

PAS WEEKLY

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Upcoming Events:

HSA Meeting

Tuesday, November 10, 6:30pm

Giving Tuesdays Launch

Tuesday, November 10

School Closed: Veterans' Day

Wednesday, November 11

Yoga Class

Thursday, November 12, 3:15pm

GSA Student Mtg

Thursday, November 12, 3:30pm

Student Materials Pick Up

Thursday, Nov. 12, 5-7pm

Student Grab & Go Meals

Friday, November 13, 9am-2pm

Lunch Bunch With Ms. Johnson

Friday, November 13, noon

FACE Workshop: Using Parent Portal

Monday, Nov. 16, 10-11am

School Advisory Council (SAC)

Monday, Nov. 16, 3:45pm

GSA Student Mtg

Thursday, November 17, 3:30pm

EC Summer Reading Discussion

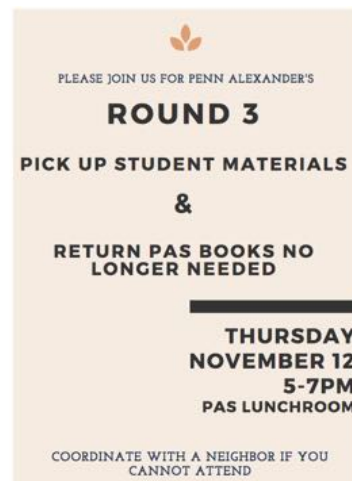
Thursday, November 17, 7pm



Schedule Update for November 10-25

The school district announced on Friday that it will be conducting professional development necessary for teachers impacted by the K-2 hybrid re-entry plan. This plan will impact student schedules between the dates of November 10th-25th. Teachers will post updated schedules as soon as they are available. Please check daily.

Please be patient with our team as we navigate this change and pivot to meet the school district's expectations in preparation for a hybrid return.



Pickup Student Materials

Please pick up your child's next set of learning materials from your teacher on **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 5-7PM** from the lunchroom AND return PAS books that are no longer needed. If you aren't sure which books to return, please ask your teacher. Please coordinate with a neighbor if you cannot attend.

Student Emergency/ Medical Form (S-865)

REMINDER, if you haven't completed the Student Emergency/ Medical Form for your child, please click on this link to complete the form: [Student Emergency/Medical Form](#). The nurse will include this information in your child's record. It is helpful to have this information for virtual as well as in-person learning.



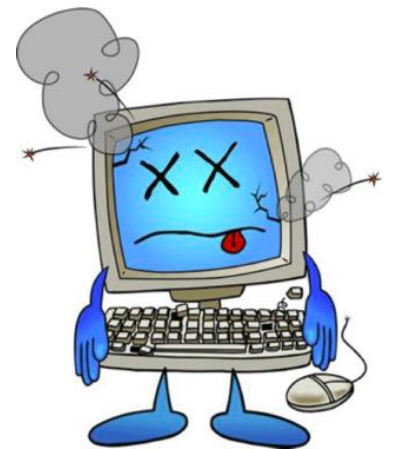
PAS LGBTQIA+ Group

Are you a LGBTQIA+ led family looking to connect with other LGBTQIA+ folks from the school community? If so, please share your email contacts below. We are starting a Google Group to help us connect, meet up, and generate some ideas for building community at PAS. If you would like to share your email address, complete [this form](#).



CHROMEBOOK ISSUES?

During the first weeks of online learning, we have noticed some students are still having difficulty with the loaned Chromebooks. If you would like assistance, please complete [this form](#).





PAS Home & School Association

General Meeting

November 10, 2020

6:30-7:30pm

Please join us for a Q & A with Dr. Rachel Saks, Associate Professor of Psychology from Chestnut Hill College, about how to help our children cope with anxiety during COVID.

