



# Steinbrenner PTSA Newsletter

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Visit our Website [steinbrennerptsa.org](http://steinbrennerptsa.org)

## Calendar

### April

- 23 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Progress Reports  
27 Prom @ Embassy Suites USF; 7-11pm  
4/29-5/3  
Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week

### May

- 1-17 FSA Reading Assessment Grades 9 &  
10, Biology, US History, Algebra 1 &  
Geometry EOC Assessments  
6-17 AP Exams  
9 General PTSA Meeting; 5:30p, Media  
Center  
17 Senior Event @ Adventure Island; 8pm  
20-21 Senior Exams  
22 Senior Send Off; 9:30-11:30am  
27 No School; Memorial Day  
28-31 Underclassmen Exams  
31 Last Day for Underclassmen  
31 Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal;  
11:30-1:30, Steinbrenner Gymnasium

### June

- 1 Class of 2019 Graduation; 8pm, State  
Fairgrounds

See the Guidance Section pages 6 & 7 for  
additional important dates to remember.

*\*\*Dates are subject to change*

### Calendar Links:

[Student Calendar](#)

[School Calendar](#)

[Steinbrenner Athletics Calendar](#)

## PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Dear Steinbrenner Family

Spring has sprung, as we like to say, and the weeks feel like they are flying by as we approach the end of another great school year. Your PTSA board is still hard at work, planning some fantastic events for our students and our teachers, discussing PTSA board opportunities and volunteer needs, and laying the foundation for the next school year.

Look for details in this newsletter as to how you can help us celebrate our wonderful Teachers & Staff during this month's Appreciation Week. We are still in need of raffle items and other donations, as well as volunteers for the week of the festivities. Don't miss out on the fun as we say "thank you" to these amazing people that have worked with our children all year round! Stay tuned for details on our end of the parking space auction fundraiser, the proceeds of which go toward scholarships for seniors at Steinbrenner.

As you plan your volunteer commitments for the upcoming year, please consider joining the PTSA as a member of the board! We still have positions available for the 2019/2020 school year, and there are options for you to give back in a small or big way. Please feel free to contact me if you'd like to learn more!

If you have yet to make it to a PTSA general meeting, we'd like to invite you to attend our next one on **Thursday, May 9 at 5:30pm in the school Media Center**. We will be electing the Steinbrenner Executive PTSA Board for the next school year and discussing all the exciting things happening during the final few, critical weeks. New faces and new ideas are always welcome and are what will continue to keep our PTSA vibrant. So, please come out and be a part of it!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at [gshsptsapresident@gmail.com](mailto:gshsptsapresident@gmail.com)

On behalf of Steinbrenner PTSA, thanks for your continued support.

[Heather Ceresoli](#)

Steinbrenner PTSA President

## Please Consider Joining the Steinbrenner PTSA Board Open GSHS PTSA Positions: 2019-2020

### EXECUTIVE BOARD POSITIONS

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Programs:**

Responsible for coordinating PTSA sponsored school program, previously known as "The World of a Teen". Acts as liaison with school administration to provide support for school wide program, as well as provide opportunities to build family/school partnerships. Minimal time commitment on a monthly basis, with one already prepared program typically held in the spring.

#### **Corresponding Secretary:**

Prepares all written communication as directed by the PTSA or by the executive board and performs such other duties as may be delegated. Responsible for making sure that the meetings are conducted according to Roberts Rules of Order and for making sure the By-Laws of the National, State, County and Steinbrenner PTSA are followed. Handles all thank you notes.

### COMMITTEE POSITIONS

#### **Advocacy:**

Be as creative and unique as the community you represent when coming up with ways to advocate for our students and school community.

#### **Awards:**

Submits any awards that PTSA may be eligible to receive through the County and State. Most active in the Spring.

#### **Dad's Club:**

Works as liaison with school staff for assistance with parking, locker sales, etc. Most active in the first week of school and during exams. Recruits new members and maintains member database.

#### **Publicity:**

Work with local media in getting information out about PTSA and school events.

#### **Reflections:**

Works in conjunction with the county PTA in dissemination of theme and encouragement of student's participation in the Reflections program. Ensures that all entries are submitted in a timely fashion and acts as the liaison between the school and judging officials. Most active in the Fall. Also coordinates with Art Department to display work of the winners in conjunction with the Spring semester conference night.

#### **School of Excellence:**

Responsible for enrollment and application process through PTA.org. Includes working with school administrators, teachers, students, and community members to conduct the family-school partnership scan. Set shared goals for school improvement and oversee the implementation of recommendations. This is a two-year award, last awarded 2018-2019.

#### **Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week:**

Develops school-wide PTSA appreciation program during National Teacher Week in May for entire faculty and staff.

