

PAS WEEKLY

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Upcoming Events:

Back to School Night

Mon., Sept. 14, 6-8PM

Home & School Association (HSA) Meeting

Wed, Sept. 16, 7PM

Equity Circle Meeting

Mon., Sept. 21, 5:30pm

Yom Kippur, School Closed

Monday, September 28



Back to School Night for Grades 1-8

We invite parents and guardians to join us on Monday, September 14 from 6-8pm for virtual Back to School Night. Teachers will give an overview of the academic program, expectations, schedules, communications and other important information. **Sessions for Grades 1-5 will be presented three times to accommodate families with multiple children. Please click here for the [meeting links](#).** Sessions will be recorded and shared within 24-48 hours

GRADES 1-5 Schedule

6pm-6:45pm	Session I: Welcome & Visit with Classroom Teacher
6:45-6:48pm	Transition Time
6:48-7:22pm	Session II: Visit with Classroom Teacher (repeat of Session I Visit)
7:22-7:25pm	Transition Time
7:25-8:00pm	Session III: Visit with Classroom Teacher (repeat of Session II)
8pm	Dismissal - Thank you for coming!

Grades 6-8 Schedule

6pm-6:45pm	Session I: Welcome & Visit with 6th GRADE Classroom Teachers
6:45-6:48pm	Transition Time
6:48-7:22pm	Session II: Visit with 7th GRADE Classroom Teachers
7:22-7:25pm	Transition Time
7:25-8:00pm	Session III: Visit with 8th GRADE Classroom Teacher
8pm	Dismissal - Thank you for coming!

As part of the evening, please complete this link: [parent engagement survey](#)



Please join us!

General Meeting of the HSA

First meeting of the 2020-2021 school year.

Wednesday, Sept. 16
7:00 p.m.

Topics:

Candidate Night

How can I volunteer?

Information will be available on the many ways to help the PAS community. Find out more about the committees and school events that need your help to be successful. Meet the candidates running for HSA office. Learn how you can get involved in our school community

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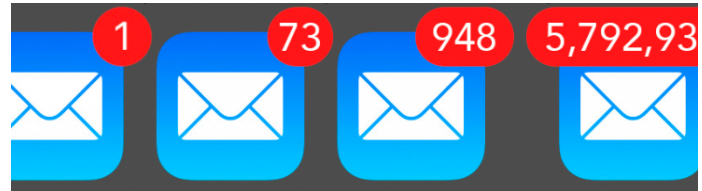
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Is Your Student Receiving Too Many Emails?

If your child is receiving too many emails, here is a tip to try:

1. As student, log into google classroom
2. On lefthand side of any classroom page, find the little three horizontal lines.
3. In the list of enrolled classes, scroll all the way to the bottom of this list to find the SETTINGS
4. Under NOTIFICATIONS, turn off slider for "receive email notifications"



Grab & Go Meals Comes to PAS

- Penn Alexander is now one of 62 pick up locations
- FRIDAYS, 9am-2pm. **NEW DAY AND EXTENDED TIMES**
- Students receive one box with 5 breakfasts, 5 lunches and ½ gallon of milk
- **Can't pick up? See Mutual Aid flier for delivery service**
- **Can you help deliver? See Mutual Aid flier to sign up**



Please join us for the Home & School Association General Meeting

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Topics to include:

- **How you can volunteer to help the school:** Information will be available on the many ways to help the PAS community. Find out more about the committees and school events that need your help to be successful. Sign up to be a Room Parent.
- **Mutual Aid:** Learn how families can help one another through our virtual bulletin board for items you are seeking and/or offering and more.
- **HSA Elections:** Hear statements from the candidates running in the upcoming HSA elections

ZOOM:

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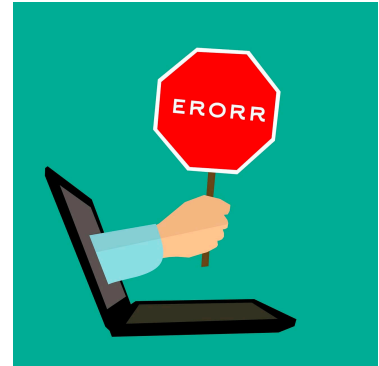
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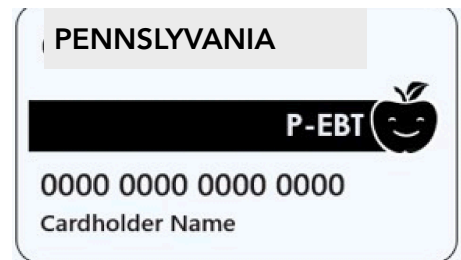
Incorrect Student Picture in Portal Account

If your child’s picture is not correct in the SDP Parent/Student Portal (Infinite Campus), please contact Ann Kreidle at kreidlea@upenn.edu or 215-284-8601. She is working with Lifetouch and the district to get the pictures corrected.



