



Steinbrenner PTSA Newsletter

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Calendar

September

- 2 Labor Day, School Closed
- 4 Club Day
- 4 5:30: General PTSA Meeting in the Media Center
- 12 Narcotics Overdose Prevention Education (NOPE) Assembly; Grades 9 & 10
- 16-21 Homecoming Week
- 18 1st Quarter Progress Reports
- 19 4:00-6:30pm: Conference Night
- 20 ACT Practice Test Registration Deadline
- 20 Pep Rally
- 20 7:30pm: Homecoming Football Game vs Hillsborough High
- 21 6:00-10:00pm: Homecoming Dance at Innisbrook
- 23-27 Start with Hello Week
- 24 7:50am: SAC Meeting
- 28 8:45-3:00pm: ACT Practice Test, Grades 9-11 in Cafeteria

October

- 2 Club Day
- 11 End of 1st Grading Period
- 30 Report Card Available

**Dates & times are subject to change.

Calendar Links:

[Student Calendar](#)

[School Calendar](#)

[Steinbrenner Athletic Calendar](#)

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year!

The PTSA is so grateful for the generous and overwhelming support demonstrated by all of you who completed a membership for this school year. We are over 1000 strong! 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 at <https://gshsptsa.memberhub.store/>. Your membership allows the PTSA to fund scholarships for graduating seniors (\$10k last year), grants for teachers, various campus improvement projects 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.

"Start With Hello" is the first program that the PTSA is assisting this year. This is 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 encourage parents to set aside time during the week of September 23rd to talk with their students about this topic.

Also, in September, the PTSA will be conducting the first survey for **recertification** of Steinbrenner as a National School of Excellence. Students will complete this survey in homeroom and parents will receive an email link to the survey. Please complete this baseline survey. It is the only way that we will be able to identify issues that are important to YOU!!

I hope to see all of you at the General Member Meeting on September 4th at 5:30pm in the Media Center.

[Beth Rogers](#), Steinbrenner PTSA President

A Note from Our Principal

I hope you had an enjoyable summer break and the new school year is off to a fantastic start. We are excited to welcome more than 2500 students this year!

School grades were released in July and we are excited to once again be an "A" rated school. High school grades are comprised of FSA English/Language Arts grades 9 & 10, Math assessments in Algebra and Geometry, End of Course assessments in Biology and US History, Advanced Placement Exams, Industry Certification, Dual Enrollment courses, and Graduation Rates. I want to commend our students and teachers for their hard work & dedication and thank our parents for supporting the efforts of your children and our teachers. *Striving for Success* truly is a team effort!

The safety of our students and staff will continue to be our top priority. In grade level assemblies, we reminded students of the important role they play in "If you see something, say something." Several new procedures are in place to control access to our campus during the school day and we will continue to practice safety drills. Visitors need to enter at the Main Office and bring a state issued identification card or driver's license. We know the morning traffic is congested and hectic. Please help us ensure the safety of students by following the drop off and pick up designated area in the back of the school only.

Our extracurricular programs including performing arts, athletics, and clubs are in full swing. We hope every student finds a niche to be connected to our school community. We greatly appreciate the staff and volunteers who make these opportunities possible for our students! If you aren't already involved, please consider joining PTSA.

Homecoming Week kicks off September 16. Our Student Government Association is hard at work and we hope to see all our Warriors dressed for Spirit Week participations! The football game against Hillsborough High School is Friday, September 20 at 7:30pm. The dance will take place Saturday, September 21 at Innisbrook from 6:00-10:00pm. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Finally, our first Conference Night is scheduled for Thursday, September 19 from 4:00-6:30pm. If you have concerns about your child's academic progress, please plan to attend. Online grades can be monitored via Edsby and our website will be updated throughout the school year with important information.

Go Warriors!

Sincerely,
[Kelly King](#)
 Principal
 Steinbrenner High School

2019-20 Steinbrenner PTSA Board

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 TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

STAY IN THE KNOW

Steinbrenner PTSA: 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/>

Newsletter: The Steinbrenner PTSA newsletter will be sent monthly to all registered families.

Facebook: Join the Steinbrenner PTSA Facebook page for the latest school news.

<https://www.facebook.com/steinbrennerptsa/>

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](#)

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Order Your PE Uniform Online Now

[Click here](#) to order your PE Uniform online.

Uniforms can also be purchased from Coach Crumbley in Room 606 from 7:50-8:20am.

Questions? Ask [Moira Schmidt](#)

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Practice ACT Test!

Find out where you stand!

Want to take a practice ACT test without it counting towards college admissions?

