

Roland Park
Country School

2026-2027 Family Guide to Community Involvement

Dear RPCS Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2026-2027 RPCS school year! As an alumna (2003) and current RPCS parent (P'35), I am excited to serve as the President of the Parents' Association this year.

The Parents' Association (PA) strives to build a vibrant school community through volunteering and fundraising efforts that support the students, faculty/staff, and parents. From hosting parent socials, organizing uniform sales, handling event concessions, and more, our dedicated volunteers work to create a welcoming atmosphere for all.

We want you to join us! Please review this Guide to learn more about ways to engage in the PA. We appreciate your time and involvement. Note that volunteer opportunities range from supporting brief one-off events to multi-year commitments. We aim to provide opportunities for engagement that meet a wide range of schedules and availability.

I firmly believe that our community grows stronger when we come together to serve.

GO REDS!
Hannah Clark, 2003, P'35
2026-2027 Parents' Association President



Volunteering

Little Reds / Lower School
Performing Arts*
Book Fair
Book Swap
Classroom*
Harvest Festivals
Grade Representative
Killebrew Library*
LS Closing Exercises
Parent Ambassador
Parent Garden Team

Middle School
Eighth Grade T-Shirt
Grade Representative
Hershey Park*
Mixers/Dances*
MS Closing Exercises
MS Musical*
Parent Ambassador
Sleepover*

Upper School
BSU Dance*
Fall Ball*
Grade Representative
Parent Ambassador
Winter Formal*

Parents' Association
Admissions Representative
Alumnae Association Representative
Culture, Community & Belonging
Division Parent Network Chair
Employee Appreciation
Décor/Plant Sale
Grade Representative
PA Board
Parent Engagement Activities
Prom Events
Uniform Resale
Volunteer Coordinator
Fall Parent Socials

Advancement Office
Annual Giving
Grade Chair
Golf Classic & Pickleball Tournament
Red Hot Run

Admissions Office
Parent Ambassador
Mentor Family

See following pages for volunteer opportunity details.

** This volunteer role requires a background check. Please allow for a one week turnaround time. Learn more at rpcs.org/community-involvement.*

Little Reds / Lower School Volunteer Descriptions

Contact: Lower School Parent Network Chair, Lauren Tisdale, lauren.r.tisdale@gmail.com

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Performing Arts: Sew and alter concert attire; assist students backstage during winter and spring concerts.

Fall Book Fair: Assist the librarian with setting up and selling books.

Book Swap: Assist with receiving, organizing and shelving donated books.

Classroom: Help teachers with tasks such as laminating, preparing project materials, cutting, filing, etc.

Grade Representative: Serve as a liaison between the parents and the Parents' Association. Attend monthly meetings and communicate with parents on an as-needed basis to disseminate information to parents regarding events that are PA, advisory and/or grade specific. Report to the Lower School Parent Network Chair. 1-2 per grade.

Killebrew Library: Work with the LS Librarian shelving books and various other tasks.

LS Closing Exercises: Coordinate and assist with the set up and clean-up of the LS Closing Exercises reception.

Fall Parent Socials: Organize and invite parents to attend grade specific parent socials .

Red Hot Run: Set up a class team and encourage family participation.

READING CHALLENGE CELEBRATIONS



TRUNK OR TREAT



Middle School Volunteer Descriptions

Contact: Middle School Parent Network Chair, Christina Lawrence, christinaastheimer@gmail.com

Grade Representative: Serve as a liaison between the parents and the Parents' Association. Attend monthly meetings and communicate with parents on an as-needed basis to disseminate information to parents regarding events that are PA, advisory and/or grade specific. Report to the Middle School Parent Network Chair. 3-4 per grade.

Eighth Grade T-Shirt: Organize the eighth grade t-shirt.

Mixers: Chaperone for seventh and eighth grade mixers.

MS Closing Exercises: Seventh grade parents manage the reception following the MS Closing Exercises by planning, serving, and cleaning up.

MS Musical: Assist with costumes/props and the cast party.

Sleepover: Assist with purchasing food.

