

CHS Communiqué

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Submissions are welcome.

Co-Presidents' Corner

By Debbie & John Talamo

The first week in May is **Teacher Appreciation Week**. It is a perfect time to remember how fortunate CHS is to have such a talented and dedicated faculty. The PSFA has some treats in store for our wonderful faculty. We should all remember to appreciate our teachers this week!



May is the last month of duty for the 2011 - 2012 PSFA Executive Board. **Elections** for the new officers will be held at the May 3 PSFA meeting. See page 2 for the slate of nominations. The transition to the 2011-2012 Executive Board will be conducted at the PSFA meeting on May 31.

A warm welcome was extended to the **Class of 2016** at Freshman Orientation on April 18. We look forward to their joining the CHS community, and hope that their families become actively involved in the future of the PSFA. Many thanks to **Eda Saeger** and the hospitality volunteers who provided refreshments for the event, and the CHS parents who provided their advice and insight to the Class of 2016 parents.

The PSFA is holding a book fair through Barnes and Noble in Eatontown on May 12. We will be gift wrapping that day and a portion of any in store or on line purchase will be given back to the PSFA. Please see pages 7 & 8 for details.

The **2012 CHS Color Wars** will be held on **Friday, June 1**. To help make the day a great event, the PSFA will provide a **Barbecue** lunch (see page 4.) Gary Weber has begun planning the event along with Sean Magovern, and we hope that many parents will volunteer to help.

The end of the year is in sight, though it seems that the first day of school was just days ago. The PSFA is already preparing for the 2012-2013 school year, not only with the election of officers, but also with the **Annual PSFA Membership Drive**. The Membership Committee (Paula Dazio and John Talamo) has invited you to join the PSFA for 2011-2012, unless you are already a four-year member.

In the small community of 300 families that comprise CHS, the participation of each and every family is vital to the success of the PSFA. Because of our small numbers, your contributions really do make a difference. We need every parent to join us to make the PSFA an active and vital part of the school. We hope you will volunteer to help in any way that you are able.

THURSDAY, MAY 3 AT 7:30 PM: PSFA MEETING

CALLING ALL CANDIDATES ...

PSFA elections for the Executive Board for the 2012-2013 school year will be held at the May 5 PSFA meeting. The current slate of nominations is as follows:

Nominated for Co-President: Debbie Talamo
Nominated for Co-President: Kathy Gilbert
Nominated for Vice President: George Amadeo
Nominated for Treasurer: Isabella Grove
Nominated for Recording Secretary: Rosalie Taylor
Nominated for Corresponding Secretary: Eda Saeger

Since there are not two or more running for one position, a vote will be taken on the slate as a whole.

Special thanks to the members who have come forward to run for office.

Submitted by Cindy Allen, Nominating Committee Chair

The PSFA Needs Your Help!!!

Planning for the 2012-2013 school year involves seeking leadership and members for all PSFA committees. Please consider chairing or joining one or more of the following committees. Not only will you have the satisfaction of helping to enrich our students' experience at CHS, but you will also have the opportunity to work with the many other dedicated parents who volunteer their time and efforts.

- Fundraising:** Recommend, arrange, and conduct activities to raise operating funds. The fundraising activities currently planned for 2012-2013 year are:
 - Dinner Dance and Gift Raffle
 - Magazine Sales
- Hospitality** Welcome guests and new members, provide snack items and/or gifts for PSFA meetings, Back to School Night, Teacher Appreciation Week, etc.
- Membership:** Conduct the annual membership drive and ensure membership dues are current, maintain a list of all active members, and publish the PSFA Directory.
- Newsletter** Collect, edit, publish, and distribute information relevant to the activities of students and parents of CHS on a regular basis.
- Parent/Student/Faculty Activities** Plan, prepare, and execute the following events:
 - Pasta Party
 - Barbecue

Please check the committees in which you are interested and return this form to school in an envelope marked CHS PSFA.

