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This is our newsletter with information about PTSA sponsored events happening during the school year.

This is issue number 2 out of 4. Our next issue will come out in March.



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<https://www.instagram.com/southhighpta/>

Mark Your Calendars

January 10	Board Meeting 7 pm
January 15	No School - MLK Birthday
January 27	Campus Beautification Day
February 3	Practice SAT Testing
February 7	Board Meeting 7 pm
February 12	No School - Lincoln's Birthday
February 19	No School - President's Day
February 21	Awards Night & Association Meeting
February 24	College & Career Fair
March 6	Board Meeting 7 pm

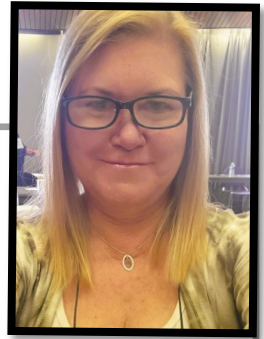


• Jim Evans, Principal • Julie Sullivan, PTSA President •
• Torrance Council of PTA's Thirty-Third District, California State PTA •



A Message From Our PTSA President, Julie Sullivan,

jewelsull63@gmail.com



I hope you enjoyed your winter break as much as I did! Time spent with family is invaluable, and we are so thankful for it. Now back to normal life of being busy parents, students, and staff.

Our eWaste collection event in December was a huge success! Thanks to everyone who participated in dropping off eWaste for recycling to keep it out of landfills. We collected over **20,000 pounds** of eWaste! Our PTSA made over \$800 from this fundraiser. We will plan on participating in this great event again soon.

Our next event is our annual Campus Beautification Day on January 27, run by our wonderful chairperson, **Joy Gruver**. She has many plans for cleaning up dead leaves, pulling weeds, and planting new succulents. See page 3 for more information about how to volunteer in your school community. This is a great way for students and clubs to accrue volunteer hours.

We are so excited about our National Reflections Arts Program results. Thanks to our chairs, **Kristina Burrows and Ryan Rauzon**, who spent hours advertising, collecting submissions, recruiting judges, setting up spreadsheets, and organizing winners to move on to the next level. See page 4 for a list of our winners!

Leslie Johnson and her awesome committee have been working hard on GRAD Night 2024 for our seniors. See page 5 for a link to order a lawn sign for your senior. Information about purchasing GRAD Night tickets will be in the next Spartan Scribe.

Upcoming we have a College and Career Fair on February 24. Our SHS chair, **Marissa Bernal**, is part of the awesome TUSD committee who oversees the event. Go to page 3 for more information.

We're so thankful for all of these great programs and people who volunteer their time to make it all happen!

-Julie Sullivan, PTSA President 2023-24

we are PTSA!

WE are so thankful to be able to work together with parents, teachers, staff, and students!



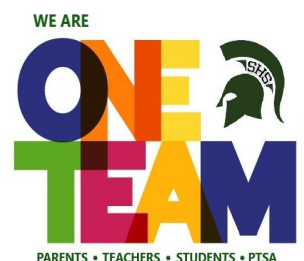
Our awesome Principal, Mr. Evans, attends every PTSA board meeting and association meeting! His knowledge and management of the numerous activities and schedules guides our planning of events. He is so easy to work with, and we value his participation in our PTSA sponsored events.



Karrin Chiamulon is our amazing PTSA teacher Representative. She provides invaluable input in our decision-making with teachers' wishes and opinions in mind. Karrin also volunteers to help with our events.



Tim Oh is our very responsible and talented Associated Student Body Representative. Tim attends every board meeting and delivers a very well prepared update from the students and what is happening with ASB.



Come join us for our annual Campus Beautification Day!

January 27, 2024 from 9 am to 12 pm

We need parent and student volunteers to pick weeds, dig dirt, rake, and clean up trash! Feel free to show up any-time and we will put you to work for 1, 2, or 3 hours.



Free donuts will be served!



You will earn a sense of pride
and volunteer hours.

Call Joy Gruver with any questions, or to let her know you are coming!
781-910-4801

TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND TORRANCE COUNCIL OF PTAS WILL HOST THE 42ND ANNUAL

College & Career Fair

At North High School on February 24, 2024 from 10 am to 1 pm

At this free event, high school and middle school students can meet with Representatives from:



FOUR-YEAR UNIVERSITIES
ART, FASHION, & CULINARY INSTITUTES
COLLEGE COUNSELING CONSULTANTS
COMMUNITY COLLEGES
MILITARY BRANCHES
MUSIC ACADEMIES
TEST PREP CONSULTANTS
VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS
TUSD COUNSELORS TO ANSWER QUESTIONS

Planners are still on sale throughout the year! See
Mrs. Cordova in the office if you would like to buy one for \$5.