P-EBT Card Update

Council member Jamie R. Gauthier, 3rd District, is assisting families who have not received their P-EBT cards this past June. If you have not received your P-EBT card, please contact Ann Kreidle at kreidlea@upenn.edu or 215-284-8601 with the following information: (1) parent’s name(s), (2) address, (3) phone, (4) email, (5) children’s name(s), and (6) children’s date



Book Bins

Please see the locations listed below where you can share* books with other neighborhood families. Bins are self-serve. Leave books and/or take books. Books can be returned to any bin of the same grade level. Please do not leave books if a bin is full.

** See the locations on a map [here](#) **

Middle School Families: Have any of [these books](#) that you are ready to pass along to another student? If so, please put them in one of the bins designated for Middle School.

* These bins are for books you are done reading and no longer want to keep. Please do not share books that you still read and want to get back.

Pre-K	Kindergarten	First Grade	Second Grade	Third Grade	Fourth Grade	Fifth Grade	Middle School
4525 Locust	1018 S. 45th	217 S. Melville	4206 Spruce	228 S 45th	430 S. 44th	1012 S. 46th	228 S 45th
	4206 Spruce	4211 Regent Sq	4211 Regent Sq	4522 Locust	4420 Larchwood	4521 Osage	4254 Regent Sq
	439 S 43rd	4428 Pine	4428 Pine	4540 Sansom	4424 Pine	4522 Locust	4321 Baltimore
	4420 Larchwood	4524 Locust	4521 Osage	4605 Larchwood	4522 Locust	4524 Spruce	4529 Locust
	4525 Locust	4629 Osage	4524 Locust	517 S. 45th	4540 Sansom	4605 Larchwood	4540 Sansom
			4524 Spruce		517 S. 45th.		4624 Osage
			4608 Osage				500 S. 44th



HSA Executive Board Elections 2020

Candidate statements

As you know, the PAS HSA Board Elections are this month. Each candidate was invited to submit a 200-word statement to be shared with the PAS parent/guardian community. The candidates are also invited to read these statements at this week's HSA meeting (Wednesday, September 16, at 7:00pm -- link info for this meeting is elsewhere in this Pony).

Voting will be held during the week of September 21. Uncontested races will not be on the ballot. Voting is one vote per family/household. Duplicate ballots from the same family will not be counted.

Our school is fortunate to have such strong interest in parent involvement and it is important that as many people take part in this process as possible.

The bylaws state, "There shall be no campaigning other than asking individual members for their vote."

Winners will be announced on Monday, September 28, and the new board will take office on October 1 and serve for two school years (2020–21 and 2021–22).

President

Jim Dugan

I am looking to remain on the PAS HSA Board — this time, serving a term as President because I realize how vital the HSA is to our school and community. This extra layer of support is rare in the Philadelphia School District. It is vital to keep us connected, the teachers supported, the parents informed, and the PAS community engaged in the education and development of our children. I have worked many hours over the past few years helping PAS and the HSA with using MySchoolAnywhere and Membership Toolkit platforms to develop a consistent directory with capability to improve communications, connect students and families, and help solicit volunteers for our events. This is a great school not because of any one factor but the combination of students, parents, teachers, SDP and UPenn partnership, and all the other subcommittees. I look forward to helping continue to help the school over the next few years.

Vice President, Upper School

Jennifer Nix

I am running for Upper School Vice President. I'm in the middle of my Penn Alexander parent-tenure. I have had a child at PAS for the past 9 years and have another 6 years to go before my youngest graduates from middle school. My children, Desi (alumni, now in high school), Helene (6th grade), and Xavi (2nd grade), have experienced many of the changes at PAS over the last

decade. As the former chair of the board of the St. Mary's Nursery School here in West Philly, I understand how to work with a community of families, administrators, teachers, and staff to move initiatives forward and to navigate change. As PAS confronts COVID-19 and a new landscape of remote education, I want to use my experience in advocacy, strategy, and fundraising to help support our school and neighbors as we navigate this new world. I am a non-profit professional and lawyer and I have a deep commitment to equity in our school system and community.

