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This is **your PTSA newsletter** with information about events happening during the school year. There will be 4 issues emailed out this year in September, January, March, and June.

Did you know that PTSA has been serving South High School for 67 years? We were chartered back in 1957!



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

Mark Your Calendars

- 9/13 Study Skills Seminar
- 9/20 Association meeting 5:45
- Back to School Night
- 9/25 Student Free Day
- 10/4 Board Meeting 7 pm
- 10/15 Reflections Submissions due
- 10/21 Practice ACT
- 10/23 Red Ribbon Week
- 11/1 Board Meeting 7 pm
- 11/4 Campus Beautification
- 11/20 Thanksgiving Break
- 12/6 Board Meeting 7 pm
- 12/20 Association Meeting/Choir Concert
- 12/22 Winter Break



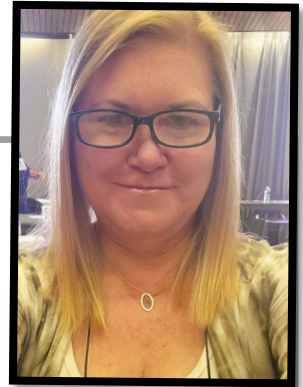
January 2024: Next Spartan Scribe

• 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,

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Hello! I am Julie Sullivan, your PTSA President for the 2023-24 school year. My son, Shay, is a senior this year, and my grandson Myles is a Richardson 8th grader who will attend South next year. I have been Recording Secretary here at South for 2 years, and have chaired several events and been on committees for the last 3 years. I have served on PTA for 12 years at Riviera and Richardson.



I selected the theme, WE ARE ONE TEAM, because I am committed to helping teachers, parents, and students feel like we are all on the same team here at South High.

So far we have over 500 members, including over 80 teachers and staff, even before the first day of school! Please see pg. 5 for information about becoming a member if you have not yet joined. Our goal is to surpass last year's 680 memberships and get to at least 700. (South High won the membership contest between TUSD high schools last year showing our amazing community, and we hope to win again!)

Direct Donation is our big fundraiser for the year that funds all of our PTSA sponsored programs. Please see pg. 5 for information about donating, including getting a free Pura Vida bracelet in South High colors!

I am so lucky to have an amazing group of PTSA board members and chairpersons. Please see pg. 6 for a list of our PTSA leaders as well as news about a few open positions that still need a chairperson if you would like to volunteer.

We've been working all summer to get our programs and events ready. Our first event was helping with Registration in August. Thanks to **Theresa Mummery** for organizing Registration volunteers and tables with great efficiency! Next, PTSA sponsored the annual Teacher/Staff Welcome Back Luncheon with a Taco Cart and amazing desserts. Thanks to **Candice Sluyter** for chairing this event that put a smile on everyone's face the day before school started. Our next event will be the Study Skills Seminar on September 13, run by chair, **Keith Musick**, and hosted by South's **Ms. Shultz**. There is still time to register. Go to page 8 for more information. We are also working on the popular Reflections Art Contest. Thanks to **Ryan Rauzon** and **Kristina Burrows** for co-chairing this valuable program. See page 4 for info on how your child can submit an entry this year. **Leslie Johnson** has already been hard at work for our seniors' GRAD Night Celebration. Go to pg.7 for info on how to order lawn signs and wolf pjs for your senior.

THANK YOU so much to everyone who volunteered and donated time and food to help with these PTSA events!

Email me anytime if you are interested in volunteering!

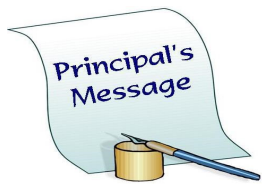
Our future board meeting dates are 10/4, 11/1, 12/6, 1/10, 2/7, 3/6, 4/10, 5/8, and 6/5. We meet in person at 7 pm in Room R-4. Our Association meeting dates are 9/20, 12/20, 2/21, and 4/24. Times and locations will be sent out via email from the school.

To learn more about how PTSA supports all students and teachers at South, go to pg. 9. Let's have a great year!



-Julie Sullivan, PTSA President 2023-24

Thanks to 81 Teachers, Staff, and & Faculty who joined our PTSA!



A Message From Our Principal, Mr. Evans, evans.jim@tusd.org



Hello PTSA Partners,

As we start the school year, I am very appreciative for the many ways you support our students and school.