Name: _____ Email address: _____

Phone: _____

Mailing address: CHS PSFA, 1740 New Bedford road, Wall, NJ 07719-3740

MAY AND JUNE AT CHS

**May and June at CHS are very busy months.
Please refer to the following to keep up to date!**

MAY 3	PSFA MEETING	7:30 PM
MAY 4	SENIOR TRIP	
MAY 9	NHS BLOOD DRIVE	
MAY 11	SGA ELECTION	
MAY 15	BIOLOGY COMPETENCY TEST NJ	
MAY 18	PROM – THE MILL	
MAY 21	SENIOR BOWLING TRIP	
MAY 22	SENIOR PORTRAIT DAY	9 AM – 2 PM
MAY 23	SENIOR PORTRAIT DAY	8 AM – 1 PM
MAY 23	CHS PLACEMENT TEST	3:00 PM
MAY 24	SENIOR PORTRAIT DAY	8 AM – 1 PM
MAY 24	CLASS COUNCIL ELECTIONS	
MAY 25 – 29	SCHOOL CLOSED	
MAY 31	SENIOR PICNIC	
MAY 31	PSFA MEETING	7:30 PM
JUNE 1	COLOR WARS	
JUNE 7	SENIOR DINNER	
JUNE 12	EXAMS PERIODS 2&4 (SENIORS ONLY)	
JUNE 13	EXAMS PERIODS 1&3	
JUNE 14	EXAMS PERIODS 2&4	
JUNE 14	LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS	
JUNE 14	GRADUATION	6:00 PM

Attention Volunteers: CHS ANNUAL SCHOOL BARBECUE Friday, June 1, 2012

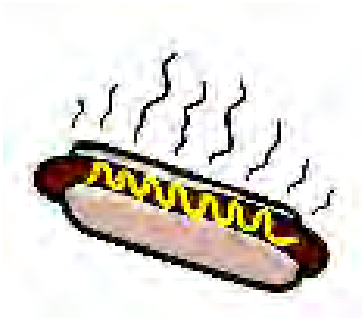
The annual CHS Color Wars competition will be held on Friday, June 1st . All students and faculty are divided into 10 teams to compete in softball, basketball, chalk drawing, and other activities. The PSFA will provide a barbecue lunch during the day of the events. If you would like to volunteer your time and/or provide food/beverage items for the day, please contact Gary Weber at garyweber5@hotmail.com by Friday May 18th

To volunteer: Please be sure to provide the following specific information in your email:

- 1) Parent name, email address and phone number
- 2) Student Name/Grade
- 3) Please indicate for which of the following you would like to volunteer:
 - o Help on June 1st (set up, grill, serve, clean up)
 - 8:00 am – 12:00 noon
 - and/or
 - 11:00 am – 2:30 pm (intentional overlap)

To donate food items: Please cut/paste items from the list below and indicate quantities of what you can provide and email prior to May 18th so we can plan shopping for the remaining items needed. Don't want to hassle with sending items to school? Gift cards to Costco and ShopRite will always help with our shopping needs for this event.

Donations of the following item(s) are always needed.(* in 11" disposable aluminum tin)



Pasta/Vegetable Salad (Oil Based) *
Tossed Green Salad with Bottle Dressing*
Vegetable Cruudités Assortment/Dip*
Fruit Salad*



	<u>Qty</u>	
Dessert (finger food only)	___	dozen
Potato Chips	___	bag(s)
Water bottles	___	cases
Sports drinks	___	cases
Soda/ice tea cans	___	cases
Soda bottles	___	2-liter
Sunny D or other juice	___	cases
Condiments (family size)	___	bottle (indicate type)

Can you loan a large ice chest for beverages?

All nonperishable items may be brought to the office no later than Wednesday May 30th .

Prepared food items* must only arrive the morning of the barbecue by 9:00 am.

Please label your donation with your name!
You will be contacted to confirm your offer of help.

The past success of this enjoyable event was due to the generous support of CHS parents.
Your help is greatly appreciated!

PSFA MEMBERSHIP

CHS PSFA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 2012-13

The PSFA would like to thank the Graduating Class of 2012 and their families for all the support they have given to the PSFA over the years. Congratulations and good luck as you move forward with your goals!

We are often asked about different ways parents can support the school and their children. Without a doubt the first step would be to join the PSFA. The PSFA is an integral part of the day-to-day life at CHS. The PSFA couldn't do all it does without the support of its members. Please ensure your support doesn't lapse by renewing your membership through your child's graduation.

We would like to acknowledge and thank our Members. Families listed below have current membership through their student's graduation. Other dates noted reflect membership that is current through that date. As you renew your membership, please include the remaining years through graduation. It will make our job much easier and ensure you stay current as well as saving the PSFA hard earned money.