Vice President, Lower School

Rotonya Carr

Hi, PAS families! I'm Rotonya Carr, one of the current HSA Lower School VPs. I have a first grader (Avery) and a fifth grader (Tyree), both of whom have been at PAS since kindergarten. I've been on the HSA board for 4 years and have really enjoyed helping our lower school families acclimate to PAS and supporting our PAS community with what it needs to ensure an enjoyable and enriching PAS experience. I am a physician (liver doctor) and researcher at Penn and lately have been very involved in school re-opening strategies at our neighboring Parent Infant Center. I have also lent my voice to the school district and hope to do the same for PAS when we re-open. In addition to these activities, I am very involved in education advocacy through the Education Law Center whose mission is to ensure quality public education for all children in PA. I look forward to using these experiences to help our PAS community. I can't wait to see everyone in person again one day and hope to have the chance to once again serve as your lower school VP!

Pamala Williams

(No statement submitted)

Treasurer

Angela Curry

My name is Angela Curry and I would like to contribute to our school in the role of HSA Treasurer this term. My sons, Finbarr (4th grade) and Desmond (2nd grade) are currently at PAS, and Oscar (3 years old) will hopefully be joining his brothers in a few years.

I have been the HSA Volunteer Coordinator for the past two years. I loved this role because I got to work alongside many PAS families, teachers, and staff members at school events and fundraisers. Along the way, I made lifelong friends in the course of planning events and spending countless hours setting up, working, and cleaning up after events like the Fall Festival, Skating Party, Pancake Breakfast, and 5K Race.

I am committed to our community and the organizations that have enriched our family's lives. I am a former board member and chair of the Diversity and Governance Committees of the Parent-Infant Center. I have co-chaired the Center's annual Art Start Gala. I am also a former

board member and co-chair of the annual Party in the Park for the Friends of Clark Park and former Vice President of the Board for the University City Arts League and co-chair of its annual gala.

You can see that I spend a lot of time organizing parties and volunteering for organizations that are near and dear to my family. I love being a part of these organizations so that I can do my part in bringing smiles and support to our friends and greater community. I would love to bring my experience, pragmatism, and energy to help our school during this unprecedented time, as we navigate these uncertain and challenging time together.

In my professional life, I am the Compliance Director at Bentley Systems, Incorporated, a leading provider of software solutions to engineers and architects for the design, construction, and operations of infrastructure. In this role, I lead the global regulatory compliance team and oversee the companywide legal and compliance programs in data protection and privacy, compliance and ethics, export controls, and account cloud trust communications. At Bentley, I am a member of the Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity Alliance and have participated in the Association of Corporate Counsel's Diversity Intern and Mentorship Programs. I am also the Philadelphia Chapter Co-Chair of the International Association of Privacy Professionals and am a Certified Information Privacy Professional in the privacy laws of the United States and European Union (CIPP-US and CIPP-E). My experience as a regulatory compliance attorney also informs my judgment with keeping impeccable records and making sure we are making sound consensus-based judgments within the HSA based on the best interest of our student and school.

Thank you for your consideration and hope that I can continue to volunteer for the HSA as your Treasurer.

Secretary

Helena Miller

I would love to support the PAS community by serving as the HSA secretary. As a parent of a kindergartener and a 2nd grader, I feel like I bring the perspective of both a new and an experienced PAS parent. As someone who is currently not working outside the home, I have the time and motivation to work for the HSA. As someone who spent 13 years as a classroom teacher, I also feel I can bring the perspective of both a parent and educational professional to the position. In addition, I feel I have both the skills and the interest required for the secretary position (I literally get excited by organizing files and making spreadsheets...add color-coding and I'm in heaven!). Finally, for my entire professional career, I have focused all of my work on improving equity for all students. I would love to be able to join the HSA and its efforts to create a more equitable school experience for students at PAS and across Philadelphia.

(more Secretary candidate statements on next page)

Craig Santoro

I'm Craig Santoro, and I'm running for HSA secretary. My family has a second grader at PAS and a daughter entering kindergarten in 2021. We moved to the neighborhood in 2008, and although we didn't have kids, we knew the school was central to community – not just a school, but a playground, a field, a pancake restaurant, a theater, and a caring network of parents, kids, teachers, and neighbors.

Still, the school was a source of some community anxiety as kindergarten lines gave way to a lottery and waiting lists grew. The school's success had begun to change the neighborhood, and as housing prices rose, the promise of an excellent neighborhood education for everyone was growing out of reach for many. And now with the Covid crisis, we are struggling to define the school community with no building at all.

I'd like to give back to the school that has given our child so much. At the same time, I'd like to find ways to ensure PAS remains central to our community and meets the needs of all families.

And, of course, as secretary I promise to take clear meeting notes and to distribute them in a timely manner.

