



BHS PTA 2025/2026 Highlights

The Parent Teacher Association of BHS (PTA) are pleased to highlight a year of success! We had a full calendar of events, including the much-loved Halloween Fair, Charleston Wrap, Primary & Secondary Popcorn Recess, the famous Primary Dance Party, two Secondary Dances, Bingo, and our first-ever Roller Disco!

The BHS PTA contributed **\$70,000** to BHS during the 2025/2026 school year, allocated as follows:

Primary:		
Primary Discretionary Fund		\$10,000
Secondary:		
Secondary Discretionary Fund		\$10,000
All School:		
Solstice Counselling		\$10,000
Stewardship of Healthy & Enjoyable Spaces		\$35,000
Parent Speaker Events		\$5,000
Total		\$70,000

The BHS PTA raised **\$67,430** during the 2025/2026 school year (**\$76,926** during the 2024/2025 school year), as follows:

	2025/2026 School Year \$	2024/2025 School Year \$
Raffle	-	-
Charleston Wrap	19,062	19,538
Halloween Fair	18,602	18,669
Primary & Secondary Popcorn Recess	10,163	12,364
Birdies for Charity	5,000	5,000
Donations from Mr & Mrs Soares (Matching donations from ArchRe & RenaissanceRe)	3,000	4,000
Secondary Dances	1,256	3,537
Primary Dance Party	4,425	4,450
Family Bingo	2,851	4,025
Primary Tea Towels & Secondary Totes	-	2,408

Primary Holiday Shopping Fair	1,942	2,028
Sports Day Snacks & Refreshments	1,129	619
Primary Class Parties	-	288
Total Fundraising:	\$67,430	\$76,926

Other 2025/2026 Highlights and Contributions:

- In celebration of World Teachers’ Day on Friday, October 4th, 2025, teachers and staff were thanked with an ‘Academic-Themed’ Cake & Cookies from the BHS PTA.
- The Halloween Fair on October 10th, 2025, was once again a big hit with 728 people in attendance, bringing in a profit of \$18,602. The event, held in the gym due to the weather, showcased talent from InMotion School of Dance and Visions Dance Bermuda.
- The BHS PTA organised a potluck holiday lunch for staff in December, with parents donating lunch items and treats. We also collected donations for raffle prizes from parents and held a holiday raffle for Secondary teachers and Administrative staff, featuring 18 prizes valued at over \$1,500.
- Teacher Appreciation Day was recognised on Tuesday, May 5th, 2026, with the traditional Fourways lunch for the BHS staff as well as a cake from Supermart, which was very well received.
- The Y11 Semi-Formal and Y13 Prom funds each received a donation of \$632. Year 13 volunteered to sell Cotton Candy at the Halloween Fair and received 50% of the profits, totalling \$450, for their Prom. Year 11 volunteers sold popcorn at the Halloween Fair and received 50% of the profits, totalling \$182, for their Semi-Formal.
- Year 6 students enjoyed an end-of-year pizza & ice cream party in celebration of ‘Moving Up’ to Secondary, made possible by a \$500 donation.
- The PTA, along with the BHS Leadership Team, hosted two Parent Education evenings, the first being a workshop with Jen Cort discussing Parenting in an Anxious Generation. The evening was interactive, and parents were very engaged in the presentation. The second workshop was led by Deana Puccio from the RAP Project (Raising Awareness & Prevention) and focused on social media safety. Deana Puccio also gave presentations to two year groups at BHS.
- Light refreshments were provided by the PTA for a presentation for rising Year 7 families, and PTA Exec members were on hand to answer any questions Year 6 families might have about Year 7.
- This year, the BHS PTA participated in the 2025 Butterfield Bermuda Championship Birdies for Charity Programme. This programme allows local participating charities to pledge profits through Bank of Butterfield and receive up to 10% in matching dollars, up to \$50,000 in total profits. Profits submitted were limited to funds raised between August 29th and November 28th, 2025. With the success of the Halloween Fair, Charleston Wrap, and Popcorn Recess at the beginning of the school year, we reached the \$50,000 profit goal and received 10% for a total of \$5,000.
- Mr & Mrs William Soares made a generous donation to the PTA with matching donations from ArchRe and RenaissanceRe totaling \$3,000.
- This year, the BHS PTA received external gifts of \$5,210 towards the Bermuda High School PTA Excellence Prize Fund, which is invested at the Bermuda Community Foundation. This Fund was created in 2013 and is composed of contributions from the PTA totalling \$12,750, external gifts totalling \$10,210, and a \$5,000 permanently restricted gift from the RenaissanceRe Charity Challenge Fund. Each year, the Fund is entitled to receive a grant from BCF, and the intention is to use this grant to present the Award to a student(s) at the end of each school year. As part of the Award, the student(s) have the privilege of allocating the Award funds to improve BHS.