Fall Parent Socials: Organize and invite parents to attend grade specific parent socials

Red Hot Run: Set Up a grade level team and encourage family participation.

GUEST SPEAKERS



MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL



Upper School Volunteer Descriptions

Contact: Upper School Parent Network Chair, Marchelle Giannini, shellopr8s@gmail.com

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Fall Ball, Winter Formal, & BSU Dance: Assist with coat check and monitoring entrance/exit doors.

Grade Representative: Serve as a liaison between the parents and the Parents' Association. Meet monthly with the Grade Level Dean to discuss upcoming events and concerns in the grade. Attend monthly meetings and communicate with parents on an as-needed basis to disseminate information about PA, divisional, and grade events. Report to the Upper School Parent Network Chair. 2-3 per grade.

Fall Parent Socials: Organize and invite parents to attend grade specific parent socials.

Prom Events: Supports the school in the planning of the Prom and providing some fun and engaging activities for the students during the event.



EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION

RED HOT RUN



Parents' Association Volunteer Position Descriptions

Alumnae Association Representative: Serve as a liaison between the PA and the Alumnae Board. Appointed by the Alumnae Board.
Contact: Kelly Soth Nolan, 2004, kellynolan85@gmail.com

Committee Chair: The Parents' Association sponsors several events and activities throughout the year, which are planned by committees. Committee Chairs are needed for: Uniform Resale Pop Up Shop, Holiday Decor Sales, Employee Appreciation, Alumnae Association, and Admissions. Full descriptions are available online in the Parents' Association by-laws.
Contact: Rashelle Musci, Nominating Chair, rjmusci@gmail.com

Culture, Community & Belonging: Serve as a liaison between the PA and the CCB office. Work to promote CCB events within the parent community and support the school's commitment to a thriving culture and community.
Contacts: Catherine Eplett, catherine.eplett@gmail.com

Parent Network Chair: Serve as a liaison between the Grade Representatives and the Division Heads promoting sound communication between the School and the Parent Network. Appointed by the PA. 1 per division. Full description available online in the Parents' Association by-laws.
Contact: Rashelle Musci, Nominating Chair, rjmusci@gmail.com

Employee Appreciation: Volunteer opportunities include planning and staffing events for employee appreciation day and faculty/staff appreciation week, planning and distributing holiday gifts, and celebrating our wonderful teachers, administrators, and employees.
Contacts: Nia Banks, drniabanks@gmail.com
Anna Scalon Swift, 2006, annatheresaswift@gmail.com

Grade Representative: Serve as a liaison between the parents and the Parents' Association. Attend monthly meetings and communicate with parents on an as-needed basis to disseminate information about PA, divisional, and grade events. Report to the PA Division Chair.
Contacts:
LS Parent Network Chair: Lauren Tisdale, lauren.r.tisdale@gmail.com

MS Parent Network Chair: Christina Lawrence, christinaastheimer@gmail.com

US Parent Network Chair: Marchelle Giannini, shellopr8s@gmail.com

Holiday Decor Sale: Coordinate our annual holiday decor (e.g., wreaths, bows, garland, poinsettias, etc.) and seasonal fall and spring plant sales. Decor and plants are pre-ordered and distributed at the school. All proceeds go to RPCS and benefit various Parents' Association initiatives.
Contact: Jennifer Visser Vassil, 1996, jennifervvassil@gmail.com
Megan Oster, meganoster@gmail.com

Prom Events: Supports the school in the planning of the Prom and providing some fun and engaging activities for the students during the event.
Contacts: Marchelle Giannini, shellopr8s@gmail.com

Uniform Resale: Four times throughout the school year, the Uniform Resale is a pop up shop that sells gently used uniforms and accessories from all divisions at rock bottom prices. Volunteers are needed to assist with sorting and selling.
Contact: Sara Raley, sraley@gmail.com
Sara Lofink, sara.lofink@gmail.com

Volunteer Coordinator: Create and collect parent volunteer lists and distribute to the appropriate committee chairs, assist the Full Board in recruiting and tracking volunteers, and assist each division chair with applicable parent volunteer lists.
Contact: Shauntell Campbell, shauntellcampbell@gmail.com

