



Steinbrenner PTSA Newsletter

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Calendar

February

- 15 Rank Freeze for Senior Class Rank Purposes only
- 18 No School
- 19 PTSA Board Meeting- 5:00; Media Center
- 20 Progress Reports
- 21 Conference Night- 4:00-8:30pm (last one for the year)
- 21 Junior Class Information Night- 6:30pm; Auditorium
- 22 Pep Rally
- 26 School Advisory Board Meeting- 7:50am

March

- 4 No School
- 6 Club Day
- 14 PTSA Board Meeting- 5:00; Media Center
- 14 PTSA General Meeting-5:30; Media Center
- 15 End of 3rd Quarter
- 18-25 Spring Break
- 26 Students return to school

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

I would like to extend a special thank you to all our wonderful families, teachers/staff and students who have chosen to be a part of the Steinbrenner PTSA this school year. Your membership supports our school's students and teachers through grants, programs, scholarships, and much more. In addition, you are a part of a much larger group who are joined together to make a difference in the advocacy that PTA does for ALL our children at the State and National level. It is not too late to join! See page 3 for more information.

The most recent PTSA funded program, "World of a Teen", was a huge success. We were thrilled to bring back this award-winning program. Our panel of experts discussed the challenges our students face today. Topics included drugs, alcohol, relationships, social media, college and more. Thank you to our panel of experts, volunteers, parents and students for making this night an exceptionally entertaining and educational evening.

We also want to thank all those who have taken time out to volunteer this year! Steinbrenner is really blessed to have a wonderful group of parents that are always ready to help in so many ways. Our PTSA continues to be successful and this is, in large part, because of our fantastic volunteers. There are multiple volunteer opportunities currently available for both parents and students. Check out the rest of this month's newsletter for information on volunteering to help with: PTSA Nominating Committee, 2019/2020 Steinbrenner PTSA Leadership or Committee Position, Conference Night, Newsletter, Senior Banners, Teacher Appreciation Week, and/or Community Service.

March 14—General PTSA Meeting; 5:30pm—Media Center

We hope to see you at our next PTSA General Meeting. It is a great opportunity to learn about all the amazing things Steinbrenner PTSA does for our school. DON'T MISS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE! We will be introducing and voting on the Nominating Committee Volunteers. See page 2 for more information.

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

Questions about PTSA? Please contact me at gshsptsapresident@gmail.com

[Heather Ceresoli](#)

Steinbrenner PTSA President

Steinbrenner PTSA Nominating Committee Volunteer Opportunity

We are in the process of identifying individuals interested in being a part of our nominating committee for the PTSA. The committee's role is to recognize and seek qualified nominees for elected leadership positions within our PTSA for the 2019/2020 school year.

We will vote on the nominating committee members at our next General Meeting on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 5:30pm in the Media Center.

If you are interested in being part of our nominating committee, or you would like to be considered for one of our PTSA leadership or committee positions, please contact Heather Ceresoli at

gshsptsapresident@gmail.com.

Please consider joining the Steinbrenner PTSA Board for the upcoming year. We need your involvement!

Volunteers Needed Conference Night

Our 3rd and final Conference Night will be **Thursday, February 21st**. It's "Potato Bar Night"! The PTSA will be providing salad, drinks, and baked potatoes, to be filled with chili and a variety of toppings. We will need 5 volunteers to help with set-up and serving the teachers from **3:00-4:30 in the Cafeteria**.

We will also need donations of the following items:

- Homemade Chili (delivered in a crock pot if possible)
- Cookies
- Brownies

Please contact Laura LoPresti at gshsptsavolunteers@gmail.com if you can help with set up/serving and/or if you would like to donate any of the above items.

We appreciate your help in making this an "extra" special treat for our teachers on the last Conference Night of the year!



Student Sign In/Sign Out

The student sign in/sign out location has changed.

Parents/students who are signing in or signing out must go to the Main Front Office.

Sign In/Sign Out procedures will remain the same. Parents/Guardians will be required to show their driver's license when checking out their student.

2018-19 Steinbrenner PTSA Board

President: Heather Ceresoli
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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

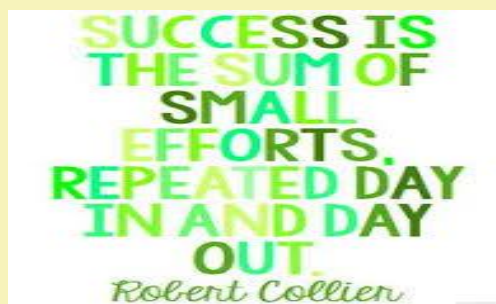
Teacher Grants: Jill Schwitzgebel

Health & Wellness: Erica Rude

Publicity: Available

Advocacy: Available

Steinbrenner Principal: Kelly King



STAY IN THE KNOW

Steinbrenner PTSA: www.steinbrennerptsa.org

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.edsb.com/>

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



It's not too late to join! Help us meet our goal of 900 PTSA Memberships!