If your name is NOT on the list, either your membership has expired or you never joined. Please lend your support to us as we help ALL students at CHS. Membership is \$35 per year.

Class of 2013

Bossert	LaPersonne	Saeger
Bramhall	Magovern	Serani
Cooper	McManus	Siminerio
DelVirginia	Olson	Smeaton
Dorfman	Palfini	Sorrentino
Frazee	Pirogovsky	Stimpson
Garruzzo	Pracsak	Sullivan
Gleason	Rainone	Turner
Gunn	Reulbach	Yu
Hennessy	Richardett	Zimmer
Keller	Ring	Zirkel
Christian Kelly	Rowe	

Class of 2014

Aaron	Duddy	Nair
Amadeo	Gibson	Paley (exp 2013)
Brennan (exp 2013)	Gleason	Palmieri
Cros	Goudsward	Salik
Dazio	Kircher	Skorupski
Decker	List	Talamo
DeWitt	Mahon	Thompson
Diaz	McLean	Veneziano (exp 2013)
Dolan	Mustari	Weiner

Class of 2015

Baird	Hausman	Svikhart
Barofsky	Kelleher	Taglieri
Chawla	Lambert	Timney
Child	Maurer	Wallach
Contino	McGarry	Weber
DeStefano	McPolin	Weisel
Deutsch	Milton	Wheeler
Eareckson	Passero	Wisniewski
Fu	Rathburn	Woods
Gilbert	Steely-Brown	Yasenchak
Greeley	Stromberg	

Class of 2016

Avena (exp 2013)	Harris, E.	Natanagara
Barnett	Harvey (exp 2013)	Noll (exp 2013)
Belikov	Hession	Olaguera
Boniecki	Hjelm	Oster (exp 2013)
Boyle (exp 2013)	Hom (exp 2013)	Paley (exp 2013)
Bradley	Kang (exp 2013)	Passantino (exp 2013)
Brown	Kay (exp 2013)	Richardett
Connors	Keavey	Richter (exp 2013)
Cooney (exp 2013)	Lautenberg	Robinson, A. (exp 2013)
Davis	Lowney	Robinson, D.
Dellis	Malesco	Rongo (exp 2013)
DeVito (exp 2013)	Maloney	Sankaranarayana
Duffy	Martin (exp 2013)	Settlecowski (exp 2013)
Ehling (exp 2013)	Masciana (exp 2013)	So
Ferguson (exp 2013)	McCaffrey	Srolovitz
Fioretti (exp 2013)	McDowell	Stansfield
Fletcher	McGuigan (exp 2013)	Takash
Garelli	McKiever (exp 2013)	Villavicencio (exp 2013)
Haaf	Mopsick	Wheeler
Haas (exp 2013)	Murphy	

The goal of the CHS PSFA is to benefit **each and every student at CHS**. By joining us, you send the message to **each** student that we support them.

In the next few weeks, we will be sending renewal emails to families with expired memberships or who have never joined us as we support CHS students. We would like to ask **all families to renew their membership until their student's graduation**. Renewing until graduation **saves the PSFA money** so that we can support more student activities. By renewing until your student's graduation, we save the cost of stamps, envelopes, paper... which frees up that money to be used to **benefit each and every student at CHS**.

Watch your inbox!

Thank you for your support.

Submitted by the PSFA Membership Committee
Mark Allen, Paula Dazio

The PSFA would like to thank all the current freshmen parents who donated a snack item for the Freshmen Orientation Meeting for the Class of 2016 which was held on April 18th.

We could not have done it with out you!

Thank you from the PSFA

CHS PSFA BARNES & NOBLE BOOKFAIR

Thinking of buying books for that special Mom on your list? Or perhaps the latest bestseller to read while lounging on the beach? Join the CHS PSFA on **Saturday, May 12, 2012 from 9:00am to 11:00pm at Barnes & Noble - Monmouth Mall** to make your purchases benefit our school! Attached is our flyer for the event, but we will have extras at our gift wrapping table.

We will be wrapping purchases and can use your help. We are mostly in need of help from **3:00pm to 11:00pm**. If you have **2 hours** to spare and you can help us out by working a shift, we would really appreciate it. We are asking parents/students/faculty for assistance by signing up to work a **2 hour shift**.