Contact: [gshsptsa.nominatingcom@gmail.com](mailto:gshsptsa.nominatingcom@gmail.com)

## 2018-19 Steinbrenner PTSA Board

**President:** Heather Ceresoli  
**VP of Membership:** Erica Dees  
**VP of Programs:** Salima Gardner  
**VP of Ways & Means:** Alicia Felton  
**VP of Volunteers:** Laura LoPresti  
**Treasurer:** Robin DiGiorgio  
**Recording Secretary:** Angela Bydalek  
**Corresponding Secretary:** Angela Bydalek  
**ACT Prep:** Melissa Fleet  
**Awards:** Eva Ebert  
**Communications/Technology:** Kristen Miller  
Lena Leo

**Newsletter:** Leslie Nixon  
**County Council:** Erica Dees  
**Dad's Club:** Bill Gibbs  
**Historian:** Latrice Markison  
**Hospitality:** Deanna Morrow  
Beth Rogers

#### **PE/HOPE Uniforms/Spirit Wear:**

Sunny Garlits  
Moira Schmidt

**Reflections:** Addy Aviles  
Lynette Mills

**Scholarships:** Sandy Webster  
**Senior Awards Night:** Terri Ansel  
Christy Lowe

**Senior Day/Senior Banners:** Maura Weins

**Steinbrenner Cares:** Melinda Sheer  
Jessie Giovenco  
Jennifer Bommarito

**Student Ambassadors:** Deanna Morrow  
Sally Saunders

**Teacher Appreciation:** Portia Engman  
Bonnie Garrison

**Teacher Grants:** Jill Schwitzgebel

**Health & Wellness:** Erica Rude

**Publicity:** Available

**Advocacy:** Available

**Steinbrenner Principal:** Kelly King



## STAY IN THE KNOW

Steinbrenner PTSA: [www.steinbrennerptsa.org](http://www.steinbrennerptsa.org)

**Newsletter:** The Steinbrenner PTSA newsletter will be sent to all registered families the first week of each month.

**Facebook:** Join the Steinbrenner PTSA Facebook page for the latest school news.  
<https://www.facebook.com/steinbrennerptsa/>

**Twitter:** @SteinbrennerPTA

**School news:** Steinbrenner High website:  
<http://steinbrenner.mysdhc.org/>

**District news:** Hillsborough County School District  
Web site: <https://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/>

[Florida PTA](#)

[National PTA](#)

<https://www.edsby.com/>



### Thank You Lysol!!

Schools have a big role to play in flu prevention education and safely managing and containing flu outbreaks when they occur.

The National PTA and Lysol partnered to recognize PTA Schools of Excellence who continue to work to improve their students' educational outcome. Lysol generously donated 120 containers of wipes to help support our students through flu season.

### Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week Info

**April 29-May 3**

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week is right around the corner. We are still accepting donations of gifts (gift cards or new items) to create baskets for our wonderful teachers & staff!! If you have something to donate, we are asking that items be dropped off at the front office with Ms. Laurie Keith on or before April 17<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to coordinate a donation, volunteer to help, or if you have any questions, please contact our event co-chair, Bonnie Garrison at [shsgarrison@gmail.com](mailto:shsgarrison@gmail.com)



### Calling All Volunteers!

#### We need your help with these upcoming events!

##### April 29-May 3

Help sell Splash Bash Tickets to seniors in the gym lobby during lunches (2 parents needed per day).

##### May 2

Help take down senior banners. Meet in cafeteria at 3:30pm. *(If you have a Junior willing to help, they can earn PTSA volunteer hours. These hours will qualify toward the PTSA Scholarship their Senior Year!)*

##### May 17

Help check in seniors for the Splash Bash at Adventure Island. 6-7:30pm (6 parents needed)

If you would like to help with any of these events, please email Laura LoPresti at [gshsptsavolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:gshsptsavolunteers@gmail.com)



## Top 10 Reasons to Become a Steinbrenner PTSA Volunteer 2019-2020 School Year

10. It's a great way to meet other parents with children the same age as your own.
9. You will become a greater part of your student's learning experience.
8. You can help raise money for a great cause—your children's education.
7. You'll get to know the teachers at school at understand their needs and ideas.
6. It's one more way to meet and talk to school administrators like our Principal and Assistant Principals.
5. You can help create, plan, and execute events for the school community.
4. Meetings are one fun hour each month.
3. Camaraderie.
2. You will experience the feeling of self-worth through volunteering your time and seeing your effort pay off in the smiles of the students.
1. And finally, the **#1 reason** to volunteer for the Steinbrenner PTSA..... **WE NEED YOU!**

Please consider joining Steinbrenner PTSA Board or lead a committee during the 2019-2020 school year. The time required for most positions is very minimal and thorough turnover from the current chairperson will be provided.