Thank you to those who have joined the Steinbrenner PTSA this year! Your membership dues directly support Steinbrenner students and teachers by providing amazing programs. Some of these programs include Freshman Camp/Orientation, Student Ambassadors, Senior events & scholarships, student incentives, and teacher grants. Please help your Steinbrenner PTSA continue these great programs by joining online through the Steinbrenner PTSA website at:

<https://steinbrennertampafl.ptapta.org/membership>

OR

[Download the form.](#) Download link is at the bottom of the page. Make your tax deductible check payable to: Steinbrenner PTSA.

You may drop off your form and payment in the Main Office or mail it to:

Steinbrenner HS PTSA
5575 W. Lutz Lake Fern Road
Lutz, FL 33558

For Membership Card delivery, make sure to include your student's 2nd period teacher on your form. If your student doesn't have a 2nd period teacher, please indicate which teacher you would like the cards sent to.

*****FYI...Seniors who were interested in applying for a PTSA scholarship were required to join the PTSA by December 31 to be eligible for consideration.*****

Forms are also available in the front office.

Congratulations Honor Roll Students!

A record number: 1,347

Honor Roll Warriors and above for the 1st semester received rewards with the Steinbrenner logo. The rewards were distributed with the report cards on Thursday, January 24th.

SENIOR BANNERS

The countdown is beginning! Banner orders are starting to get into the production line. You should expect to receive an email to tie up any loose ends you may have with your student's banner. This could be anything from confirming a quote to solidifying where the banner will hang. You will also receive a proof of the banner. This is a great way to correct any mistakes before the banner is made.

I will be requesting help placing the banners in the hallways. Get your ladders ready!!!

I've listed frequently asked questions below:

1. How do I place an order?
Go to the PTSA website and place your order online or print off the order form and turn it in at the front office. [Click here](#) for the online order form.
2. How much do banners cost?
As of January 2019, the 2'x3' banners are \$40 and the 2'x6' banners are \$75.
3. What can I have printed on the small banners?
The smaller banners have room for a salutation. For example, "Love, Mom & Dad", "Love, Your Family, "Go Gators", "Go Bulls", "Charge On".
4. What can I have printed on the large banners?
Large banners include a photo of your Senior and a quote. You can have up to 100 characters.
5. What picture should I use?
Any high-resolution picture (300 DPI) will work. This could be a baby picture, a favorite picture from when your child was growing up, or a Senior picture.
6. I want a large banner but I'm not sure what quote to use. Should I wait to turn in the order form?
Turn in your form ASAP. You will be contacted for the remaining information as the deadline approaches.
7. Where will the banners be placed?
The banners will be hung throughout the hallways of the 200 & 300 buildings and the cafeteria.
8. Can I choose where I want my student's banner to hang?
All those who placed their order by October 31, 2018 got to choose where their banner will hang. Orders received after that date will NOT be able to choose a spot for their banner. These banners will be hung in the 200-300 hallways.
9. When will the banners be hung?
Banner will be hung after school on April 11.
10. How long will the banner be up?
The banners will come down Thursday, May 2 so the students can get them back before AP exams.
11. How do we get our banners?
Banners will be returned to students during their lunch periods from May 2-10. Any remaining banners can be picked up at Senior meeting
12. What help is needed with banners?
Your help is greatly appreciated. I will need help hanging &/or taking down the banners. Bring your ladders!!

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions!!

Maura Weins

813-541-3739

gshssenioreactivities@gmail.com

Teacher Appreciation Week Info

Teacher Appreciation Week will be the week of
April 29-May 3rd

Our planning committee is in the process of coordinating all the week's events. We want our Teachers & Staff to know just how special they are to us! If you are interested in serving on the planning committee, please contact the event co-chairs Bonnie Garrison and Portia Engman at gshsptsataw@gmail.com.

We are also interested in donations of new/unused products, gift cards or services to be used as gifts for Teachers & Staff. If you have an item(s) to donate or would like to help solicit donations from local businesses, let us know.

Way to Go Reflections Winners!

Steinbrenner has always been well represented in the Reflections Program and this year did not disappoint. With so many talented students, it is not a surprise that once again Steinbrenner took top awards. This year our Reflections participants won awards in 14 of the 6 categories.