NATIONAL PTA® REFLECTIONS®

We had 35 amazing and talented students submit entries this year. Judges had a very hard task as the competition was very stiff!

Here are our first place winners from South:

Visual Arts
Sara Qian

Photography
Phoebe McClain

Literature
Matilda Barth

Music Composition
Deshan Biswas

Special Artist
Kotaro Fujita

Our first place winners moved on to the Torrance Council level to compete against all TUSD high schools. All 5 from SOUTH placed, and THREE were first place winners, who will now move on to the 33rd District level! Winners at that level (*to be announced in January*) will move on to the state level.

1st place Literature: Matilda Barth

1st place Photography: Phoebe McClain

1st place Special Artist, Photography: Kotaro Fujita

2nd place Music Composition: Deshan Biswas


2nd place Visual Arts: Sara Qian

We surprised our first place winners during class with certificates, balloons, and candy!






We can't give enough thanks to our hardworking Reflections Chairs, Kristina Burrows and Ryan Rauzon, for making this happen at South High School!

Did you know 16 and 17 year olds can pre-register to VOTE?

 SECRETARY OF STATE SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.

Pre-register at 16. Vote at 18.


Online pre-registration is available for eligible 16 and 17 year olds at RegisterToVote.ca.gov. * California youth who pre-register to vote will have their registration become active once they turn 18 years old.

- 1. VISIT** <https://RegisterToVote.ca.gov>
- 2. PRE-REGISTER**  Click the "Pre-Register to Vote" button.
- 3. TURN 18**  Become automatically registered on your 18th Birthday
- 4. VOTE**  Cast your ballot on Election Day!

*Pre-registration is also available on paper voter registration forms


Your PTSA is here to help!

Our goal is to pre-register 200 students before school is out.



Look for our table in the mall during lunch on Fridays with Ryan Rauzon and our student intern, Arya, to answer any questions!




When you turn 18 years old, the county elections office will mail a confirmation postcard to you stating that your voter registration is now active. At the time of the next election, your county elections official will automatically mail your election related materials to your registered address.



2024

Class of 2024 Wolf Graduation
Lawn signs are still on sale!

<https://south-high-pta.square.site/shop/grad-night-fundraiser-2024/3>



Lawn signs with your student's name printed are \$30 (\$25 without name printed).

Use the link or QR code to place your order online.

Lawn signs with the 2024 date will be distributed in May.

Thank you so much for supporting the Class of 2024's Grad Night fundraiser. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Leslie Johnson at ljarras@yahoo.com.



Joining South High PTSA is fast and easy by clicking the link or scanning the QR code!

<https://south-high-pta.square.site/>

It's never too late!



Membership costs \$10 per family member.

**Our current membership as of
January 1, 2024:**

525

Our goal is to surpass last year's membership and exceed 700 members for this school year.

Contact our Membership Chair, Marissa Bernal, if you have questions or would like to pay by check...unomari@pacbell.net.



PTSA Direct Donation

This funds our PTSA Programs for the whole 2023-2024 year.

We are thankful to have your donation in any amount.

If you donate \$75 to our Direct Donation Campaign, you will get a free membership and a Pura Vida bracelet in South High colors!

<https://south-high-pta.square.site/>



**THANKS FOR
DONATING!**
WE APPRECIATE YOUR GENEROSITY

If you already purchased the bundle online, bracelets have been passed out at numerous events. Email jewelsull63@gmail.com if you still haven't received your bracelet and we will make sure it is available for pick up!

Direct Donations are tax deductible.

South High ID (NCES) - 063942006573, EIN—95-620747

Contact Joe Lieser, our Ways & Means VP, if you would like to pay by check or you think your company will do a Matching Donation. joelieser@gmail.com

Our Team!

President	Julie Sullivan
Executive Vice President	Ryan Rauzon
1st Vice President, Programs	Maria Crawford
2nd Vice President, Ways & Means	Joe Lieser
3rd Vice President, Membership	Marissa Bernal
4th Vice President, Hospitality	Christina Antaky
Recording Secretary	Kristen McCampbell
Corresponding Secretary	Theresa Mummery
Financial Secretary	Open position
Treasurer	Eric Murakami
Financial Reviewer	Katie Zelhart
Parliamentarian	Olga DiFranco
Historian	Maria Ruth
ASB Representative	Timothy Oh
Teacher Representative	Karrin Chiamulon
ACT/SAT Practice Tests	Keith Musick
GRAD Night	Leslie Johnson
Reflections Co-chair	Kristina Burrows
Reflections Co-Chair	Ryan Rauzon
Study Skills	Keith Musick
Direct Donation	Joe Lieser
Matching Donations	Joe Lieser
Spartan Scribe newsletter	Julie Sullivan
Legislation	Ryan Rauzon
Red Ribbon Week	Ryan Rauzon
Safety/Emergency Prep	Joe Lieser
College & Career Fair	Marissa Bernal
Registration	Theresa Mummery
Staff Appreciation	Dawn North
Teacher Appreciation	Julie Sullivan
Welcome Back Luncheon	Candice Sluyter
Social Media	Theresa Mummery
InCrowd	Maria Crawford
Scholarships	Joni Kneller
Honorary Service Co-chair	Dawn North
Honorary Service Co-chair	Marissa Bernal
Campus Beautification	Joy Gruver



