

Lakeside School Parents and Guardians Association 2022-2023

Programs and events

Appreciative Parent Program to Laud Educators (APPLE)

This committee shows appreciation for faculty and staff by coordinating Winterfest holiday party in December with refreshments provided by families. The committee also organizes the mid-winter break gift card giveaway and donations of unused tickets for cultural and sporting events.

Arts of Lakeside (AOL)

The AOL committee supports the fine and performing arts at Lakeside. The committee may also coordinate a Middle School performance clothing exchange for students.

All-School Picnic

This is a fun, all-school, family celebration to kick off the new school year. It is co-sponsored by the PGA and the Lakeside diversity committee. Held on the Upper School quad, each class gathers for an informal potluck.

Community Service program

Beginning in the 2022-23 school year, throughout the month of March, we will offer a variety of service learning opportunities throughout the Puget Sound including on campus, hosted by parent/guardian volunteers. Our goal is by working together, we will learn about the importance of service and to give back together. PGA will work in partnership with the US Service Learning program, to provide US students an opportunity to earn service hours which is a graduation requirement.

Diversity and community

The T.J. Vassar diversity and community committee supports the school community in its efforts to understand, embrace and promote diversity and inclusion. It hosts several diversity-related events each year. The committee works to establish and maintain a safe environment for open discussion of issues. PGA also offers several affinity groups for parents and guardians.

End-of-year celebrations

At the Middle School, the PGA sponsors the last day of school lunch and field day. PGA also helps with the 8th-grade breakfast and final assembly. At the Upper School, the PGA sponsors numerous events and activities for the graduating seniors, including prom, 12th-grade parent reception, senior photo wall, GradGrams, and senior farewell dinner. The PGA also sponsors a student snack for the last day of US.

Grade-level gatherings for parents and guardians

Class reps organize coffees, walk-and-talks, peer group roundtable discussions, potlucks, and other events so parents/guardians can meet and socialize. Events are virtual or in-person.

GradGrams for 12th graders

GradGrams are short notes of congratulations that anyone can write for graduating seniors. They are compiled, printed, and bound into a personalized booklet for each graduate to treasure. This program is coordinated by PGA staff and 12th-grade parent volunteers.

Logowear

All kinds of Lakeside logowear are available, including hats, sweatshirts, athletic bags, scarves, and stadium cushions. This is a PGA fundraiser. Logowear is sold online and at events like the All School Picnic and Tailgates.

Parent and guardian education and lecture committee

This program offers two to three lectures each year to discuss parenting-related topics. Lectures may be in-person or virtual.

Raising Our Allocation Resources (ROAR) dinner and auction

This is the PGA's primary fundraiser. It is an annual party and auction. In addition to attending the event or shopping at the online auction, parents can help by volunteering or donating an auction item.

Tailgates

Tailgates are all-school parties produced jointly with the athletics department and are held two or three times per year, depending on the athletic season. All Upper School and Middle School students, parents, guardians, faculty, and staff are invited to cheer on the teams, wear maroon and gold, and enjoy food before the game.

Virtual Meeting Support

Zoom meetings have become a standard for the PGA! Virtual meetings provide more parents and guardians the opportunity to attend or watch a recording. We need several volunteers to run our Zoom calls with a Lakeside PGA Zoom account. This is a great job if you want to volunteer remotely.

School programs - PGA volunteers support the following Lakeside School programs and events.

Admission Office open houses, newly admitted student receptions

Friends of Lakeside Athletics (FOLA) – concessions, team support

Grand Day

School activities (May Day, US and MS dances, US last day of school snack)

The Parents and Guardians Association places a high priority on ensuring that every family can participate in the events it hosts. Confidential financial assistance is available for PGA events regardless of financial aid status. If your family needs an interpreter, transportation support, or other important accommodations, for confidential assistance, please contact Jamie Asaka, director of family and student support services, at (206) 440-2901, jamie.asaka@lakesideschool.org or Latasia Lanier, family support liaison at (206) 440-2887, latasia.lanier@lakesideschool.org.