We need our help to keep our PTSA going strong. Please consider joining our team.....and bring a friend on board with you!

If you are interested or have questions, please email [gshsptsa.nominatingcom@gmail.com](mailto:gshsptsa.nominatingcom@gmail.com) or call Beth Rogers at (609) 284-1660 for full details.

## Juniors!

### Want to get a head start on earning your PTSA Volunteer Hours?

If you are planning on applying for the PTSA scholarship next year, you will need to earn PTSA volunteer hours.

Submit an article for publication in the PTSA Newsletter & provide a picture or two. Your topic can be about anything school related.

Articles must be well written, are subject to editing, and approval by Ms. King.

Submit your newsletter article and/or questions to Leslie Nixon  
[shsptsanews@gmail.com](mailto:shsptsanews@gmail.com)



Mascot Universe donates back to Steinbrenner PTSA on every purchase. [Shop here](#) for all your Steinbrenner Spirit Wear needs.

## Congratulations Steinbrenner PTSA!

Hillsborough County Council PTA/PTSA Awards Gala Luncheon was held on April 11, 2019. Several nominations were entered for this year's Hillsborough County Awards. Steinbrenner PTSA was awarded the Crown Award for Health & Safety for our "World of a Teen" program and the Crown Award for Volunteer of the Year went to Melinda Sheer.

Our PTSA was also given an award certificate for Volunteer Hours and an award certificate for increasing PTSA Membership this school year.



Shop [amazon smile](#). Choose Steinbrenner High PTSA. A portion of the \$ you spend will be donated back to our PTSA.

## Congratulations Steinbrenner Students

3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report card incentives were distributed on April 12<sup>th</sup>. 1083 students received a phone wallet.

337 Principal's List  
668 High Honor Roll  
78 Honor Roll



## It's Never Too Early To Start Earning Your PTSA Volunteer Hours!

Juniors! The volunteer hours that you earn now will count toward the Steinbrenner PTSA Scholarship.

Pictured below is one of our students earning volunteer hours by stuffing Ziploc bags for the PTSA Student Incentive Committee.



## Reflections

Congratulations to our students who participated in this year's National PTA Reflections Program. Eight Warriors qualified to compete at the Florida PTA State Level. All students with entries at the State Level are invited to a Reflections Celebration on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at 4:00pm in Orlando, FL. Invitations are forthcoming.

Film Production: "Barbed" by Noah Alewel  
Literature: "In the Forest and Hills" by Matthew Lao  
Literature: "We're All Capable of Being Heroes" by Tara Pattilachan  
Literature: "Lessons from a Hero" by Sadie J Testa-Secca  
Photography: "Army Hero" by Ashley Volkert  
Photography: "Little Hero of Mine" by Gregory Griffith  
Photography: "Thankful" by Vasco Sturtz  
Dance Choreography "Someone Like You" by Erika Alejandra-Dugas

**Our Florida PTA Reflections State Level winners are:**

**Matthew Lao & Ashley Volkert. Both received the Award of Merit.**

Thanks again to all the teachers, staff volunteers, and especially our artists who joined in this year's "Heroes Around Me" PTA Reflections Program.

Please consider entering the Reflections Program next year. Keep an eye out for more information coming at the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year. **Next year's theme is "Look Within."**



## Reflections Open House

Friday, April 26  
During both lunches  
Media Center  
A small treat will be served.

Reflections artists can pick up their certificates and trophies at this time.

## Important AP Testing Info

AP exams are quickly approaching. It's time to start preparing for them in and out of the classroom. In addition to studying, **we want to make sure students are making transportation arrangements. School times have changed this year, but AP exam times have not.** Students need to report to their testing site at 7:30am for morning exams and 11:30am for noon exams. **Testing sessions begin promptly at 7:45am and 11:45am.** Students will not be permitted to enter once the exam has begun. Bus riders will have to find alternate transportation to and from school on their exam days. Busses will not get students to school on time for morning tests. Additionally, afternoon tests may not be done on time to permit students to catch the bus home. Everyone must keep in mind the heavy traffic situation at Steinbrenner in the mornings and plan accordingly.

AP tests are May 6-17. Students should get a good night's rest and bring necessary items to take the test: black or dark blue pens, #2 pencils, and appropriate calculators for the tests that require them. These items will not be provided. Student should bring their own snack for the break. If you have two exams on the same day, bring your lunch. You may not have time to get lunch from the cafeteria. Make sure you have transportation home if you have an afternoon test. You will most likely not be able to ride the bus.

Students should NOT bring cell phones.

