



Steinbrenner PTSA Newsletter

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Calendar

September

- 1 **PTSA General Meeting**; 5:30pm-
Media Center
- 6 Labor Day, School Closed
- 14 Picture Make-Up Day; Gym
- 29 Family-School Partnership Session;
7:00pm (pg. 5)
- 30 Seniors must have Senior Picture
appointment by this day
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October

- 1 Custodian Appreciation Day
- 9 **ACT Practice Test**-Online (pg. 4)
- 8 End of 1st Grading Period
- 13 Family-School Partnership Session;
8:00pm (pg. 5)
- 22 **Reflections Entries Due** (pg 5)
- 29 Report Cards Available
- 29-30 Homecoming Weekend
- 31 Last day to get lowest price on
Senior Banner purchase

****Dates & times are subject to change.**

Calendar Links:

[Steinbrenner Calendar](#)
[District Calendar](#)



STEINBRENNER PTSA

SAVE THE DATE

FEBRUARY 9, 2022

6:00-7:30 P.M.

VIRTUAL EVENT

Mark your calendars now.

You don't want to miss this award-winning event!

PTSA PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year!

The PTSA is so grateful for the generous support demonstrated by all of you who completed a membership for this school year. We are off to a great start in making this a year to accomplish many great things for our students and school community. If you have not yet completed your membership, please do so online by [CLICKING HERE](#). Your membership allows the PTSA to fund scholarships for the graduating senior applicants, grants for teachers, various campus improvement projects, Steinbrenner Cares, and several other programs for students during the year. If you own a business and would like to support your PTSA in any way, please reach out to gshsptsapresident@gmail.com.

In addition to the financial assistance through the programs listed above, this year we will continue with many of our great programs. Just a few of these programs include "Start with Hello", a national program with the goal of offering simple and fun activities to promote connectedness and inclusion, while teaching about the signs of social isolation. We will host an ACT preparation course and scored practice exam (pg. 4), and we will again host our award-winning program "World of a Teen". We hope everyone takes advantage of these great initiatives.

I am looking forward to a great year with everyone back in school. I hope to see all of you at the **General Member Meeting on September 1st at 5:30pm in the Media Center.**

Thank you for your continued support and GO WARRIORS!

Alison Newman
2021-2022 PTSA President
Steinbrenner High School
gshsptsapresident@gmail.com

A Note from Our Principal

Dear Steinbrenner Parents & Students,

As we begin the 2021-2022 school year, we are met with another unique year! We are excited to welcome all our students back on our campus this year, some for the first time since March 2020. While we are still in the midst of a pandemic and normal looks different than it ever has, we are committed to giving our students as traditional of a high school experience as we can safely do.

Last year our students took state assessments for the first time in two years and we were very proud of their performance. Steinbrenner students consistently scored at the top of the district in all subjects. We set records by increasing our overall graduation rate to 99% and we made huge gains in acceleration (Dual Enrollment classes, AP scores and Industry Certifications) with 74% of our graduating seniors earning at least one acceleration point. We look forward to this coming year where we will continue to strive for success and reach new levels of achievement in all areas. Congratulations to all the students, teachers and families who contribute to Steinbrenner's continued success!

The safety of our students remains one of our top priorities. Measures remain in place to protect our students from the threat of COVID-19. On August 17 our school board voted to require all students, teachers & staff to wear a mask at all times while on campus. The mandate will continue through September 17. Sanitation stations are in every classroom and frequent cleaning of all high traffic areas take place daily. We continue to ask both our students and staff to stay home if they are demonstrating symptoms of the illness. We appreciate everyone's cooperation in protecting the safety and well-being of everyone on our campus.

We also hope all students will find a way to get involved in their high school. This year we have been given permission to return to some of the traditional ways that we allow students to participate in extracurricular events. We are looking forward to in-person club meetings, dances, pep rallies and sporting events as long as they remain permissible under our district guidelines. We believe these activities play an important role in enhancing our students' high school experience. Thank you to all the adults who volunteer their time to make all these opportunities available to our students. Parents can also get involved by joining our award winning PTSA program that works tirelessly to promote the successes of every student.

Finally, our first conference night of the year was August 30th. This event took place in a virtual format. We hope you were able to attend. Online grades can continue to be monitored through Canvas. We also encourage you to check twitter regularly for updates on important information happening in our school.