If you are unable to make it to Barnes & Noble at all, you can also make your purchases online at bn.com. Simply use our **event ID # 10704039** to be sure that we get credit for the sale. If you are a Barnes & Noble member, you can still use your discount!

If you are able to help us out at all, please contact Paula Dazio 732-741-3824 or pdazio59@yahoo.com.

Thank you!

-Submitted by-
Paula Dazio

**SAVE
THE DATE**

Communications High School PSFA

Barnes & Noble Bookfair



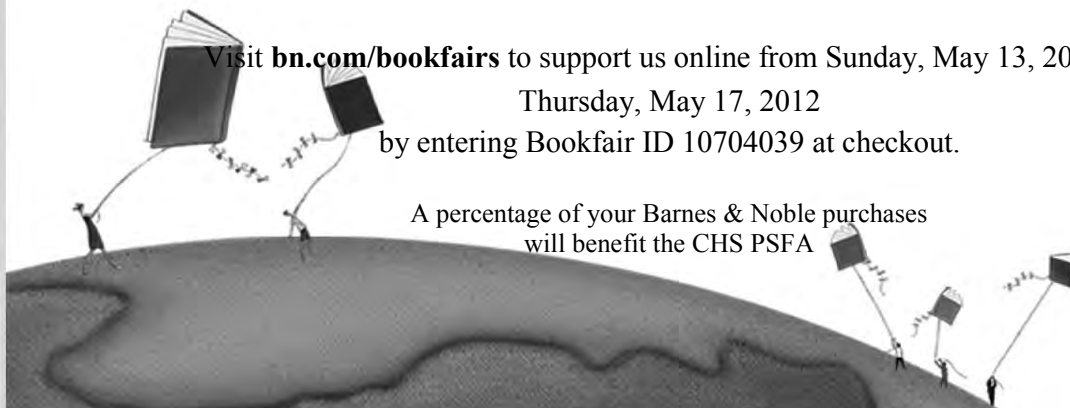
Saturday, May 12, 2012
Barnes & Noble – Monmouth Mall



Can't attend our bookfair at Barnes & Noble?

Visit bn.com/bookfairs to support us online from Sunday, May 13, 2012 to
Thursday, May 17, 2012
by entering Bookfair ID 10704039 at checkout.

A percentage of your Barnes & Noble purchases
will benefit the CHS PSFA





STUDENTS

Freshmen students Cassidy DeStefano and Margaret Svikhart recently attended a three-week film-making class sponsored by the Diocese of Trenton. It took place at Notre Dame HS in Lawrenceville, NJ. Cassie and Margaret were part of a team who wrote and produced a short piece on bullying entitled "Consider It." This project has been selected to be one of seven High School level films to be considered for an award at the RE:Image film festival this May.

Mrs. Harmon's English I Classes Battle With Words

On April 20th at 10:45 students gathered in Room 206 to watch their friends compete in a battle of the classes Shakespearean recitation competition. The top scorer from period 2, Hannah Eareckson competed against the top scorer from period 4, Evan Noone. The students were evaluated on the following criteria: poise, eye contact, use of voice inflection, body language, speed, proper pronunciation, and memorization. While Mr. Mann and a few sophomore judges offered critical feedback, they did not have the power to choose the winner; instead, the students in the audience voted. The fan favorite was Evan Noone who took on the role of the romantic and overly dramatic Romeo.

As the winner Evan earned free pizza for himself and his period 4 English class!

Mrs. Harmon, English Instructor



Evan Noone confesses his love for Juliet during the famous balcony scene.

The 2011 SkillsUSA Team Brings Home the Gold

Eighteen students from SkillsUSA took home medals at the New Jersey SkillsUSA State Competition on March 31, 2012 at the Garden State Exhibit Center in Somerset, NJ. Students worked against the clock and each other to demonstrate their expertise in various career-related fields such as graphic communications, silk screening, web design, broadcast journalism, audio production, etc. Eleven of the 18 students earned gold medals, earning them the opportunity to compete at the SkillsUSA National Championships June 23-28, 2012 in Kansas City, Missouri.

