2026-27



HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
HANDBOOK

When your child is part of Solebury School, your whole family is part of Solebury School. Whether this is your first year, or you're a Solebury veteran, here's how you can get involved throughout the year.



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WELCOME
MESSAGE



Allison Cohen P'27

HSA President

Welcome to Solebury School and the Home & School Association (HSA)! As parents/guardians of Solebury students, you're already a member. This organization offers opportunities throughout the year for you to meet, connect, and support the school through a variety of initiatives.

Please join us online for the HSA meetings. We're offering them virtually this year to make them more convenient for all families. These meetings will feature special speakers, highlights of upcoming events, and chances to connect with one another. Also, be sure to read your weekly e-newsletters to stay informed of everything Solebury!

2026-27 Meeting Schedule

***NEW this year*:** One HSA meeting per trimester will be held in conjunction with Patricia Sasser's all-parent, Head of School Zoom calls on the following Wednesdays: **September 16 • November 4 (Auction meeting) • January 14 • April 7** at 7:00pm.
See Family eNews delivered to your inbox every Sunday at 10:00am for the Zoom link.





ABOUT
THE HSA

The Home and School Association (HSA) is a volunteer organization that provides the families of Solebury School with opportunities to support the faculty, staff, students, and mission of the School. It nurtures a positive and welcoming climate, promotes a sense of community and pride in the School, and helps the school administration meet its current and future needs through coordinated fundraising and other volunteer activities.

The HSA, through the dedication and generosity of its volunteers, supports the entire Solebury School community through the following initiatives:

- **Grants to faculty and student projects**. The HSA approves and funds approximately $4,000 in grant requests each year. Recent support includes:
  - New 3-D printer for use in the IDEA Lab.
  - Professional framing for AP Student Artwork to be hung on campus.
  - New espresso machine for Mike's Cafe, the student-run, on-campus coffee shop.
  - Publishing of student research projects into hardcover books that will be available to all students in the library.
- Assistance with various **school activities** supported by HSA parent committees, including theatrical productions, athletic events, faculty appreciation, and the Arts Festival.
- **Campus beautification**. Each year, a group of dedicated gardening enthusiasts spruces up high traffic areas with seasonal plants and décor to keep our campus looking warm and inviting.
- Raising funds for the school community through our **auction**, Solebury's largest annual fundraising event. Last year's auction raised over $65,000.

MEET THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Allison Cohen P’27

President • buskirkcohen@gmail.com

I’m so excited to work with everyone as the HSA President this year. Solebury offers an incredible community, and I’m grateful to be part of it! I work at a small university and love supporting students’ development through teaching and research. I also enjoy reading and traveling. My daughter Sierra will be starting her final year at Solebury, and we can’t wait to see what the year brings!



Tanja Woodward P’25 ’27

Vice President • twoodward125@gmail.com

I’m thrilled to assume the role of Vice President this year, having previously served as both President and Secretary. I reside in Ringoes, New Jersey, with my husband, Patrick, and our daughters, Lillian, who graduated in 2025 and attends the University of St. Andrews and Charlotte, who will graduate in 2027. My passions include travel, volunteering with AFS and Fluffy Butt Rescue, and returning to part-time teaching this fall. I look forward to meeting you. Welcome to Solebury!



Kim Breiland P’26 ‘29

Secretary • kebreiland@gmail.com

After four years of volunteering where I could, I'm thrilled to step into a bigger role as HSA Secretary. I live in New Hope with my husband, Mark, our three children, Kara '26 (attending Loyola University Maryland), Jack '29, and Emery, age 7, and our two goldendoodles, Kallie & Winnie. My career spans roles in education, event planning, and business operations. I now serve part-time as a fractional COO and AI consultant, work that has been both exciting and challenging. Outside of work, you'll find me outdoors with my family, on the tennis court, deep in a good book, or planning our next adventure. I'm so looking forward to serving this wonderful Solebury School community!



Rachel Emde '02

Treasurer • remde@solebury.org

I graduated from Solebury School in '02 and started working in the Business Office in 2016. I am currently the Associate Director of Finance and Controller, and have been the Treasurer for Home & School since 2020. I love contributing to the community in this way as it helps me connect personally with so many wonderful families. I live in Solebury with my husband, Dale; 9-year-old son, Rory; and 3-year-old daughter, Joanna. I enjoy spending time with my family, gardening, and adding to my husband's home improvement project list.