We hope everyone has a fantastic year! Go Warriors!

Tiffany Ewell

Principal

Steinbrenner High School

2019-20 Steinbrenner PTSA Board

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JOIN THE PTA

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

STAY IN THE KNOW

Steinbrenner PTSA Website:
www.steinbrennerptsa.org

The PTSA website can now be translated into a variety of different languages. Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on "Select Language". From there, choose your preferred language.

Steinbrenner online store:
<https://gshsptsa.memberhub.store/>

PTSA Newsletter: The Steinbrenner PTSA newsletter will be sent monthly to all registered families.
shsptsanews@gmail.com

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

PTSA Twitter: <https://twitter.com/SteinbrennerPTA>

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

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

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BECOME A STEINBRENNER PTSA BUSINESS PARTNER

Steinbrenner PTSA is a 501c3 organization and we provide a large amount of support to our students, teachers, & school community. The PTSA supports a variety of educational initiatives such as Senior Scholarships, grants for teacher/classroom needs, art competitions, Community Interest Safety Panels & much more.

Due to the shift in normal functioning, we are looking to businesses in our community to help our school succeed this year.

With your support, we will be able to continue offering support to our students & teachers. Your donation of goods &/or services is tax deductible.

Steinbrenner PTSA Business Partners will also be featured on our website and in our newsletter that goes out to over 2100 families.

Questions? Contact [Alison Newman](#)



Join Today!

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Help Us Reach Our Goal of 1200 Members!

Thank you to all who have already joined Steinbrenner PTSA for this school year! Your membership is what enables us to provide so many amazing programs for our Steinbrenner students and teachers!

PTSA funds numerous programs, such as:

- Senior Scholarships (over \$12.5K awarded last year)
- Quarterly Incentives for Honor Roll Students
- Security/School Improvements (over \$16K donated last year)
- Steinbrenner Cares (helping students in need)
- ACT Prep
- Teacher Grants (\$5K budgeted & available)
- Monthly Newsletter for Parents
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Senior Events
-and so much more!!

If you haven't joined yet, we hope you will consider joining today. By joining the PTSA, you are not obligating yourself to any time commitment whatsoever. You are simply supporting all the PTSA does for our students and teachers here at Steinbrenner.

3 Easy Ways to JOIN:

1. Join online at our PTSA online store:
<https://gshsptsa.memberhub.store/>
2. Print the [PTSA Membership Form](#) and drop it off with your payment at the School Office.
3. Print the [PTSA Membership Form](#) and mail it along with your payment to Steinbrenner High School, 5575 W. Lutz Lake Fern Rd, Lutz, FL 33548

****Please make checks payable to Steinbrenner PTSA****

ATTENTION SENIORS: to be eligible for a PTSA scholarship, you must join the PTSA by December 31, 2021.

Membership Forms are also available in the front office.

Questions? Email gshsptsamembership@gmail.com



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION!

**SUPPORT THE BUSINESSES THAT SUPPORT
OUR STUDENTS & SCHOOL COMMUNITY!**

About our Urgent Care & Wellness Center:

As an urgent care, they can treat most non-life-threatening conditions from colds, flu, UTI's, asthma attacks, and much more. They are trained in suturing, abscess draining, splinting, and other procedures. There is also an X-ray machine on site!

Urgent Care & Wellness center is helping during this pandemic by offering both COVID PCR and Rapid testing. Results are typically available in 1-2 days, but this may vary depending on laboratory volume.

The knowledgeable staff and providers are prepared to help to the best of their ability with diagnosis and treatment. While they perform testing, they are also taking the utmost safety precautions including sanitization practices, strict mask regulation, and much more to ensure the safety of every patient that walks through the door.

****Appointments are not needed, but feel free to check out their website www.lutzuc.com for more information.**

****Most major insurances accepted.**



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Date: Oct 9, 2021

Time: 9:00am-3:30pm

FREE for **ALL** Steinbrenner High School Students

Includes a tips & tricks seminar

Spots fill up quickly!

Register by [CLICKING HERE](#)

You will receive a link to our online classroom and further instructions upon registration.

For more information, contact Alyssa Louro at Alyssa.Louro@review.com or call 800-2REVIEW.

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**FLORIDA ATTENDANCE CAMPAIGN
FOR STUDENT SUCCESS**
every student. every minute.

