



The Rectory Parents' Association (RPA)
Handbook
2023–2024

September 2023

Dear Rectory School Parents,

On behalf of the Rectory Parents' Association (RPA), I welcome each of you to the 2023-2024 school year.

The mission of the RPA is to offer programming and events that support the overall educational experience of Rectory students. We work together with the school administration to promote that mission and are always working to inspire and celebrate our students in new ways.

The RPA is a resource for all Rectory families, and we encourage you to participate in any capacity. There are opportunities to volunteer your talents at various events on campus, assist our efforts from abroad through event sponsorship, or simply by attending celebrations of campus accomplishments that further develop our community.

We offer times for parent fellowship and welcome these opportunities to discuss ideas that further our mission. If you have an idea to contribute, please don't hesitate to contact one of our board members via email or introduce yourself at an upcoming school function.

I look forward to seeing some familiar faces and meeting many new ones as the school year progresses.

In appreciation,

Michelle Volz

RPA President

Hannah '25, Abigail '27, Robert '29

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The Rectory School Parents' Association (RPA) Mission

With the concurrence of The Rectory School's Headmaster and The Rectory School's Board of Trustees, and in accordance with the School's philosophy, the mission of The Rectory School Parents' Association, as volunteer families, is to support a strong relationship between the School and the family by supporting The Rectory School mission, enhancing the unity of all students in the school community, and promoting cooperation and communication among parents, faculty, administrators, trustees and students, while always keeping the students at its heart.

We are an organization within the Rectory School community composed of parents of current Rectory students. We gather to enjoy the camaraderie of fellow Rectory parents and are always looking for new ways to enhance the Rectory experience for our children.

We strongly encourage all Rectory families, local and long distance, to participate in the Parents' Association in some manner. If you are unable to volunteer or attend socials, you can keep up to date through the Rectory School website. We also strongly encourage you to log in to the Wolf Den (secure parent portal) through the website. We value your input and look forward to welcoming you to the Rectory School Parents' Association.

2022-2023 RPA Executive Team

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Questions? Email us!

Parents@rectoryschool.org

Join us!

Meetings will take place via Zoom at 7:30 PM, unless otherwise noted.

All Rectory Parents are welcome to attend RPA parent meetings.

September	Monday, September 11
October	Monday, October 2
November	Monday, November 6
December	Monday, December 4
January	Monday, January 8
February	Monday, February 5
March	No meeting
April	Monday, April 8
May	Monday, May 6
June	No meeting

RPA Supported Events

All Rectory parents are encouraged to volunteer for and participate in RPA supported events. It is only with your assistance that every event is successful!

FALL

Elementary School Pumpkin Scavenger Hunt: A fall tradition around the pond

Fall Family Weekend

Hot Cider & Refreshments: A social gathering attended by Rectory parents from around the world

Elementary School Wolfie Parade and Spirit Activities: Spirit activities during athletic games

Faculty & Employee Appreciation Days: We provide baked goods for faculty and staff

WINTER

Elementary School Gingerbread House Trimming: A tradition of giving to local elderly residents

Asian New Year Event: One of several Lunar New Years, also called the Spring Festival

MLK Day Speaker: This speaker is sponsored by the RPA. Speakers, international and domestic, are chosen by the school to present their personal stories of overcoming challenges & enjoying triumphs.

Faculty & Employee Appreciation Day: We provide baked goods for faculty and staff

Orange and Black Day: harkens back to the early “Bigelow” days of Rectory. The RPA provides treats.

Elementary School Movie Afternoon: popcorn and a family-friendly movie

SPRING

Elementary School Spring Egg Hunt: A spring tradition around the pond

Brownie Sundae Day: Parents provide assistance with serving ice cream, brownies, and toppings to students

Gift to the 9th Grade Class: We provide the 9th graders with a class gift

FUNDRAISING

Join the Parent Fundraising Committee: Help Rectory’s Alumni & Development Team fundraise during our February is for Faculty giving month.