WELCOME TO THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR!

Dear Harrison Avenue School Families,

The Harrison Avenue School PTA is committed to an exciting year with many enrichment activities planned for our children, as well as LOTS of opportunities for you to get involved in our school community. We hope you'll take advantage of it all!

We have included a lot of information in this packet. Please read through it thoroughly.

Please be sure to join our PTA: Membership dues help support the many school activities that our children enjoy, including Family Fun Nights, Field Day enrichment, Scholarships and much more. Instructions on how to join are included on the back of this page.

First PTA Meeting: Our first **PTA MEETING** is scheduled for **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH - 9:15AM & 7:00PM. You will receive additional information in the coming weeks regarding the location and format of this meeting. Should this date change, we will let you know ASAP. *The same information will be shared at both meetings, you only need to attend one.**

Givebacks Account: This is the online platform that all NY State PTA's use for membership management, opt-in school directories, and communications. Directions to set up an account are included in this packet. **IF YOU DO NOT HAVE AN ACCOUNT, YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE PTA EMAILS.**

Calendar of Upcoming Events & PTA Meetings: The calendar of events and PTA Meetings are confirmed through the district. ***Please note all dates and times are subject to change**. The HCSD district website harrisoncsd.org should have the most updated information. The abbreviated HCSD calendar and the full district calendar can be found at harrisoncsd.org/calendar. Furthermore, at the beginning of each month, the school sends home a printed calendar of events with your child.

PTA Committees & Volunteering: Volunteers are what make our school stand out!! Parent participation is critical in keeping our PTA programs strong and successful. We have many committees, and there will be plenty of opportunities to get involved by signing up to volunteer and support our events. We always welcome helping hands and will share more information at our first meeting about being part of it all!

We sincerely welcome your participation and look forward to working with each of you! If you have any questions or comments regarding the above information or anything else, please feel free to contact any of us. Our best wishes for a happy, healthy, and enriching school year! Please email the Harrison Avenue PTA with any questions at: HarrisonAvePTA@gmail.com

Sincerely,

The Harrison Avenue School PTA Executive Committee
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PTA MEMBERSHIP, GIVEBACKS ACCOUNT & DIRECTORY REGISTRATION INFO

JOIN OUR PTA!

PTA Membership dues are collected annually. Join now for the 2025-26 school year! You may need to log into your existing Givebacks account to purchase.

Only paid PTA members can participate in PTA meetings & votes, chair our events and access our online family directory.

HAS PTA e-store to purchase membership https://has.givebacks.com/shop

CREATE YOUR GIVEBACKS ACCOUNT

If you do not already have an account, please visit the below link to register and opt-in. You will start receiving PTA emails as well as have access to support our online store and fundraisers.

Givebacks Registration
https://www.givebacks.com/communication/2aea89b4-5830-422e-b456-3f72cfcd6826/status

CREATE YOUR 'FAMILY ' IN OUR DIRECTORY

Once you have registered on Givebacks (or if you already have an account) and your membership has been purchased, please take a moment to log into the HAS PTA Givebacks dashboard and update your 'family' in the Directory by including your children and significant others. ***The Givebacks Dashboard has been updated for the new school year! This new format has customizable options and families are now being updated in the directory (not in your profile like previous years).** Y**ou will need to pull up your name in the directory to edit.**

Directory *Can only access as a 2025-26 HAS PTA Member
https://has.givebacks.com/directory

Please contact HAS PTA Corresponding Secretary/Membership, Andrea King aneaston@gmail.com with any questions.

Families experiencing financial hardship are encouraged to speak to the Principal. The PTA and District are dedicated to ensuring equity of opportunity, and assistance is available. Information shared with the Principal is held in the strictest of confidence, and is not shared with anyone, including the PTA.