

STEINBRENNER PTSA NEWSLETTER

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A Hillsborough County School



Visit our website: steinbrennerptsa.com

Did you hear we are an “A” rated school?

Help us keep our school “A” rated! Your PTSA Membership benefits our Students and Teachers in many positive ways.

Help us accomplish great things at Steinbrenner by becoming a PTSA member.

Your membership supports:

SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS	TEACHER GRANTS	STUDENT PROGRAMS
SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS	FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS	STEINBRENNER CARES
CAMPUS BEAUTIFICATION	STUDENT INCENTIVES	TEACHER APPRECIATION

and more.

Our PTSA is a volunteer organization of parents, teachers, students, administrators, and community members who work to enhance the education, learning environment, and experiences for all Steinbrenner students.

- ✓ **Membership fee is tax deductible**
- ✓ **NO VOLUNTEERING REQUIRED**
- ✓ **Voting rights at all General PTSA Meetings**
- ✓ **Funds PTSA programs and initiatives for our high school**

[CLICK HERE](#) TO JOIN ONLINE.

[CLICK HERE](#) TO JOIN BY MAIL. Print the membership form. Mail completed form and check payable to “Steinbrenner PTSA” to Steinbrenner High School PTSA, 5575 W. Lutz Lake Fern Rd., Lutz, FL 33558.

****SENIORS must join by December 31 to be eligible for a Steinbrenner PTSA Scholarship.****

If you have questions, please email gshsptsamembership@gmail.com.

Calendar

October:

- 10-14 Spirit Week
- 12 End of 1st Grading Period
- 12 PSAT
- 14 Homecoming Football Game
- 15 Homecoming Dance
- 17 No School
- 28 **Deadline to submit Reflections artwork (pg. 2)**

November:

- 3 High school report cards available
- 11 No school—Veterans Day Holiday
- 17 Great American Teach-In
- 21-25 No school—Fall Break



Steinbrenner Lady Warriors Volleyball

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

2022-2023 Board Members

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REFLECTIONS:



ATTENTION ALL STEINBRENNER STUDENTS: Do you enjoy art, music or dance or have an interest in writing, producing films or taking photos? Then join us and have fun unleashing your inner artist with National PTA Reflections!

This Year's theme, "Show Your Voice," calls for your own unique interpretation through the arts.

Submission guidelines and entry forms are on the [PTSA website](https://www.ptsa.org/Reflections).

Check out Steinbrenner PTSA's social media pages and website for updates as they become available.

Completed entry forms and artwork need to be submitted to the Reflections bin in the front office by the end of the school day on October 28th! Late entries will not be accepted.

PARTICIPATION IS EASY, EXCITING, AND EMPOWERING

Our students are invited to participate and submit their original artwork in one of six areas:

- Dance Choreography
- Film Production
- Literature
- Music Composition
- Photography
- Visual Arts

If the student creates artwork for multiple categories, a separate entry form must be submitted along with each art piece.

Artworks submitted to Steinbrenner PTSA will be recognized, celebrated, and judged by grade level divisions. Select entries will then be forwarded for judging at the county, state, and national level.

Learn more about the prizes and scholarships at [PTA.org/Reflections/Awards](https://www.pta.org/Reflections/Awards). To receive Reflections updates and information, email gshsptsareflectionsart@gmail.com.

BECOME A STEINBRENNER PTSA BUSINESS PARTNER

Steinbrenner PTSA is a 501c3 nonprofit organization. We provide a large amount of support to our students, teachers, and school community. The PTSA supports a variety of educational initiatives such as grants for teacher/classroom needs, art competitions, community interest safety panels, assistance for students in need, scholarships for seniors, and much more.

We are currently looking for businesses in our community and corporate sponsors to help our school succeed this school year. With your partnership, we will be able to continue offering support to our students and teachers.

- ❖ Donations of funds, products, and/or services are tax deductible.
- ❖ Business Partners will be featured on the PTSA website and in our newsletter that is published to over 2000 Steinbrenner families.

If your business would like to partner with Steinbrenner PTSA to provide additional opportunities for our students, teachers, and staff, please contact us at gshsptsasponsors@gmail.com.

Do you know a business that may be interested in partnering with our PTSA? We encourage you to pass along the information contained in this article and have them contact us directly at gshsptsasponsors@gmail.com. We will do the rest! Together we can do great things!



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Invest in your community when you open a checking account with First Citrus Bank.

Visit their website www.firstcitrus.com for more information. First Citrus Bank can help you with all your personal and business banking needs.

