020 school year. We have put together a small packet of information to help you find your way around. We've included information about parking, special events, and our all-important fundraisers. We hope you find this information helpful and a great start to a fantastic year.

Here at Santa Teresa we have a very fun and active school community with many ways to get involved. We have an amazing staff and a very dedicated group of parent volunteers that help make Santa Teresa Elementary a wonderful place to learn and grow. Everyone is encouraged to get involved and participate in our awesome school community. We are looking forward to seeing your families around the campus and at our many community and FUNraising events.

Thank You,
Brenda Castillo-Garza
STHSA President

AUGUST 2019

WHAT IS STHSA?

STHSA stands for Santa Teresa Home and School Association. We are the "PTA" of Santa Teresa Elementary School. Our goal is to support the school community to help our students have the best educational experiences we can provide. Our general meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the school library.

All are welcome

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

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| School Phone Number | 408-227-3303 |
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STHSA BOARD

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| President | Brenda Castillo-Garza |
| VP Social | Crystal Telles |
| VP Fundraising | Faatemeh Lubinsky |
| Banking Treasurer | Micheal Madden |
| Bookkeeping Treasurer | Vera Fischer |
| Secretary | Dina Mansuy |

IMPORTANT DATES and TIMES

Here are some special dates to remember for the school year. More Information will come home about each event as it gets closer.



August 14 - First day of school (8:30 a.m. - 1:45 p.m)

September 1-30 -Panther Donation drive

September 2 - Labor Day (No school)

September 5 -Back to School Night. (6 p.m.) Parents only.

September 10- STHSA General meeting 7 p.m. Library

September 30-4th No school. Fall Break

October 1-30 cookie dough fundraiser

October 8- (No school)

October 11- Harvest Festival

November 1- No school

November 6- Fall Picture Day

November 11-No school. Veteran's Day

November 12- STHSA General meeting 7p.m. Library

November 25-29 Thanksgiving break. No school.

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December 7- Pancake Breakfast 8 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

December 16-20 Science Camp (6th Graders)

December 23-January 3 - Winter break. No school

January 14 - STHSA General Meeting 7 p.m. Library

January 20 - MLK Day. No school

January 21- No school

February 4 - 100th day of school

February 7 - Jump Rope for Heart

February 7-14 Online Auction

February 11-STHSA General meeting 7p.m. Library

February 17-21 - President's Week. No school

March 9 - Spring Picture Day

March 10- STHSA General Meeting 7 p.m. Libray

March 20 - Walk-a-thon

April 7- STHSA General meeting. 7p.m. Library

April 10- No school.

April 13-17 Spring Break. No school

May 4-8 - Teacher Appreciation Week

May 12 -Last STHSA General meeting. 7p.m. Library

May 15- Multicultral Festival 5-8p.m.

May 21- ST Open House 6p.m.

May 25- No school. Memorial Day

June 12- Last day of school

WHAT TIME IS IT?

- School begins at 8:30 a.m. everyday.
- All Tuesdays all students dismissed at 1:45 p.m.
- Kindergartner regularly dismissed at 1:45 p.m.
- Grades 1-6 regularly dismissed at 2:45 p.m.
- On special days, dismissal will be at 1:45 p.m. These days are announced in the paw print, and through all communications in advance.

HOT LUNCH ON CAMPUS

Student's have lunch on campus every day. They may bring a packed lunch from home or purchase hot lunch from the cafeteria. Each student will have a card with their name on it in the cafeteria. You can load the card with lunch money by either:

- 1) Bring money or check to cafeteria.
- 2) Go online to www.ezschoolpay.com and login with your student's school ID number. (You can get this from the teacher or the office.)
- 3) Download the user friendly EZ School Pay app on your smart phone.

WHERE DO I FIND IT?

Here's where to find some helpful information about the different things that are going on in our school community.



WHITE ENVELOPE

Every Tuesday, your student will bring home a white envelope filled with information from the district, the school, the HSA, your classroom teacher and or the community. Some teachers even put students completed work and future assignments inside.

FACEBOOK

Please "Like" the STHSA Facebook page and keep in touch regarding upcoming fundraisers, events, volunteer information and more.