## AP Testing Schedule

Date	AM	PM
May 6	US Gov & Pol	Env
May 7	Seminar Spanish Lang	Studio Arts
May 8	Eng Lit	Euro French
May 9	Chem	Psychology
May 10	US History	Computer Sci Princ
May 13	Bio	Physics C
May 14	Calc AB Calc BC	Art History Human
May 15	Eng Lang	Macro Econ
May 16	World History Comp Gov & Pol	Stats
May 17	Music Theory Micro Econ	Computer Sci A



**WANT A GUARENTEED PARKING SPOT  
NEXT YEAR?  
HERE'S YOUR CHANCE!**

**PARKING SPACE AUCTION 5/20-5/24!**



Our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual parking space auction will take place May 20-24 through bidding owl.

100% of the proceeds directly benefits PTSA programs for GSHS students including funding for the PTSA scholarship. This year PTSA awarded \$10,500 in GSHS student scholarships.

Information will be posted on the PTSA website [steinbrennerptsa.org](http://steinbrennerptsa.org). Rising Juniors and Seniors will also receive information in May from Ms. King via infolinks. Keep your eyes open for this exciting auction and opportunity to ensure you get a parking space for the 2019-2020 school year!

**Hey Seniors!** Ever wanted to hang out at Adventure Island at night?

Wouldn't it be even better if it were just with your Steinbrenner Senior Class? Now's your chance!

**Splash Bash 2019!**



**May 17—8pm-12am**

**\$80 per student**

**Price includes meal and drink voucher**

Splash Bash **tickets will be sold during lunches 4/30-5/3** in the gym lobby. Permissions slips are available through Ms. Jones and **must** be turned in with payment.

No tickets will be sold at Adventure Island so get yours at school!! Any questions, please contact Maura Weins at 813-541-3739 or [gshssenioractivities@gmail.com](mailto:gshssenioractivities@gmail.com)

# Guidance News

The guidance department will provide updates on a regular basis through emails and entries on the Guidance, College & Career Edsby Group Page, and on the Steinbrenner website under “Resources” “Guidance”.

**April 22 deadline**—Fall deadline for Dural Enrollment. See your counselor NOW to obtain a “Form B” to participate in dual enrollment in the fall.

**April 17, 5-8pm—HCC Open Enrollment**, Dale Mabry. Select your classes for the fall or summer. Register at <https://www.hccfl.edu/hcc-enrollment-day.aspx>

**May 3 deadline**—Seniors who have not completed the Virtual School Graduation Requirement must do so by May 3.

**Bright Futures Scholarship Applications** – The application opened for seniors to apply for Bright Futures and other State of Florida Scholarships at [www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org](http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org). All seniors should apply and turn in community service hours if they haven’t done so already. Students may continue to meet the SAT/ACT, and GPA requirements through June. Community service hours must be completed and turned in before graduation. Step by step directions have been posted to the Steinbrenner Guidance Page and to Edsby Guidance Page.

**Financial Aid** – Seniors and parents should be completing the financial aid process to apply for assistance in paying for college. There are several organizations that charge fees for completing the form so be sure to only use the official website – [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). This application allows students to obtain free money through grants, work study, and scholarships. Student may also be offered student loans through this process.

**Scholarship Bulletin** – Scholarship bulletins are available in the guidance office, on the school website and on the Guidance Group Page. New scholarship information will be posted as it becomes available. There are scholarship opportunities for all grade level students. Check out the local scholarships: MacDill Spouse’s Club, Moffitt Healthy KIDZ Program, J.F. Swartzel and more.

The **J.F. Swartzel Scholarship** is exclusive to Steinbrenner students. This is a great opportunity to win a scholarship!

**9-11<sup>th</sup> grade students** can earn scholarship money beginning in 9<sup>th</sup> grade for over 200 different colleges. Check out the Raise.Me website for scholarships NOW! <https://www.raise.me>

**Juniors and Sophomores**--College Board and ACT are offering scholarships. See the scholarship bulletin for details.

**Summer Internship**—Keys to Kindness. Apply at [www.keystokindness.org](http://www.keystokindness.org)

## Job Opportunities:

**Vector Marketing**—Cutco Sales. Information available at <https://www.vectormarketing.com/>

**City of Tampa—Parks and Recreation**, Find summer job opportunities at <https://www.tampagov.net/parks-and-recreation/make-a-difference/employment-opportunities>

**City of Tampa—Communications Bureau**. Find this career opportunity at <https://www.tampagov.net/police>

**Code Ninjas**—Part time this summer. Must be age 16+. Email your letter of interest to [michelle.mancuso@codeninjas.com](mailto:michelle.mancuso@codeninjas.com)

## Congratulations Salima, Melinda, Steinbrenner Volunteers, & PTSA Members!

Thank you for all your hard work!

Pictured below are the certificates and trophies that we were recently awarded by Hillsborough County PTA.