Whitney Van Dean

My name is Whitney Van Dean. I have lived in West Philly for 16 years. My current PAS child is in 7th grade and has attended PAS since Kindergarten. I have been a PAS parent for the past 15 years. My older child attended from 1st – 8th grade at PAS and is now in his final semester at GW University.

In past years, I have been a classroom parent for both of my children at PAS and have supported PAS in any way possible, while serving on the board during all four years of my older child's time at Central High School. Also, for the past 7 years to present time I have been a volunteer at our neighborhood Catholic church, Saint Francis de Sales, as a Sunday school teacher for 7th and 8th grade students. Most of the students I have had the privilege to work with at Saint Francis de Sales have been PAS students.

I would like to be on the PAS board, as the Secretary to help continue to propel the school into the fantastic direction that has been set forth by all of our previous dedicated Board leaders. I am committed to our neighborhood and our school and look forward to serving PAS in any capacity for the final two years of my younger child's middle school experience. It has been an amazing 15 years!



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September 2, 2020

Dear Parents / Guardians:

As a parent or guardian of a student attending a school that is receiving Federal Title I dollars, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the teacher(s) and instructional paraprofessional(s) who instruct your child.

Federal law requires every Title I school district to comply and to provide you with the requested information in a timely manner. All schools have on file a listing of faculty members and their professional qualifications. At any time, you may ask:

- whether the teacher met state qualifications and certification requirements for the grade level and subject he/she is teaching,
- whether the teacher received an emergency or conditional certificate through which state qualifications were waived, and
- what undergraduate or graduate degrees the teacher holds, including graduate certificates and additional degrees, and major(s) or area(s) of concentration.

You may also ask whether your child receives help from a paraprofessional. If your child receives this assistance, we can provide information about the paraprofessional's qualifications.

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which was signed into law in December 2015, includes additional right to know requests. At any time, you may request:

- Information on policies regarding student participation in assessments and procedures for opting out, and
- Information on required assessments that include:
 - subject matter tested,
 - purpose of the test,
 - source of the requirement (if applicable),
 - amount of time it takes students to complete the test, and
 - time and format of disseminating results.

All of the above information can be requested through your school principal.

Our staff is committed to helping your child develop the skills he/she needs to succeed in school and beyond. That commitment includes making sure that all of our teachers and paraprofessionals meet applicable Pennsylvania state requirements. We look forward to the upcoming school year, and together we will make a difference in your child's life.

Sincerely,



Ashley Glasgow-Crockett

Assistant Director, Office of Federal Programs



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2 de septiembre de 2020

Estimados padres/encargados:

Como padre o encargado de un estudiante que asiste a una escuela que recibe dólares federales del Título I, tiene derecho a conocer las cualificaciones profesionales del (de los) maestro(s) y asistente(s) de instrucción que enseñan a su hijo.

La ley federal exige que cada distrito escolar del Título I cumpla y le brinde la información solicitada de manera oportuna. Todas las escuelas tienen en su archivo una lista de docentes y sus cualificaciones profesionales. En cualquier momento, puede preguntar:

- Si el maestro cumplió con los requisitos estatales y los requisitos de certificación para el grado y la materia que él/ella está enseñando,
- Si el maestro recibió un certificado de emergencia o condicional mediante el cual se renunciaron las calificaciones estatales, y
- Qué títulos universitarios o de posgrado posee el maestro, incluidos los certificados de posgrado y títulos adicionales, y la(s) especialización(es) o área(s) de concentración.
- Si su hijo recibe ayuda de un asistente de instrucción y, en caso afirmativo, sus calificaciones.

La Ley Cada Estudiante Triunfa (ESSA por sus siglas en inglés), que se promulgó en diciembre de 2015, incluye solicitudes adicionales de derecho a saber. En cualquier momento, puede solicitar:

- Información sobre las políticas con respecto a la participación de los estudiantes en las evaluaciones y los procedimientos de exclusión, y
- Información sobre evaluaciones requeridas que incluyen:
 - o materia examinada,
 - o propósito de la prueba,
 - o origen del requisito (si corresponde),
 - o el tiempo que les lleva a los estudiantes completar la prueba y
 - o tiempo y formato de difusión de resultados.

Toda la información anteriormente mencionada se puede solicitar a través del director de su escuela.

Nuestro personal está comprometido a ayudar a su hijo a desarrollar las habilidades que necesita para tener éxito en la escuela y más. Ese compromiso incluye asegurarse de que todos nuestros maestros y asistentes de instrucción cumplan con los requisitos aplicables del estado de Pensilvania. Esperamos con ansias el próximo año escolar, y juntos haremos una diferencia en la vida de su hijo.

Atentamente,

Ashley Glasgow-Crockett
Vicedirectora, Oficina de Programas Federales