WE ARE IN NEED OF A FINANCIAL SECRETARY FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR AND NEXT YEAR. NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY, AND ONLINE TRAINING/ SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE! (PLUS YOU WILL HAVE MAJOR SUPPORT FROM OUR TREASURER, ERIC MURAKAMI, WHO IS CURRENTLY DOING THE JOB!)

We are currently looking to fill our board and chairpersons for the 2024-2025 school year.

Go to page 9 for the straw ballot to nominate someone or yourself. Let any of us know if you are interested in chairing an event next year.

Note: We are a fun and easy going group with ZERO drama (unless there is a bee flying around at our meeting!) We'd love to have you on our team!

Let's talk about what PTSA does for your students and teachers at South.

**At South, so many of us spend our time, money, and talents with booster clubs.
So we get that's where most of your time and money goes.**

**We are asking for your membership and Direct Donation to SHS PTSA
for these reasons:**

- Reflections Art Contest (we had one student go all the way to California National level last year!)
- Campus Beautification (we have a committee to clean up weeds and plant succulents around campus)
- Teacher/Staff Welcome Back luncheon in August and Appreciation luncheon in June
- Registration help and welcome committee in August
- Scholarship program awarding money to graduating seniors
- Assisting ASB with Red Ribbon Week and funding any other events
- Honorary Service Awards to community leaders
- College and Career Fair
- Gift to School (In 2022, we were able to donate \$10,000 to the weight room renovations, and this year our committee is working on a gift that will benefit all students and future students)
- GRAD Night for Seniors to have a great time celebrating their milestone
- ACT and SAT practice testing
- Study Skills Seminar for freshmen and new sophomores
- Social Media Communication and updates
- Parent Information Night
- "So You're 18 Now" program where students get a personalized birthday card when they turn 18 with information about registering to vote
- Other voter registration and pre-registration information for 16 and 17 year olds
- Helping South High with planner sales
- Safety and Emergency prep at the school site
- Our InCrowd is partnering with the buddy club to help students with disabilities, and give 'typical' students experiences to see what it feels like to have a disability



South High PTSA Straw Ballot

PTSA Board for the 2024-2025 School Year

The nominating committee for the 2024 – 2025 PTSA school year will be meeting in January. To help this committee in making selections for nominations, please give them your ideas for officers for our PTSA. Write your suggestions/nominations below. Label it “Straw Ballot,” and turn it in to the office, or email to odifranco_pta@yahoo.com on or before January 20. You may suggest yourself, and you may leave some slots open.

President _____

Executive VP _____

1st VP _____

2nd VP _____

3rd VP _____

4th VP _____

Recording Secretary _____

Treasurer _____

Financial Secretary _____

Financial Reviewer (Auditor) _____

Historian _____

Please remember this is only a **Straw Vote**. It is **not binding**. It serves as a way to help the nominating committee in its deliberations.

Thank you for your input and help.

NOMINATIONS

ARE OPEN

HONORARY SERVICE AWARD NOMINATION FORM

The Honorary Service Award Selection Committee requests that members of South High School PTSA assist in the selection of deserving recipients for recognition. Nominated individuals or organizations who have made significant contributions to the well being of children, youth, or families in this school and/or community can be considered for this award. Current members, officers, staff, and teachers may also be considered for this award.

The Honorary Service Award Program includes the Honorary Service Award (HSA), Continuing Service Award (CSA), Golden Oak Service Award (California's highest honor), and Very Special Person Award (VSP).

Specify award category:

Honorary Service Award (HSA)

Very Special Person Award (VSP)

Continuing Service Award (CSA)

Golden Oak Service Award



Name of Individual Nominated: _____

Title or position: _____

Name of organization nominated: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

Reason for nomination: _____

Name of person submitting the nomination: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

All nominations will be considered. The HSA Committee will select the recipients.

Nomination due date: January 22, 2024. Please return the form to our HSA chairs, Marissa Bernal, unomari@pacbell.net or Dawn North, north.dawn@tusd.org. You can also drop off in the school office to Mrs. Cordova.