We will also take some time to introduce the new HSA Board members and kick off our plan for Giving Tuesday.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9751540779?pwd=Slc5Y2o3T2VuUmRLa01WdExVMzNRQT09>

Meeting ID: 975 154 0779

Passcode: 820583

Phone: [+13017158592](tel:+13017158592)



PLEASE JOIN US FOR PENN ALEXANDER'S

ROUND 3

PICK UP STUDENT MATERIALS

&

**RETURN PAS BOOKS NO
LONGER NEEDED**

**THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 12
5-7PM
PAS LUNCHROOM**

COORDINATE WITH A NEIGHBOR IF YOU
CANNOT ATTEND

Parent Workshop Announcement

PARENT PORTAL

Through the portal, you can view your child's:

- ❖ Academic History & Report Cards
- ❖ Standardized Test Results & Attendance Reports

Get alerts via Text Messages, Phone Calls & Email

Attendance Matters

Get a clear understanding of the School District's attendance policy, student attendance improvement plan, and why

ATTENDANCE Matters

Date: Monday November 16, 2020

Time 10:00 A.M.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9751540779?pwd=Slc5Y2o3T2VuUmRLa01WdExVMzNRQT09>

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WANT TO GET INVOLVED & HELP YOUR COMMUNITY? JOIN THE 2020-2021 PAS HSA FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Reach out to Carrie.Waterman@compass.com to sign up

and join forces with Angela Curry, Jim Dugan, Jenn Nix, & Janhavi Chandra



With in-person events canceled due to the pandemic, we need your good energy to identify and roll out fresh ways to help build community and raise much needed funds. COME JOIN US!

• • • Meetings will take place on Wednesdays at 8pm via Zoom • • •

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SUPPORT PAS HSA FUNDRAISING GIVING TUESDAYS

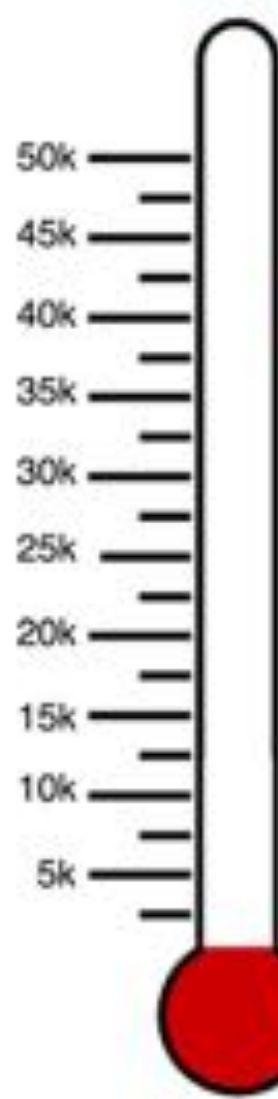
THE PAS HSA IS A REGISTERED 501(C)(3). EIN 11-3707471

LET'S REACH OUR GOAL BY 12/1/20

PayPal to hsatreasurerpas@gmail.com
or enclose a check and mail to

PAS HSA
4209 Spruce Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104

WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER



GOAL
50K

ART PROGRAM

TEACHER
APPRECIATION

STUDENT MATERIALS

TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES

STUDENT PROGRAMS

BUILDING, PLAYGROUND & GARDEN MAINTENANCE

PAS FAMILY SUPPORT FUND &
COMMUNITY OUTREACH





Join us on Nov 10th to kick off a month of Giving Tuesdays!

Dear Penn Alexander community-

This is a year like no other. From the pandemic and subsequent shift to remote school amid economic turmoil and instability, to examining how to address racism and inequality in our community, we've changed how we connect and support each other. Morning chats at the blacktop and waving to friends at Fall Festival while running to get a balloon animal have been replaced with exchanging books on front porches and catching glimpses of friends on-screen in Zoom town halls.

The Penn Alexander Home and School Association (HSA) connects and supports our community through all of this. Now, we need your support to continue. Your donations to the HSA pay for our Art teacher, fund extra activities requested by teachers, plus help fund a variety of consequential programs and outreach. To support our community through this unprecedented year, we created a fund to help struggling families, organized book exchange boxes, arranged a bulk school supply program, and matched new families with established families to welcome them to PAS. With your help, we expect to continue to find ways to support our community this year.

Most of our funding comes from donations from families like yours, as well as our many popular events. **As we cannot hold events this year, we have increased our Giving Tuesday goal to raise \$50,000 to make up the difference. We can do this by getting 200 donors to give this month.** Every donation counts, no matter how big or small.



We are kicking off our month of Giving Tuesdays campaign on Tuesday, November 10, at the next HSA meeting. **Please join us for that meeting and then give what you can.** During the next few weeks, we will provide materials that you may share with family and friends. Your support for our HSA strengthens our community in a time when we need community more than ever.