GOOGLE GROUPS

Subscribe to our Google group and receive email updates on upcoming important times, dates, events and fundraisers. Go to groups.google.com and search for Santa Teresa Elementary School.

PAW PRINT

The Paw Print is a monthly newsletter. Look for it in your child's white envelope.

WEBSITE

Most often, the information you are looking for can be found online at our school website www.santateresa.ogsd.net.

IN THE OFFICE

Inside the school office, there is a magazine rack that holds extras of most flyers that go home in the white envelope. If you misplace yours, you can check in there to get an extra one.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Our fundraisers pay for our fieldtrips, art program, classroom supplies, technology, playground equipment, accelerated reader reading program, assemblies, social events and so much more. We love volunteers. Please look to see if you could fill a slot at one of our upcoming fundraisers. Our school would not function without the help of parents and we thank you very much for your participation.

DIRECT DONATION DRIVE

September 1st-30th.
We kick off the year with our annual donation drive. We aim to raise \$20,000 or more and hope that all the Santa Teresa Families will participate. We have class competitions and great prizes. 20% of all fundraising goes to 6th grade Science Camp.

WALK A THON

Friday, March 20th.
Our annual Walk-a-thon is the most fun of all our fundraisers! Please mark your calendars. We need lots of volunteers to make this event a success. Think of the role you would like to volunteer for.

MARQUEE BIRTHDAY WISH

For \$25.00 you can purchase a birthday wish that will be displayed on the Santa Teresa Elementary Marquee. Your child's name will appear along with the date of their birthday. Please submit a request 45 days prior to birthday.

ONLINE AUCTION

February 7th-14th.
Our yearly Online Auction has tons of unique teacher/staff experiences and fun game days to bid on. Your child can be principal/teacher of the day, lunch with their teacher, board games and a lot more. Stay tuned for the list of items to be auctioned off.

SMENCILS

#2 scented pencils. 1\$ On sale through out the school year. Look for them before or after school or online and delivered to classroom.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, December 7th. You are invited to our First Pancake Breakfast to raise funds for Science Camp. 6th graders will be serving you, bring the whole family. We will have a Balloon Twister for the kids. We need some parent volunteers. More information to come.

We also have fun restaurant nights every month. We schedule days for eating out at a participating restaurant and a percentage of each purchase goes to our school. They are always fun and a great reason to take the family out.

SOCIAL EVENTS



Harvest Festival:

Each Fall we have a fun festival to celebrate the season. We will have carnival games, inflatables, boutique booths, food booths, music, and much more. Join us Friday, October 11th at 5 p.m for an exciting evening.

Multicultural Festival:

In the month of May, we celebrate our multitude of cultures with a festival. Our students create art, sing songs, and perform dances from a variety of cultures. We also have food and boutique booths at this event. Its a great community event, we encourage you to wear cultural attire if you like. Join us Friday, May 15th.

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

Our goal is to create an involved community. We would love to have at least one adult per family to donate at least one hour of volunteering at our events, fundraisers, as well as in the classroom. Please look for sign-up sheets at our home and school association table outside the cafeteria at Back to School Night. You can also find additional information through our Google Group, Facebook, and flyers coming home each week in the white envelopes.

Book Fair:

Join fellow Santa Teresa Families for treats and activities while browsing the book fair. We have an amazing book fair committee who is working hard to finalize the dates. Stay tuned!

Back to School Night:

Please join us for an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and learn about the school year ahead. We will begin in the cafeteria with a greeting from our principal Mr. Lepori. Thursday, Semptember 5th, 6 p.m.

HOW TO DONATE MONEY OR PURCHASE ITEMS

-Donations and purchases for school events and fundraisers can be made online at our STHSA Panther Store, using your PayPal, credit card or bank account. The Link is <http://sthsa.3dcartstores.com>. Using the Panther Store reduces the risk of cash or checks getting lost and allows us to quickly efficiently process all orders and purchases. Please bookmark the Panther Store link.

-Clip BoxTops and send them to the office.

- Shop Amazon Smiles and link Santa Teresa Home and School Association.

- Purchase gift cards through eScrip to shop at your favorite stores.

