





# **Parent Associations**

A student's experience at SPA is a partnership between the family and school. SPA's two Parent Associations—one for the Lower School and the other for the Middle and Upper Schools—are organizations formed by and for SPA families that are important pieces of that partnership. Both organizations support the community in two ways: by providing opportunities for parents/guardians to support the school's mission and core values; and providing ways for SPA families to get to know each other, forming friendships and support networks as their children move through their student years.

The Lower School Parent Association (LSPA) and the Middle/Upper School Parent Association (M/USPA) are open to all parents/guardians, and all parents/guardians are automatically members. Both associations provide a wide range of volunteer and engagement opportunities, and all parents/guardians are encouraged to find ways to participate that fit their family's schedule and interests. Opportunities include serving as Room Parents (in the Lower School) or Grade Representatives (in the Middle and Upper Schools); organizing guest speakers with expertise related to child development and parenting; and hosting social and networking events for parents/guardians to connect with the school and each other. The LSPA and the M/USPA work closely with the Assistant Head of School for Student Development and Community Engagement on aligning programming and activities with the school's approach to student and community life.

Both Parent Associations pride themselves on their openness, flexibility, and warmth. The LSPA and M/USPA leadership teams welcome all parent/guardian (and grandparent) involvement and are happy to help all SPA families find ways to be involved in the life of the school and connect with each other.

We look forward to working with you and for you this year!



# **PARENT ASSOCIATION CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019-20**

The calendar below lists a sampling of Parent Association events during the 2019-20 school year.

# **AUGUST**

- 22 Receptions for 6th and 9th Grade Parents/Guardians
- 23 Back to School Neighborhood Picnics
- 26/27 Lower School Gently Used Uniform Sale
- 28 Senior Parent/Guardian College Night Reception

#### **SEPTEMBER**

- 4 Junior Parent/Guardian College Night Reception
- 14 9th Grade Parent/Guardian Social
- 15 Lower School Fall Family Picnic
- 19 Upper School Back-to-School Night Reception
- 21 6th Grade Parent/Guardian Social
- 24 Lower School Spartans Connect: Global Roots Festival
- 27 All-School Homecoming Carnival

#### **OCTOBER**

- 4 Lower School Family Movie Night
- 11 6th Grade Pizza Party
- 22 Lower School Parent Association Speaker Series
- 29 Middle/Upper School Parent Association Speaker Series - Diversity and Inclusion

#### **NOVEMBER**

- 1/4 Parent/Guardian/Teacher Conference Reception
- 2 Lower School Spartans Connect: Family Skate at the Drake
- 9 1st and 2nd Grade Parent/Guardian Social
- 18-21 Lower School Book Festival
- 21 Lower School Book Festival Family Night
- 24 Senior Parent/Guardian Brunch

## **DECEMBER**

10 Lower School Parent/Guardian Workshop: Yoga Calm

## **JANUARY**

- 4 Lower School Spartans Connect: Family Skate at the Drake
- 11 8th Grade Parent/Guardian Social
- 23 Parent Association Speaker Series
- 24 Lower School Family Game Night
- 25 3rd and 4th Grade Parent/Guardian Social
- 27 Sophomore Parent/Guardian College Night Reception

## **FEBRUARY**

- 2 Lower School Spartans Connect: The Baaken Museum
- 6 Lower School Parent/Guardian Workshop: Yoga Calm
- 8 7th Grade Parent/Guardian Social
- 21 Middle School Parent/Guardian Social
- 29 Sophomore Parent/Guardian Social

#### **MARCH**

- 5/6 Lower School Gently Used Uniform Sale
- 5/6 Parent/Guardian/Teacher Conference Reception
- 8 Lower School Spartans Connect: Middle School Musical
- 10 Parent Association Speaker Series

#### **APRIL**

- 2 Lower School Family Discovery Night
- 13-16 Middle/Upper School Book Festival
- 28 Parent Association Speaker Series

## MAY

- 1 Lower School Family Movie Night
- 9 5th Grade Parent/Guardian Social
- 17 Lower School Spartans Connect: US Spring Musical
- 29 5th Grade Final Assembly and Last Day Celebration
- 29 8th Grade Moving On Ceremony

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