2026-2027 Parents' Association Board Members



Advancement Office Volunteer Descriptions

Contact: Director of Advancement and Annual Giving
Beth McFadden, mcfaddenb@rpcs.org

The Fund for Roland Park Country School, our School's Annual Fund, is the primary way parents, parents of alumnae, grandparents, alumnae, and friends support the annual operations of RPCS. Your gift provides the resources needed to offer exceptional programs, transformative experiences, and opportunities that make the RPCS experience truly remarkable. Every donation directly benefits our students—helping them learn, grow, discover their passions, and find their path. By giving and volunteering your time, you strengthen our community and help ensure that every student has the opportunity to thrive. Donations are tax deductible, and every gift truly makes a difference.

Annual Giving Grade Chair: Help build a culture of philanthropy within your grade by encouraging families to support The Fund for Roland Park Country School. Grade Chairs partner with the Annual Giving team to share the impact of giving, reach out to fellow parents through personal emails, letters, and phone calls, and encourage participation throughout the year. Volunteers also have the opportunity to participate in the fall virtual phonathon from home, joining a community-wide effort to support RPCS.

Golf Classic & Pickleball Tournament: This annual fundraiser attracts nearly 100 participants from RPCS and the greater community. Held at a local private club, this is a fun-filled event with golf and pickleball tournaments, contests, awards, food and camaraderie. Volunteers are needed to help plan the outing. This is a great opportunity to support the school and enjoy time out on the golf course or pickleball court!
Contact: Ali Pitruzzella, P'20, Director of Parent Engagement & Events, pitruzzellaa@rpcs.org

Red Hot Run: This annual fundraiser includes a 5K, Family Fun Walk and post-race celebration, and attracts between 400-500 participants from RPCS and the greater community. At least 40 volunteers are needed on race day to cover the water tables, post-race party, finish line, cheerleaders and to serve as course marshals. This is a great opportunity to support the school and cheer for all those out on the course!
Contact: Ali Pitruzzella, P'20, Director of Parent Engagement & Events, pitruzzellaa@rpcs.org

Admissions Office Volunteer Descriptions

Contact: Director of Admissions and Enrollment Management Annie Morse, morse@rpcs.org

Parents are invited by the Admissions Office to become a Parent Ambassador. As an ambassador, you will welcome families on visit days, attend admissions events, and reach out to families after students visit. Our parent ambassadors help prospective families journey through the admissions process.

Summer Buddy Family: Be the welcoming committee for a new RPCS family! The summer prior, contact the new family, meet at least once, arrange playdates, stay in touch during the first few weeks of school, and invite and encourage new parents to attend events.

Parent Ambassador: Assist the Admissions Office during visiting days.

PA Sponsored Events/Activities

- **Culture, Community & Belonging Events**
- **Employee Appreciation**
- **Fall/Spring Plant Sale**
- **Holiday Decor Sales**
- **Holiday Fair**
- **Prom Events**
- **Red Zone Concessions**
- **Uniform Resale**



Giving

Tuition is the primary source of operating revenue and covers 74% of the cost of operating the school. RPCS relies on other sources of income to close the gap.

Annual Fund

Purpose: The Fund for Roland Park Country School provides 7% of the School's operating budget by bridging the gap between tuition and the actual cost of operating the School.

Timeframe: July 1-June 30, annually

Gift Wrap

Purpose: Benefits the Endowment, Scholarship Funds and Prom. Sponsored by the Alumnae Association Board.

Timeframe: Fall

Golf Classic & Pickleball Tournament

Purpose: Benefits The Fund for Roland Park Country School.

Timeframe: Fall

PA Events

Purpose: Benefits various programs across all divisions, designated endowment funds, athletics, and performing arts programs.

Timeframe: Yearlong

Red Hot Run

Purpose: Benefits The Fund for Roland Park Country School.

Timeframe: Spring

Corporate sponsorships are available for Red Hot Run and the Golf Classic. Information on sponsorships can be found at rpcs.org/sponsor.



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