STAY IN THE KNOW

Steinbrenner PTSA Website:
www.steinbrennerptsa.org

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

Steinbrenner PTSA online store:
<https://gshsptsamemberhub.store/>

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

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

District News: Hillsborough County School District Website
<https://www.hillsboroughschools.org>

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION

**PLEASE SUPPORT THE BUSINESSES THAT
SUPPORT OUR PTSA & SCHOOL
COMMUNITY.**

An appointment is not needed, but feel free to check out their website www.lutzuc.com and fill out the patient registration form to speed up the process.

Most major insurances accepted.

Student Senate Announces Important Dates in October

October:

- *5-8 Homecoming ticket sales. Purchase your ticket at [Hometown Ticketing](#). *Due to Hurricane Ian, the sales launch may be delayed. Students should listen for updates from our Senate.
- 6 Second voting for the winner of homecoming court.
- 10-14 Spirit week. Daily themes are posted on senate Instagram @gshssenate and will be posted on canvas and in classrooms.
- 14 Pep rally and Homecoming football game.
- 15 Homecoming dance at George Steinbrenner Field, 1 Steinbrenner Dr., Tampa, FL 33614



Thank you to those who attended our SAT Virtual Practice Test and SAT presentation in September! If we missed you, there will still be plenty of opportunities to gain free valuable practice and benefit from test preparation, academic and college admissions information and resources through future partner events and upcoming Featured Weeks. Looking for something specific? Please share your feedback with your PTSA members. We would love to hear from you.

Should you have any immediate needs or questions, we would love to help and guide your family on the journey to college. Marcus Hagins is our local representative and a free consultation can be scheduled with him [HERE](#).

For more than 40 years, students and their families have trusted The Princeton Review. They are solely on the side of the student and are not affiliated with any of the test developers. They also provide support for AP exams and various academic subjects. To learn more, go to www.princetonreview.com and see their YouTube video series [“The Princeton Review”](#).

The Senior Banner Tradition Continues

Do not forget to order your senior banner! It is a great way to honor your senior during their last few weeks of high school. Be sure to place your order by the end of October to receive the lowest price. Also, any orders placed before December 31st will have the option to choose the hallway that the banner will be displayed in.

Two sizes available

\$35 SMALL Banner:

- 2'x3'
- Displays a congratulatory message to the student.

\$70 LARGE Banner:

- 2'x6'
- Displays a congratulatory message.
- Option to include your student's picture.
- Displays an additional quote from the sender.

If you are considering the purchase of a banner but are not sure of what picture to use or your quote, place the order anyway. We will follow up with you for the necessary information needed before the banner goes into production. Just fill out as much as you can on the form and make your purchase.

You can purchase your banner from the Steinbrenner PTSA online store by [CLICKING HERE](#).

Feel free to email any questions to Natali Lima at gshsseniorbanners@gmail.com.

Parent Teacher Conference Night

The first conference night of the year was held on September 12.

There were smiles and gratitude all around as the faculty and staff enjoyed Publix sub sandwiches and snacks to keep them fueled for the long day.



Providing a conference night meal is just one of the many ways our PTSA assists our teachers.

Steinbrenner PTSA Senior Scholarship

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 3:00pm FEBRUARY 3, 2023

Do not forget! To qualify, students must:

- Be a graduating senior from Steinbrenner High School
- Be a Steinbrenner PTSA member by December 31, 2022
- Have a weighted 3.0 GPA minimum
- Obtain 5 PTSA approved volunteer hours
- Submit an essay, completed application, and 2 teacher recommendations

The completed application with essay & teacher recommendations must be dropped off to the PTSA mailbox at the front office no later than 3:00pm February 3, 2023. [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. Or follow us on social media: Facebook @steinbrennerpts, Twitter @steinbrennerpta, Instagram @gshspts.

[CLICK HERE](#) to purchase your PTSA membership.

****The number of scholarships awarded, and dollar amount of each scholarship is determined by the PTSA budget.****

Questions? Email gshsptsascholarship@gmail.com

Seniors:

Want Volunteer Hours Toward the PTSA Scholarship?

Submit an article and at least one picture to the Newsletter and start earning required PTSA volunteer hours toward the Senior Scholarship.

- Article can be about anything school/education related or a topic that is important to you and others your age.
- **Must include at least one picture.** Student is not required to be in the picture.

Deadline to submit an article for the next newsletter is October 24. Submitted articles must be well written, are subject to editing, and will be forwarded to Ms. Ewell for approval prior to publishing.