The Florida Attendance Campaign for Student Success (FACSS) is a volunteer, community led, statewide initiative aimed at improving outcomes for all students.

The goal is to:

- Raise awareness of the importance of student attendance
- Improve how attendance and student engagement data is collected
- Share strategies and resources to help improve student attendance

For more information: <https://floridaattendance.org/>

National Standards for Family-School Partnerships Listening and Learning Session

National PTA's National standards for Family-School Partnerships have transformed family engagement at all levels of the educational system. Since the last revision of the standards, there have been changes that call upon PTA to invest in their relevance and impact—and National PTA is inviting you to be a part of this legacy!

What do you want the future of family engagement to look like? Join National PTA for a 60-minute focus group to share your thoughts and opinions about family engagement.

September 29, 2021 at 7:00pm

October 13, 2021 at 8:00pm

[Click here](#) to register.



LADY WARRIORS

PE Uniform Pre-Orders Have Arrived

If you pre-ordered a PE/HOPE/JROTC uniform and have *NOT* receive it, please complete the Uniform Delivery Form
<https://forms.gle/aFVqcjvpiFWut3k9A>

Still need to order a uniform or need extras? Order here:
<https://steinbrennertampafi.ptaptsa.org/order-hope-pe-uniforms>

Cost: \$10 each Shirt OR Shorts

Questions? Portia Engman gshsptsuniforms21@gmail.com



STEINBRENNER REFLECTIONS

Do you enjoy art, music and dance or have an interest in writing, producing films and taking photos? Then join us and have fun unleashing your inner artist with PTA Reflections! This year's theme is, ***"I Will Change the World By..."*** calls for your own unique interpretation through the arts.

ALL Steinbrenner students are invited to participate!

Students can submit their completed works of art in one or all available art categories:

- Dance Choreography (.avi, .mov or .mp4 format)
- Film Production (.avi, .mov or .mp4 format)
- Literature (Single-sided print on 8 ½ X11" paper or .pdf file)
- Music Composition (.mp3 or .wav file, and score in .pdf)
- Photography (.jpeg, .jpg, or .png)
- Visual Arts (include one digital format with physical submission)

[CLICK HERE](#) to request an entry form(s). Art pieces should be dropped off at Ms. Watkinson's room 203. Guidelines for all categories can be found by [CLICKING HERE](#).

The deadline for submitting Steinbrenner Reflections entries is **October 22**.



Senior Banners on Sale NOW!

This year we continue a tradition at Steinbrenner High School. SENIOR BANNERS!

Your high-quality vinyl banner will be a lifetime memento for you and your graduate. Use it for your private graduation party, college send-off party, or hang on your house to celebrate your Senior.

The banners will be hung in the cafeteria and hallways toward the end of second semester 2022.

The students are WOW'ed on the day they arrive to school and discover the banners are hung. It's been a huge hit with the seniors over the past years and is something they look forward to!

SPECIAL NOTES:

- Two sizes to choose from: 2 x 3 and 2 x 6

****Small banners (2 x 3) have minimal option:** You may customize only with the name of the giver. i.e., "love, mom and dad" etc.

****Large banners (2 x 6) may have your student's picture** (provide a high-resolution digital photo to me via email), your own personal message, & may include the name of the university your student will be attending (may not put the trademarked logo), i.e., "We are very proud of you! Good Luck at Harvard!". (Message subject to review and approval by school).

COST: Small-\$35.00 (2X3) Large-\$70.00 (2X6)

All net proceeds go to the senior class ONLY! We want to send them off in style!

Students may purchase banners too!

If you would like to buy a banner but don't want it hung in the school, please let me know and I will get it to you!

[CLICK HERE](#) for the printable order form or purchase from our online store by clicking [HERE](#). If you have further questions, please feel free to email me. **Prices will increase after October 31st so put your order in NOW!**

[Natali Lima](#)





WE ARE NATIONAL PTA SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE!

George M. Steinbrenner High School PTSA has been recognized as a National PTA School of Excellence!

This prestigious recognition symbolizes the hard work and achievements in developing strong family-school partnerships.



MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club is rebuilding and would like your help supporting the school with some special activities and events.

Sign up to help and find out about events by emailing Jeff Stanislow at jeff@chiefinternetmarketer.com.