The following are our Hillsborough County Council PTA/PTSA Reflections winners. Their work will advance to the State level competition in April.

Dance Choreography Award of Excellence:
Erika Alejandra-Dugas

Film Production Award of Excellence:
Noah Alewel

Literature Award of Excellence:
Matthew Lao
Tara Pattilachan
Sadie J Testa-Secca

Photography Award of Excellence:
Ashley Volkert
Gregory Griffith

Photography Award of Merit:
Vasco Sturtz



Student artists from 44 Hillsborough County schools created original works of art based on the "Heroes Around Me" theme for the annual National PTA Reflections Art program. On Sunday, January 13, the Hillsborough County Council PTA/PTSA recognized students for their artistic ingenuity and efforts to bring the "Heroes Around Me" theme to life in a way that is personal and meaningful.

74 Award of Excellence recipients will have their work advance to the State level competition in April 2019 in Orlando.

The State winners will be announced in April in Orange County, Orlando, FL. The exact location and time are TBA.

Way to Go Warriors!! Come out and cheer on our winners in Orlando! Be on the lookout for more info so you can plan to attend.

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Award of Excellence

This year Steinbrenner students won all three "Awards of Excellence" in Literature! This is the first year we have had so many entries in the Literature category. The Reflections Committee would like to thank the teachers in the Literature/English Department for their assistance and encouragement.

The committee would also like to thank the administration and other teachers for their support of Reflections.



WORLD of a TEEN

Panel of experts.

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”.

Programming and Success Center Activities took place January 9-28 for all students in 9-11 grades. Counselors met with students to finalize their class selection for next school year. Students also worked in the Success Center to explore careers, colleges, scholarships, and learn the importance of linking their PSAT scores to Khan Academy for practice. Be sure to ask our student for the handouts we gave them. Each student received a copy of their course requests for the 2019-2020 school year when they left the meeting with their counselor. Parents, ask to see it and review it with your student. It’s important that all classes be finalized with the appropriate paperwork by March 15. There will not be any schedule adjustment after this date.

February 21--Junior Night; 6:30-8:00p—This is an opportunity to learn all about the college application scholarship, and financial aid process. Our guidance staff as well as professionals from local universities and colleges will present information. Parents and students welcome.

February 21—Mini-College Fair; 6:30-8:00p—Cafeteria—Area colleges will be in attendance including USF, FSU, UT, FL POLY, HCC, HC Honors, & FAU. Meet the representative and ask questions. Military Recruiters will also be in attendance.

Due February 22—FSU Young Scholars Program—6-week summer Science and Math Program for 10th and 11th grade students. Free Room, board & tuition <http://www.bio.fsu.edu/ysp/>

February 22 & March 3—Girls/Boys State Program—Junior girls and boys have the opportunity to apply for the Girls and Boys State Program which will take place this summer. This program is for students who are interested in Government and Leadership. The selected students spend one week during the summer in Tallahassee. This program’s goal is to inspire and develop interest in the study of government, foster civic leadership, but most of all, to stimulate a desire to protect the privileges and responsibilities of our democratic form of government. This is an excellent opportunity for students interested in Military Academies also. The program provides the opportunity for students to earn high school and college credit. Applications are available from Mrs. Pressley in Guidance. **Interviews for girls will be held March 3 from 1:00-3:00** at the American Legion. Applications should be taken to the interview. **Boys State interviews will be held February 22** at Steinbrenner.

February 23—HBCU Annual College Fair; 10:00a-1:00p—Blake High School—Grades 9-12 students and their parents are invited to attend an learn more about Historically Black Colleges & Universities. For more information visit <http://blake.mysdhc.org/>

March 22 deadline—Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office—Rising stars Leadership Academy—This is an opportunity for a junior who is interested in developing leadership skills. In addition, the student is awarded a \$1,000 scholarship and laptop computer. **The event takes place June 3-7, 2019.** Applicants should have a minimum unweighted GPA of 3.0. Application are available from Deputy Bennett.

April 9—Juniors take a free SAT during school day

Guidance News Continued

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. 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. This application allows students to obtain free money through grants, work study, and scholarships. Student may also be offered student loans through this process.

Community Service Opportunities:

Junior Ambassadors of Goodwill—Earn community service hours this summer. <https://goodwill-suncoast.org/junior-ambassadors-of-goodwill-volunteer-signup/>

City of Oldsmar— www.volunteersignup.org/TYHHE

LifePath Hospice—<http://www.chaptershealth.org/>

Job Opportunities – These are posted on the Guidance Edsby Page as well as in the Success Center.

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: HCC Honors Scholarships, Bailey Family Foundation, and the Steinbrenner PTSA Scholarship.

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



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