



## PTIA - OKMA

Parents & Teachers of International Academy-Okma

### **Join the PTIA!!**

**Your membership funds and donations are spent on teacher grants for additional in class materials and equipment, student activities such as the Olympics, Dances, Speaker Series, etc...**

**Would you like to join? Super easy!**

**Just scan the QR code with your phone camera & complete the Membership Sign up or go to <https://tinyurl.com/8kpz9de6>**

**Thank you!!**



**STAY INFORMED** with the PTIA - how can we, as a community, support our school?

- Read the [IA weekly emails \(LISTSERV\)](#) Freshman parents are automatically enrolled.
- Attend PTIA meetings, you may email us at [ptiaokma@gmail.com](mailto:ptiaokma@gmail.com)
- Receive PTIA emails, everything about what we do right now to support students and staff
- Join the PTIA Facebook page ([@ptiaokma](#))
- Check out the PTIA website: [ptiaokma.weebly.com](http://ptiaokma.weebly.com)
- Yearly updated PTIA Member Roster

**WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE - any way is much appreciated! :**

- **With your Time**
  - Sign up to be part of a committee through the Membership Signup.
  - Email PTIA at [ptiaokma@gmail.com](mailto:ptiaokma@gmail.com)
  - Weekly IA emails - sometimes parents' support is needed (volunteers)
  - Sign up to donate snacks/food for students ( "C" Day, Brain Break during Finals, staff appreciation luncheons, snacks at dances etc.)



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- **Financially**

All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

- PayPal to [paypal.me/IAOkmaPTIA](https://paypal.me/IAOkmaPTIA) .  
Please indicate "MEMBERSHIP"& your last name in the notes field.
- CHECK: Please make checks payable to: IA PTIA / Write 'PTIA Donation in the memo / Checks can be dropped off in the PTIA Mailbox in the school office



Scan. Pay. Go.

- **Support the PTIA with Community Rewards**

**Smile.Amazon Rewards** donates .05% of eligible purchases PTIA at no cost to you.

Signing up is easy! You must first sign up online then add it to the app.

Here's how to set up AmazonSmile online:

1. Visit [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) online.
2. Sign in to your Amazon.com account.
3. Choose "International Academy Okma Ptia / Location: Bloomfield Hills, MI" to receive donations.
4. Add a bookmark to return to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)

After signing up online, turn on AmazonSmile in the mobile app.

1. Download or update to the latest version of the Amazon Shopping app on your phone.
2. Open the app and find 'Settings' in the main menu (☰). Tap on 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to turn on AmazonSmile on your phone.

### **Kroger Community Rewards**

Create an online account at <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>.

- a. Click the arrow in the top right corner and LOG IN or CREATE ACCOUNT
- b. Under the same arrow, Select MY ACCOUNT
- c. On the left hand column select COMMUNITY REWARDS
- d. Select or change organization to: International Academy OKMA-PTIA

### **Rite Aid**

For each qualified prescription or in-store purchase at Rite Aid, PTIA Okma will receive funds from RXfundraising. Every time you fill a prescription or shop and use your wellness+ rewards number at Rite Aid, you're helping to support PTIA Okma.

<https://rxfundraising.com/s/?id=IAOKMAPTA>



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## Committees

Committees are chaired by one or more PTIA members.

When you join the PTIA through the link, you may check off any committees that you're interested in... we'll forward your contact info to the committee chair(s). When the time comes, they'll contact you when extra help is needed! Thank you!

- Hospitality (snacks/set-up/clean up during finals, C Day, etc,)*
- Health & Wellness (arrange programs throughout the year)*
- IA Exterior Beautification (landscape/building renovation–throughout the year)*
- IA Interior Beautification (building beautification–throughout the year)*
- Olympics (assist with events/donate needed items)*
- SANP (senior all night party–volunteers to plan/chaperone)*
- Staff Appreciation (bring food/set-up/clean up for appreciation lunch)*
- Welcome Back & Spring Dances, Charity Ball (bring snacks/drinks/chaperone)*
- Mentor Program – Mentor a group of incoming freshman families*
- IA Business Coalition (Come support our students with your professional background!)*
- Membership – Recruit families to the join the PTIA*
- Photographer or Videographer*
- Directory*
- Website, Communication and E-News*

2022 - 2023 PTIA Executive Board					
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### The IA Business Coalition

As PTIA parents we support the IA students with our own professional experiences of all kinds and fields.

**What is the IA Business Coalition?** A group of PTIA parents of all possible professions supporting the IA Okma Campus students. We're trying to support our kids in making up their minds about their professional future during Highschool: Panel discussions (medical, engineering, business, etc.), establishing internships, shadowing opportunities - **provided by IA parents for IA students together with the IA school team.**

Please sign up as a PTIA parent and get involved in this fun group of parents supporting all our IA students. Our IABC Leadership team: Robert Connors, Katja Fischer, Penelope Higgs, Lara Kothari and Kyle Tecmire.

Outside of School	Inside of School	Improving School Facilities
<p><i>Increasing opportunities for students to gain real-world experience first hand. This might include, but is not limited to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Internships</li> <li>● Job shadowing</li> <li>● Interviews with professionals</li> <li>● After &amp; during school panel discussions</li> </ul>	<p><i>Bringing professionals into the school to help enhance the educational experience for all students. This might include, but is not limited to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● In-class guest speakers</li> <li>● Planning and developing projects/labs with teachers</li> <li>● In-class aides for projects/labs</li> <li>● Serve as a primary source for student research</li> </ul>	<p><i>Identifying ways for businesses and individuals to help improve the school facilities and learning environment. This might include, but is not limited to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Identifying and writing grants</li> <li>● Representing the school at consortium &amp; school board meetings</li> <li>● Donating business services</li> </ul>



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## **Mentor Program**

Hello to our Incoming Families!

Welcome to the International Academy - Okma! We are excited to have you join our school community, and want to introduce you to a program designed to help ease your transition.

2 years ago the PTIA (Parents and Teachers of the International Academy) launched a Parent Mentors Program. Current families volunteer to act as mentors and are available to answer any questions you have about what life at the IA is all about. Our school and community are unique, and our mentors are happy to share their insights and experiences with you. This year, as we are coming out of the pandemic, we are hoping to also offer some informal, small-group gatherings of new families with mentors so that even stronger connections can be made.

We will link new families with a mentor from their home district so that you have common ground to start from. Feel free to ask questions related to curriculum, what words and acronyms mean, logistics, how to interact with the home district, or whatever other questions you have!

Due to privacy and confidentiality requirements we do not have access to your contact information, so if having a mentor is something that even *might* interest you, please sign up using this link or the QR code below!

<https://forms.gle/YEcR9aAQD5odg3Se9>

You and your mentor will receive an email within three days to put you in touch with each other. Our mentors are eagerly waiting to connect with you! Please do not hesitate to reach out.

If you contact your mentor and do not hear back, please get in touch with one of us.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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