Steinbrenner High School PTSA is pleased to offer students a **practice test & strategy session** to help boost their ACT scores!

Saturday, September 28, 2019

8:45am-3:00pm

Steinbrenner High School Cafeteria

Test Event Includes

- Strategy Session—tips & strategies for acing the ACT
- Lunch (catered by Jersey Mike's Van Dyke Commons)
- full-length practice ACT (*essay portion not included*)

Registration & Payment

Cost: \$25.00

Registration Deadline: September 20, 2019

(This event will be capped at 125 students so register early online! Payment is required with registration.)

HOW TO REGISTER

Visit the Steinbrenner PTSA online store at:

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

Click the ACT Review link to register and pay.

All registrations are nonrefundable.

Thank you, Jersey Mike's Van Dyke Commons, for making lunch affordable!

Questions?

Contact ACTreviewSHS@gmail.com



Start with Hello—Sept 23-27

“Start with Hello” is a Youth Violence Prevention Program initiated by Sandy Hook Promise. SHP’s sole purpose is to educate and empower parents, schools and community organizations on how to prevent violence BEFORE it happens.

We hear again & again how difficult it is for students who feel socially isolated and left out. Chronic loneliness creates a multitude of problems for young people. The program teaches students in a fun way how to be more socially inclusive and connected to each other. Fostering inclusion and community is an important life skill and with practice, simple to do every day.

We would love to have our parents involved, including providing supervision for themed lunch events, as well as planning.

Please reach out to gshsptsavolunteers@gmail.com for more information about how you can help.

PTSA Scholarship Available to Steinbrenner Seniors

Senior parents and students, [click here](#) to review the requirements for PTSA scholarships on our website.

Don’t forget! To qualify, students must:

- Be a PTSA member by **December 31, 2019**
- Obtain **5** PTSA approved volunteer hours **before February 6, 2020.**

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://gshsptsa.memberhub.store/>

Open PTSA Position Advocacy

Steinbrenner PTSA has an open position for Advocacy. This volunteer would interface with our local officials. If you are interested, please contact gshsptsapresident@gmail.com



School of Excellence

Steinbrenner High School has been a designated National PTA School of Excellence for the past two years and your PTSA is now taking steps to renew that designation! We can accomplish this with help from our administration teachers, students, & parents. Help us make a substantial, positive impact on student success and strengthen our family-school partnership.

Your Steinbrenner PTSA Excellence Team is collaborating with the school community to identify areas needing improvement and implement an action plan for success. To help accomplish this, we will administer an online Baseline Survey this September. The results will be provided to National PTA. Throughout the year, we will use National PTA resources and trainings to implement an improvement action plan.

To determine the success of our action plan, we will survey the community once again near the end of the school year. The results will be submitted to National PTA along with a narrative and an application to renew our status as a School of Excellence.

This month, please keep an eye out for your chance to participate in this important online survey & help our school become the best it can be!



Help Us Reach Our Goal of 1200 Members!

Thank you to all who have already joined the 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 and organizes numerous programs, such as:

- Senior Scholarships (over \$10k awarded last year)
- Quarterly Incentives for Honor Roll Students
- Security/School Improvements (over \$10k donated last year)
- Steinbrenner Cares (helping students in need)
- Student Ambassadors
- ACT Prep
- Teacher Grants (over \$5k awarded last year)
- 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 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 33558

Please make checks payable to Steinbrenner PTSA

ATTENTION SENIORS, to be eligible for a PTSA scholarship, you must join the PTSA by December 31, 2019.

Membership Forms are also available in the front office.

Questions? Email gshsptsamembership@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?

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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 during the month of April to the week before AP exams. Senior Banners are a huge hit with the students & are 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 res digital photo to me via email), may have your own personal message, up to 100 characters. You may include the name of the university they 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).

FOR A LIMITED TIME, BANNERS WILL BE SOLD AT LAST YEAR'S PRICES!

Through the end of the first semester.

Cost-small \$35.00(2X3) Large \$70.00 (2X6)

All net proceeds will go to the senior class only! The funds will benefit Senior Send Off and help reduce the cost of Splash Bash.

ALL PARENTS/STUDENTS WHO PLACE ORDERS BY OCTOBER 31 CAN REQUEST WHERE THEY WOULD LIKE THEIR STUDENT'S BANNER TO BE HUNG. The options are the cafeteria, the 200 hall and the 300 hall. After this date, banners will be placed randomly-no special placement request can be met.

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! Printable order forms are available online at the [PTSA website](#) or purchase from our online store by clicking [here](#). If you have further questions, please feel free to email me.

[Maura Weins](#)

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