Gold Medal Winners:

Advertising Design: Emily Zetkulic

Crime Scene Investigation: Sarah Gleason, Jessica Kraus-Lavy, Austin Smith

Entrepreneurship: Will Kashdan, Gabby Maurer, Aislinn Brennan, Joe Zirkel

Job Interview: Allison Kowalski

Web Design: Andy Cernera, Sarah Soltes

Silver Medal Winners:

Audio/Radio: Adam Dorfman, Owen Grove

3-D Animation: Nick Bobryk, Jake Rotolo

Bronze Medal Winners:

Career Pathways (Broadcast Journalism) – Brian Murphy, Tyler Paley, Gia Reilly

- Mrs. Harmon, SkillsUSA/NTHS Advisor

Class of 2015 Win Spring Spirit Week!

The Class of 2015 put out an awesome showing in the events of Spring Spirit week. During the week of April 23th, the Freshmen won Cupcake Wars and took 2nd place in the hallway decorating and lip sync contests. In addition, many students took advantage of the extra point activities ultimately earning them the most points for the week. The class council worked diligently to organize and carry out all of the events. A special thank you goes to Hannah Wallach for all of her organization and dedication to the successful running of the week. We could not have won without all of her help. I am very proud of the entire class and all of their efforts! Go Freshmen!

Submitted by Leah Morgan – Class of 2015 Advisor

Forensics Classes Solve a Murder

On Wednesday April 25th, the senior Forensics classes took a field trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art to take part in a Watson Adventure. Upon arriving at the museum, teams of students turned into super sleuths, working through a complicated scavenger hunt in the museum. In a timed race, the students collected clues that ultimately pointed at the scene of the crime, the weapon used and the name of killer. The team that finished with the most correct answers won 1st place and were given gift certificates to participate in another hunt. The students (and the chaperones!) thoroughly enjoyed the trip and the challenge of the scavenger hunt. Combining forensic skills and the beautiful art of the museum made for an excellent field trip experience for CHS students. Hopefully, the trip can become an annual event.

Submitted by Leah Morgan – Forensics Teacher

SkillsUSA Prepares for the National Skill & Leadership Competitions in Kansas City, MO

SkillsUSA & National Technical Honor Society members are gearing up for the NJ Skill and Leadership Championships that will take place June 23-28, 2012 in Kemper Arena in Kansas City, Missouri. This year CHS will send 10 members who will compete in contests ranging from CSI to Entrepreneurship. While students are busy honing their skills, they are also actively trying to fundraise enough money to cover the travel expenses. (700\$ per student)

As a result, members are making and selling oreo balls on Friday afternoons: 3 for \$1.00.

PLEASE if you have any cream cheese or oreos (generic brands are just as good!) that you could donate, please have your child drop the ingredients off to Room 206 or the main office!! We would greatly appreciate it!

- Kelly Harmon, SkillsUSA & NTHS Advisor



Dine & Donate

Support the SkillsUSA National Team

When: 8-10 am on June 9, 2012

Where: Applebee's, 2301 Route 66, Ocean Township

Cost: \$10 per person

We will be serving you breakfast! You will receive a short stack of pancakes, eggs, sausage, and a drink; and the SkillsUSA organization will receive more than 50% of the proceeds 😊



**Enjoy a short stack
for a tall cause.**

For tickets, please email Mrs. Harmon @ Kelly_Harmon@chs.mcvsd.org or have your child see Mrs. Harmon in Room 206.

Cultural Communications Club



Beach Sweep

The Cultural Communications Club has been actively volunteering across the spectrum, from helping the Head Start pre-schoolers in December, to raising over \$1000 for St. Jude's in March. The club's latest volunteer project was a beach sweep in Asbury Park in April, provided by the Clean Ocean Action, to raise awareness of pollution on our local beaches.

Students from around the county came out to support this cause by getting their hands a little dirty as they made the beach that much cleaner. Volunteers collected various garbage items such as plastic pieces, Styrofoam, cigarette butts, and cans and bottles to be recycled.

This project was the last that the club will have until the next school year.

Senior Citizen Tea Party

Over spring break, around 25 of the Cultural Communications Club dedicated members attended a breakfast event at the Howell Township Senior Citizen Center. Students worked in the kitchen and brought in food to make a buffet breakfast for the senior citizens. Other students went around taking orders and spending time chatting with different seniors. It was a great experience for everyone. The senior citizens also loved the performances some of the club members put on such as singing, dancing, and playing an instrument. Overall, it was a great volunteer event that the club and senior center enjoyed. They can't wait to welcome the club back again next year! Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who joined the club on this event!