Thank you for your support. We can't wait to see everyone in person again!

In community,

Jim Dugan, HSA President

Jennifer Nix, HSA Vice-President, Upper School

Rotonya Carr, HSA Vice-President, Lower School

Angela Curry, Treasurer

Helena Miller, Secretary

Gina Bittner, Media Manager



2020 Month of Giving Tuesdays

Donations to the Home & School Association support academic and extracurricular programs at Penn Alexander.

Goal: \$50,000

My donation: \$10 \$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 \$200

\$500 Other \$ _____

Ways to Give:

➤ **Online options (preferred):** *PayPal* (Penn Alexander Home and School Association); *Venmo* (@PennAlexanderHSA)

➤ **Other online options:** Donate by credit card online at <https://pennalexanderschool.org/product/donation/>

➤ **Check or Cash:** Enclose cash or a check with this form (please make checks payable to "PAS HSA") and put in the mail slot of 210 St. Mark's Square (the block near the main school entrance).

➤ **Stock transfer:** Please contact Angela Curry (hsatreasurerpas@gmail.com) for more information

Contact Info:

My name: _____

My email: _____

My address: _____

My company may match charitable donations; please contact me. Company Name:

My Student(s):

Name: _____ Room Number: _____

Grade: _____

Name: _____ Room Number: _____

Grade: _____

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Grade: _____

Ways to Help Penn Alexander:



Amazon Smile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as

Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on Amazon Smile, the **Amazon Smile Foundation will donate 0.5%** of the price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice.

If you shop on Amazon, bookmark smile.amazon.com/ instead, and choose *Home and School Association of Penn Alexander School* as your charity.

A percentage of every purchase will go to PAS.



Box Tops for Education gives families an easy way to earn cash for PAS with products you already buy.

Click [here](#) to enroll. Once there, enter **19104** for the zip code and select **“SADIE TANNER MOSSELL ALEXANDER SCHOOL”** so that your eligible purchases will benefit PAS.

Then, **download the Box Tops app**, shop as you normally would, and **use the app to scan your store receipt within 14 days of purchase**. The app will identify Box Tops products on your receipt and automatically credit PAS’s earnings online.

Twice a year, PAS will receive a check and can use that cash to buy whatever it needs! Plus, you can **invite friends and family** to earn, get reminders to scan, give credit for your earnings and more!



1619

THE PAS EQUITY CIRCLE
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR A

SUMMER READING DISCUSSION

Thursday, November 5, 2020

7-8:30 PM

or

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

7-8:30 PM

READINGS THAT WILL BE PART OF THE DISCUSSION:

1619: THE IDEA OF AMERICA

1619: A BROKEN HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

OTHER TOPICS TO COVER:

TALKING TO CHILDREN ABOUT RACE

READING LINK: <https://tinyurl.com/PASSummerReading2020>

ZOOM LINK: <https://tinyurl.com/SummerReadingDiscussion>

Meeting ID: 898 5143 5625, Passcode: 924885

PLEASE RSVP HERE: <https://tinyurl.com/SummerReadingSignUp20-21>

YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN ONE OR BOTH SESSIONS THIS MONTH!



TRAPEZIUM MATH®
Club

INFORMATIONAL SESSION

**Join us Monday, November 16th
or Tuesday, November 17th
at 7:00 pm (EST) to:**

- See how Trapezium Clubhouse and Clubhouse Jr. makes learning math online fun and engaging.
- Learn why Trapezium Clubhouse and Clubhouse Jr. is decidedly “low tech” and why that’s a good thing.
- See how Trapezium Clubhouse and Clubhouse Jr. prepares elementary students for success in middle school math and beyond!
- Hear about our plans for the next session beginning January 11th 2021.

[**Click Here to Register**](#)

Join us online for
Hot Stuff

November 27th-30th



uc**arts**league.org

Please join us for UCAL's annual fundraiser, HOT STUFF, and support the organization while doing your **holiday shopping**. Just like HOT MUGS, but online this year and featuring bowls, cups, vases, plates... all the STUFF. You'll also be able to buy raffle tickets for local West Philly business gift cards and purchase the newest edition of UCAL's t-shirt!

To register and preview items, go to <https://HOTSTUFF.givesmart.com>. All pieces will be available to buy from November 27th-November 30th and all proceeds will support the Arts League stay afloat during a shaky time.