Governance, Compliance, & Privacy:

The PTA remains committed to maintaining high standards of governance, regulatory compliance, and responsible stewardship in support of its charitable objectives.

Throughout the year, the Executive PTA continued to uphold the policies, procedures, and internal controls established to ensure compliance with Bermuda's charitable sector requirements, including obligations relating to anti-money laundering, anti-terrorist financing, financial accountability and data privacy.

Key areas during the year included:

- Ongoing monitoring and review of PTA governance and compliance practices
- Continued adherence to established financial controls, payment approval, and reimbursement procedures
- Periodic review of policies and procedures to ensure they remain appropriate, proportionate, and effective

The PTA Compliance & Privacy Officer is satisfied that appropriate systems and controls remain in place and that the PTA continues to operate in a manner consistent with its regulatory and fiduciary obligations. Maintaining strong governance practices helps safeguard the PTA's resources, supports transparency and accountability, and ensures the continued trust and confidence of our school community.

Appreciation:

Throughout the year, the PTA Executive worked diligently in collaboration with dedicated school staff, enthusiastic volunteers and generous donors to create an array of successful fundraising initiatives. These events not only provided financial support, but also fostered a strong sense of community and engagement among parents, teachers and students. The PTA is greatly appreciative of all its BHS families, students and faculty/teachers who help.

A special shout-out to the following volunteers for leading the 2025/2026 events listed below:

Event:	Chair:
Charleston Wrap	Mandy Mizibrocky
Halloween Fair	Kristine Cornish, Sarah Faiella, Mandy Mizibrocky, Nicole Carreiro, Yvonne DeCosta, Veronica & Emilia Dunkerley, Katie DeCouto, Barbara Polic, Melissa Leach, Poornima Sobhana, Sarah Mahoney & Theresa DeRosa
Primary & Secondary Popcorn Recess	Veronica, Emilia & Georgina Dunkerley
Secondary Dances	Melissa Leach & Karen Frith
Primary Holiday Shopping	Katie DeCouto, Barbara Polic, Lisa Howard, Carolyn Hill
Primary Dance Party	Sarah Mahoney
Primary Family Bingo	Poornima Sobhana, Verde Brown, Karen Frith, Katie DeCouto, Sarah Mahoney

The PTA would like to thank all the BHS families, teachers/staff and students for all your support and hard work during the past year. We are so grateful and appreciative of all the volunteers for the various events, and we hope everyone had a lot of fun along the way!

We wish you a wonderful summer!

Kind regards,

The BHS PTA Executive Committee

Chair/President	Kelly Benevides
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Vice President	Kristine Cornish
Treasurer	Jenn de los Santos
Secretary	Cortney Bernstein
Compliance & Privacy Officer	Aaron Lutkin
Secondary PTA Chair	Julie Butler
Primary PTA Chair	Katie DeCouto & Barbara Polic
Member-at-Large (Charleston Wrap)	Mandy Mizibrocky
Member-at-Large	Yvonne DeCosta Eureeka Minors



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