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

CONGRATULATIONS!



Louis Li, Kartikeye Gupta, and Andrew Maroun qualified as Semifinalists in the 2023 National Merit® Scholarship Program. They will compete for some of the 7,250 National Merit Scholarships to be offered next spring.

Volunteer Opportunities

If you want to volunteer at Steinbrenner, Hillsborough County School District mandates that you submit a volunteer application. [CLICK HERE](#) for the application.

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

Helpful tips when volunteering:

1. Park in the designated visitor parking lot at the front of the school.
2. Check in with your identification at the front office. A badge will be provided.
3. Your badge must be worn and visible while you are at the school.
4. When finished, return your badge to the front office staff, and sign out.

Student Volunteer Opportunities

Student volunteer opportunities will be posted in the Steinbrenner PTSA Newsletter, [website](#), Twitter, Instagram and/or Facebook. See Senior Scholarship article on this page for more information.

If you have any questions about volunteering, please email gshsptsavolunteers@gmail.com.

We Want to Hear from YOU

Steinbrenner PTSA is looking for input from our GSHS teachers, parents, and students for new ideas to make our PTSA more meaningful to our Warrior Community. If you have an idea for a new program or something you would like to see from the PTSA, we would love to hear it!

Please email Hanna Curry at gshsptsastrategicplanning@gmail.com with subject line "New Idea."

Dog Spa Day



September 12 was conference night. This meant the teachers would be at school from 7:40am-8:00pm. Dog owning teachers would have to leave their pets at home for over twelve hours.

To help care for the pets, our Veterinary and Agriculture teachers organized a "dog spa" day. Teachers dropped off their dogs for a day of pampering and play time. Students bathed and groomed the dogs, fed them, and walked them throughout the day. At the end of the day, Ruthie the beagle was so tired she stopped to take a nap on the way out to the car.



Orchestra

Concert

We look forward to seeing you at our first concert on Tuesday, October 4 from 6:30pm-8pm in the Steinbrenner High School Auditorium. Tickets cost \$5 and can be purchased at the door. We will be featuring all three orchestras and several soloists. Come out and support our first concert.

Dine-out October 11, 4:00pm-8:00pm

Support the Orchestra by eating at Panera Bread near SR-54 and Suncoast Parkway on October 11. 16034 Preserve Marketplace Blvd, Odessa, FL 33556. Let the cashier know you are with Steinbrenner Orchestra. If ordering online, include "FUND4U" during checkout. Thank you for supporting Steinbrenner Orchestra.

Master class with Mr. Lowell Adams of the Florida Orchestra



World Premiere

Mark your calendar. Steinbrenner Orchestra will represent the State of Florida for a World Premiere piece written by American Composer Stephanie Ann Boyd on April 28, 2023, at 6:00pm.



STEINBRENNER SPIRIT WEAR

[Mascot Universe](#) is the place to go for all your spirit wear needs! Their location, in the Publix plaza next to Rice and Roll, has lots of space for all the Steinbrenner spirit wear. Shop there for several of our new designs.

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

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

The start of the school year may be a vulnerable time for your child or teen.

They may feel additional stresses, responsibilities and worries all at the same time. Whether they are feeling excited, anxious, happy, or sad, feeling these different emotions at once can cause your child to feel overwhelmed at school and at home.

Here are some basic tips to help support your child's mental health:

- Establish school day routines early
- Encourage open communication
- Exercise compassion
- Maintain a positive attitude
- Recognize warning signs
- Know what to do if your child is being bullied

Being a kid or teen is not easy.

There are personal, social, and school pressures every day. Kids and teens are talking more about suicide. Sadly, some are even taking their own lives.

WARNING SIGNS that a person is thinking about suicide	HOW CAN YOU HELP
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talking about suicide, death or "going away" • Giving away personal items • Talking about feeling hopeless, sadness or depression • Staying away from friends, family, activities • Having trouble thinking clearly • Changes in eating or sleeping habits • Engaging in risky behavior (drinking alcohol, taking drugs, cutting themselves) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen — Show that you understand what they are going through. • Ask if they are serious. Be open and honest. • Don't ask why. They could get defensive. • Stay with them — If you feel they might harm themselves, do not leave them alone. • Take action — Remove firearms, drugs or other means of suicide out of their way. • Get help NOW — Talk to counselors, therapists, religious leaders or call the numbers below.

