



## 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 your family!

## PARENT ASSOCIATION EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES 2022-23

Both Parent Associations meet monthly, and all SPA parents and guardians are welcome to attend meetings. Below is a list of sample events and activities typically sponsored by the Parent Associations during the school year.

### FALL

- Lower School Grade-Level Family Picnics
- Lower School Used Uniform Sale
- Ice Cream Socials for New Families
- Back to School Parent Receptions for Grades 6 and 9
- Evening Grade-Level Parent Socials
- Speaker Series Event
- Homecoming Carnival
- Grade 9 Pizza Party
- Staff Appreciation Events
- Spartan Connect Event: Fall Walk

### WINTER

- College Counseling Parent Reception
- Staff Appreciation Event
- Lower School Book Festival
- Speaker Series Event
- Evening Grade-Level Parent Socials
- Spartan Connect Event: Family Skate
- Lower School Family Game Night
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day All School Day of Service
- Parent Book Clubs

### SPRING

- Parent Association Annual Meeting
- Lower School Family Movie Night
- Middle/Upper School Book Festival
- Speaker Series Event

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