Lisa Juris

Director of Parent Engagement/Auction Manager • ljuris@solebury.org

I joined Solebury School with more than 20 years' experience as an Event Planner and Graphic Designer and a 5-year detour as an Addictions Therapist. What I love most about my Parent Engagement role at Solebury is getting to know the families of our amazing student body and helping them achieve their goals of peer socialization, improving the campus and school programs, staying connected to their students through volunteerism, and fundraising. I live in New Hope (and Hilton Head, SC) with my husband, Steve and our 4 pets, have 3 adult daughters and LOVE being MiMi to our first Granddaughter, Netta. I enjoy anything creative, most notably DIY home projects, "grandma crafts," and cake decorating.



Josh Nay

Director of Advancement • jnay@solebury.org

In my two years at Solebury, I have found this community to be incredibly welcoming, and it is one of the goals of the HSA and our school leadership to ensure you feel the same. Before starting at Solebury, I worked in higher education fundraising at institutions including the Sigma Nu Educational Foundation, Villanova University, and most recently, the University of Pennsylvania. Outside of work, my wife, Kathy, and our son, Jack, call Levittown home. When I'm not at the office, you can often find me volunteering with Jack's Boy Scout Troop and deeply engaged with the Masonic fraternity.

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HSA
COMMITTEES

All parents are welcome to co-chair or join a specific committee or volunteer for a variety of events and projects as they come up throughout the year. You need not have a student in a particular sport or activity to volunteer in that area. Your help and input are always appreciated!

Athletic Boosters

Chairs: Fall: Carrie Sargeant P'26 '27 (carrie.sargeant@gmail.com)
Winter: **OPEN**
Spring: **OPEN**

The Athletic Boosters committee is dedicated to the continued support of our student athletes, coaching staff, trainers, and athletic programs. Volunteers help coordinate concessions for the annual "Soccer Under the Lights" and "Whiteout" events, and other games, tournaments and track meets throughout the year. They update photos on the athletic bulletin board seasonally, and they help to decorate for the end-of-season athletic banquets. Athletic Booster Chairs typically serve for one trimester (Fall, Winter, Spring), but are welcome to overlap.

Auction

Chair: **OPEN** Co-Chairs: **OPEN**

The Auction committee plans and supports Solebury's annual Auction, the HSA's largest fundraiser. Led by the auction chairperson, the auction committee is further divided into Decorating, Data Entry, Item Solicitation, Mailings, Sponsorships/Advertising, and Graphic Design subcommittees. While auction planning takes place throughout the school year, most of the subcommittees' work takes place from January through the beginning of May.

Beautification

Chair: **OPEN** Co-Chair: **OPEN**

The Beautification committee helps the Solebury campus look its best throughout the year. They assist in fall and spring campus clean up projects, decorate for Open House in October and the December holidays, and beautify the campus for Graduation in June. Special projects may also be considered. If you have a green thumb and enjoy outdoor décor, this committee is for you!

Helping Hands

Chair: Lisa Juris (ljuris@solebury.org)

The Helping Hands committee offers assistance to Solebury families when special needs arise, such as serious illness or family emergencies. The efforts of the Helping Hands are coordinated by the Director of Parent Engagement.

Hospitality

Chair: **OPEN**, Co-Chair: **OPEN**

The Hospitality committee helps coordinate parent volunteer efforts around teacher appreciation at Parents' Days in October and April as well as the annual Faculty/Staff appreciation luncheon in June. The Hospitality Committee also coordinates Parent Mixers throughout the year. If you enjoy socializing with your fellow Solebury parents and organizing events, this committee may be for you!

Friends of the Theater

Chair: Kirstin Hara P'27 (kirhara@me.com)

Friends of the Theater supports the theater program during each theatrical production (in the fall, winter, and spring) by running the concession stand before the shows and during intermission, coordinating "Kiss the Cast," and providing some meals for the cast and crew during the last week of rehearsals.

Friends of the Arts

Co-Chairs: Elisa Rapaport P'17 '26 '27 (rapaportschabio@gmail.com), Nancy Comley P'27 (keim_comley@yahoo.com)

Friends of the Arts assists the Visual Arts and Music departments with exhibiting student artwork around campus, and collaborating with the Arts and Music Chairs to provide support for Arts Festival Week in the spring and various musical performances throughout the year.



to sign up for your favorite committee(s)

Other Ways to Give

We understand that not everyone lives close enough or has the time to volunteer on campus. If you would like to make a one-time or recurring monetary donation to support any or all of the above committees throughout the school year, you may do so by visiting our giving page, or by sending a check made out to Solebury School HSA to 6832 Phillips Mill Road, New Hope PA 18938.