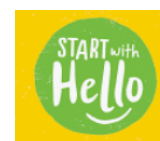
[Hey! Simply a series on YouTube](#), has episodes on different topics including back to school, self-esteem, bullying, mental health and more. Your kids will have fun learning about these relevant topics from a trustworthy source! In this episode of Hey! Simply, Nikki shows us the mental health benefits of making art.

What can you do if your child might be affected by bullying at school or online?

- Listen to your child to learn what is going on. Assure them that bullying is not their fault.
- Reporting bullying is a key part of prevention. Write down the details of each incident. Then, provide a copy to school staff (principal, guidance counselor, etc.)
- Ask your child what can be done to make them feel safe
- Practice confidence
- If your child is being cyberbullied, advise them to:
 - Not repeat or forward any messages
 - Block the number, profile, or website
 - Not seek revenge or cyberbully back
 - If possible, report the person to the website administrators
 - Keep a record of incidents in case it gets worse and law enforcement needs to get involved.

Whether your teen is experiencing stress, anxiety, depression, grief, or substance abuse, the Florida Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (FCAAP) have [resources](#) that you can use to help your child handle it. These tools are backed by FCAAP so you can be sure they are effective and safe.

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Steinbrenner's "Start with Hello" Week took place September 19-23. Students were taught to take small



but powerful actions to promote inclusion and to support students who are showing signs of loneliness or social isolation.



STUDENT SERVICES UPDATES

Senior Presentation Information

On Monday, September 12th the Guidance Services team hosted a post-secondary planning presentation for seniors and their families. Topics discussed included planning for all post-secondary options, Bright Futures, scholarships, financial aid, college applications and more. A big thank you goes to the University of Tampa and Hillsborough Community College's Financial Aid Office representatives who were on hand to answer questions. If you were unable to attend, the presentation is posted on the Guidance Services page of Canvas under the College and University Information tab.

College Applications

At this time seniors should be actively working to complete their college applications. Whether your student is planning to attend a university, community college or technical college, we encourage them to **complete all applications by November 1st**. Keep in mind, FSU has an October 15th priority deadline for Florida residents. Also, a complete application includes the application, SAT/ACT scores, and transcripts or the SSAR. If your student is using [Common Application](#) to apply, no transcripts are needed. Your student's counselor will complete that portion of the application. Students should be checking college websites to confirm application procedures.

FAFSA and FFAA

One of the most important days of this month is October 1st. Every year, on October 1st, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) open and students can begin the application process. The FAFSA is used to determine what federal aid a student qualifies for. Regardless of your financial situation, all families are highly encouraged to apply. To be considered for the Bright Futures scholarships as well as several other state funded scholarships, students must fill out the FFAA application. Students are encouraged to apply by December 1st even if they think they will not qualify for Bright Futures or if they have not completed the requirements. Completing the application simply holds their spot to be evaluated over the summer. Below are the application websites:

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid www.FAFSA.gov
- Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) <https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/>

Dual Enrollment Procedure

If a student is new to dual enrollment, they need to complete the HCC dual enrollment application before submitting the required paperwork. New and returning students will need to fill out an **Authorization Form B** and submit it to HCC by the paperwork submission deadline. **The authorization form B requires a counselor's signature.** Please make sure you give the form to your counselor to sign well before the deadline. Keep in mind, the *November 18th deadline is the Friday before Thanksgiving break*. Plan accordingly as staffing may be lite on that day. Students are also encouraged to join the Dual Enrollment Remind Group @DualHccSHS for helpful reminders and information. As always, this information and more is posted on the Guidance Service page of Canvas.

Spring 2023 Dual Enrollment Deadlines:

- November 18, 2022--Deadline to submit paperwork to HCC
- December 9, 2022—Deadline to register for classes

Co-Enrollment

Co-enrolled students take classes at Steinbrenner but leave early for one or more periods of online classes. It is important that students who are co-enrolled are actively working on their virtual courses. Please note, if a student does not complete their virtual class by December 23rd, 2022, they will not be allowed to continue with the co-enrolled schedule for semester 2. We are well into the first 9-weeks of the semester so now is the time to assess your progress and catch up if needed.

Important Dates:

October 1, 2022—FAFSA and FFAA applications open

October 12, 2022—All 9th-11th grade students will take the PSAT

October 15, 2022—FSU priority deadline for Florida residents

October 28, 2022—The ASVAB will be administered to interested students. Students can sign up on Canvas.

November 1, 2022—Priority application deadline for most colleges and universities

Scholarship Opportunity:

Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship: Deadline to submit is January 11, 2023. This scholarship is for minority seniors who can demonstrate a financial need and academic excellence. [Click this link to apply.](#)



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