Taco Night

This month the Cultural Communications Club is excited to host the first club Taco Night on May 22nd. Taco Night, chaired by Tyler McManus, will feature Mrs. Campbell's famous tacos as well as various Spanish snacks. In addition to delicious food, the club will be honoring all the seniors who have contributed to club over the years. Carrying on a club tradition, every senior will be presented with a stuffed animal that best represents their personality. Not only will Taco Night be great fun but students can enjoy a spectacular meal. Tickets are five dollars and seniors can attend for free. If you have any questions please contact Tyler McManus.

Submitted by Sabina Campbell, Cultural Communications Club Advisor

DRAMA CLUB

The CHS Drama Club would like to thank all who attended their production of *Rumors* at the Jersey Shore Arts Center! We would also like to thank the club's officers for all of their hard work and dedication throughout the year, and wish all of the seniors the best of luck in their future endeavors. We'll miss you all!! Finally, a special thanks to the PSFA and it's contributions. We couldn't have done it without you! Enjoy your summer and get ready for Drama Club fundraisers beginning in the Fall!!

Submitted by Carrie Blodi

From the Guidance Department...

SENIORS

May 1 is the deadline to let your college know of your decision to attend. The guidance office has asked the seniors to update their Naviance account with the college acceptance results and we will be meeting with students to discuss their final decisions, as we will need to send their final transcript in June. We also will have them sign a transcript release in case they request that their transcripts be sent to another school or scholarship program during the next few years. This year we are working hard to track scholarship money. Please bring in your letters, if you haven't already.

There is a short amount of time left and a lot of wonderful activities to culminate their four years at CHS. Our seniors have worked hard and the finish line is within sight. Keep up the good work!

JUNIORS

The guidance office would like to remind students and parents to return the forms we requested on April 1 if you have not already done so. Those that were returned on time were completed with an amazing amount of detail. This is so helpful when writing letters of recommendation. We strive for our letters to give the total picture of each student, not just a list of academics and activities.

The last time to take the SATs this year is June 2. The deadline for late registration is May 8. June is a great time to take the SAT II subject tests in courses that were completed in the spring semester. The last date for the ACTs is June 9 with a registration date of May 4.

SOPHOMORES AND FRESHMEN

The year is winding down and summer presents many opportunities for jobs, summer programs, and community service. Working papers are available in the main office. We have a list of possible volunteer activities in the guidance office. We have also listed job opportunities and summer programs on the guidance page of the BBS.

We also would like to welcome the **Class of 2016**. We look forward to working with you.

Submitted by Sandra Gidos and Carol Caruso, Guidance Counselors



NHS BLOOD DRIVE

Dear Students, Parents, Friends, and Family of CHS:

The National Honor Society (NHS) is pleased to announce that it will once again be hosting its annual blood drive in conjunction with Central Jersey Blood Center and we need parents of CHS students to donate blood!

The event will take place at Communications High School on Wednesday, May 9, 2012 from 8:30-12:30. Please contact Sarah Gleason at sgleason@chs.mcvsd.org if you are interested in donating blood and potentially saving a life. Parents will be given priority in scheduling appointments. All donors must be at least 16-years-old and weigh a minimum of 120 pounds. Students who wish to participate must complete a consent form signed by a parent/guardian.

NHS is looking for the support of the entire CHS community! Thank you in advance, and we look forward to seeing students, faculty, parents, and friends on May 9.

**Sincerely,
Sarah Gleason, Laura Reilly, and Kristiane Olson
*Blood Drive Chairpersons for Scheduling***



Attention Facebook Users!
CHS PSFA has created a Facebook page! We thought it would be a time efficient way to get last minute information to members of the association.
Stop by and Like us!

Teacher Appreciation Week 2011

Monday, May 7 through Friday, May 11

Communications High School teachers should be applauded
365 days of the year.

Teacher Appreciation Week is a wonderful opportunity to recognize the many contributions CHS teachers make toward building a better future for our children and our school.

On behalf of the CHS Parent Student Faculty Association, thank you, teachers, for all you do!