Steinbrenner PTSA Senior Scholarship

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 4, 2022

Don't forget! To qualify, students must:

- Be a graduating senior from Steinbrenner High School
- Be a Steinbrenner PTSA member by December 31, 2021
- Have a weighted 3.0 GPA minimum
- Obtain 5 PTSA approved volunteer hours

A completed application with essay & teacher recommendations must be dropped off to the PTSA mailbox at the front office no later than 3:00 February 4, 2022. [CLICK HERE](#) for additional information.

One of the ways students can get volunteer hours is by contacting our PTSA Volunteer Coordinator at gshsptsavolunteers@gmail.com.

Purchase your PTSA membership at <https://gshsptsamemberhub.store/>

Questions? Email gshsptsascholarship@gmail.com

Volunteer Opportunities

If you wish to volunteer at Steinbrenner, Hillsborough County School mandates that you complete and submit a volunteer application every school year. [Click here](#) for the application.

Next, submit your contact info and volunteer preferences to the Steinbrenner PTSA Volunteer Coordinator by clicking [here](#). You will be contacted when a volunteer opportunity arises.

When Volunteering at the school, remember these following tips:

1. Park in the designated area in the parking lot located at the front of the school.
2. Check-in at the front office. Your identification is required every time you volunteer at the school. The front office staff will swipe your id and provide you with a badge.
3. The badge must always be worn and visible while you are at the school.
4. On your way out, return your badge to the front office staff so you can be signed out.

Student Volunteer Opportunities

Student volunteer opportunities will be posted in the Steinbrenner PTSA Newsletter, PTSA website, Twitter, and/or Facebook.

Questions? gshsptsavolunteers@gmail.com

SENIORS!

Need PTSA Volunteer Hours?

Earn volunteer hours toward the PTSA Senior Scholarship by submitting an article to the Steinbrenner PTSA Newsletter.

- Student's news topic can be about anything school related.
- **Must** provide a picture or two.

Deadline to submit an article to the next newsletter is **September 23**. Articles must be well written, are subject to editing, and approval by Ms. Ewell.

Submit article, picture(s) and/or questions to Leslie Nixon shsptsanews@gmail.com

Open PTSA Positions

VP Ways & Means
County Council
Publicity

If you have questions or are interested in volunteering for one of these positions, please contact gshsptsapresident@gmail.com

5th ANNUAL PARKING SPACE AUCTION

Thank you to ALL that participated in the 5th annual parking space auction. Last Spring, PTSA auctioned off 5 parking spaces. Your desire and commitment to make this charitable event a success was unparalleled. The funds raised will directly benefit senior scholarships.

Congratulations to the students whose AWESOME parents won a space!

Be on the lookout for the 6th annual parking space auction coming in May 2022.

ONE STOP SHOPPING

Steinbrenner PTSA has an online store. [CLICK HERE](#) to:

- Purchase PTSA Memberships for you, your student & family
- Senior Banner
- Donate
- PE/HOPE Uniforms

LOOKING FOR MORE INFORMATION?

[CLICK HERE](#) for Steinbrenner PTSA's website that is full of information. Need Senior Scholarship, Volunteer, Reflections, General Meeting, etc. information? This is the place to go. Check it out now!

Centennial Celebration!

Florida PTA has a volunteer opportunity! They are looking for energetic, enthusiastic, and creative volunteers to join FL PTA's Centennial Celebration subcommittee. Are you crafty, good at planning events, a whiz at sponsorship acquisition, a good negotiator, graphic designer, marketing guru, grant writer, or phenomenal at creating engaging experiences? If you're interested in serving on any of these workgroups, please email centennial.celebration@floridapta.org



STEINBRENNER SPIRIT WEAR

[Mascot Universe](#) is the place to go for all your spirit wear needs! Their new location, in the same plaza but now next to Rice and Roll, has even more space for all of the Steinbrenner spirit wear. Check out several new designs.

[Mascot Universe](#) donates back to Steinbrenner PTSA for every Steinbrenner item purchased.

Can't make it to the store? [CLICK HERE](#) to place an order.



Steinbrenner PTSA Hospitality Committee would like to send a big **THANK YOU** to **Brunchies in Carrollwood** and **Bay Coffee** for helping us to welcome back the teachers with a delicious breakfast and gourmet coffee.