We've had a great start which began with registration—something we couldn't have done without your help getting student schedules out and providing access to such great supports as our planners and your Study Skills Night, which is coming up.

You also added a huge lift to our staff with the delicious welcome-back membership lunch.

I know you do so much more as well, and I am grateful. It takes a community to support our goal of developing students. We are Scholarly, Open-minded, United, Thoughtful, and Honorable—thank you for being a part of that at SOUTH.

-Mr. Evans, South High Principal



Meet our ASB Representative, Timothy Oh

SOUTH HIGH

Tim works for ASB as the Commissioner of Public Relations. Our PTSA is happy to have him attending our board meetings to give us updates on the Student Body.

Tim is a senior who has worked in South High Leadership as a class representative his freshman and Junior years. He is on the Varsity Volleyball team. Tim also participates in the special education buddy program at South.

His favorite subject is Math and his favorite teacher this year is Mr. Imamura. Tim is applying to many colleges, including NYU, and plans to get an MBA.

Outside of school, Tim plays music as a praise leader at his church. As a volunteer, he raised money over the summer to buy/update basketball equipment for South's buddy program.

We are lucky to have Tim on our PTSA team!

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





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2023-2024

**CALL FOR
ENTRIES!**

I am Hopeful Because...

Explore the arts and
express yourself!

Learn more and get involved!
[PTA.org/Reflections](https://pta.org/reflections)



It's time to start preparing your wonderful
Reflections entries for submission!



The google form to submit will be published soon.



The submission deadline is October 15, 2023.

All submissions are collected digitally.



Please remember to review the Reflections rules by category
before you submit:

<https://capta.org/resource/participant-forms/>



Include a detailed artist statement to let us know how your work
relates to the theme!

Email our Reflections Chairs, Kristina Burrows and Ryan Rauzon with questions.
kristina@sk8family.com and ryan@summitstrategygroup.net



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...especially for seniors who will be applying for Scholarships.

Membership costs \$10 per family member.

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!

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THANKS FOR DONATING!
WE APPRECIATE YOUR GENEROSITY

If you already purchased the bundle online, bracelets will be passed out during lunch on Tuesday, September 12 in the mall. Look for the PTSA table.

Direct Donations are tax deductible.

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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	Cheryl Yamashita
Treasurer	Eric Murakami
Auditor	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	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



We are looking for chairpersons for the following programs this year (no experience needed...there are online training videos!)

- Campus Beautification: Twice a year on Saturdays; organize volunteers and work within your budget or get donations for plants/supplies.
- eWaste: Once a year on a Saturday to work with the eWaste company and set up 8 parking stalls.
- Scholarships: Work with a committee to read applications and select 5 honorees. Purchase certificates and attend the awards night in February.
- Honorary Service: Work with a committee to nominate and select community honorees. Purchase awards and RSVP to the Torrance Council dinner for South.

We need volunteers for the following:

- ⇒ Nominating Committee
- ⇒ Gift to School Committee
- ⇒ Honorary Service Committee
- ⇒ Scholarship Committee
- ⇒ Teacher Appreciation Volunteers
- ⇒ TCPTA Delegates (Alternates)
- ⇒ Reflections Judges



2024 *class of*



GRAD NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Class of 2024 Wolf Pajama bottoms and Graduation Lawn signs on sale now! Don't miss out on a way to show class spirit and help fundraise for this year's Grad Night.



Class of 2024 Wolf Pajama bottoms \$40.



Lawn sign with name printed on it \$30.



Lawn sign without name printed on it \$25.

PACKAGE DEAL - \$65

Class of 2024 pajama bottoms and lawn sign with name on it. (A savings of \$5)

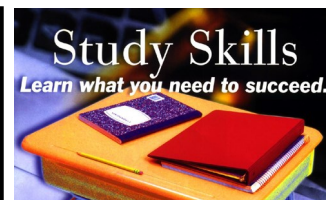


Use this link or QR code to place your order online:

south-high-pta.square.site

Lawn signs 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.

Study Skills & Test Taking Strategies Seminar



Wednesday, September 13, 2023

6:00 - 8:30 pm in the South High Library

Fee: \$30 (check payable to South High PTA)

This is an opportunity for your student to set goals and identify personal strengths and weaknesses in order to get the most out of his/her four years at South High School. This 2 1/2 hour intensive course in study skills and techniques will aid your SHS student in focusing on and attaining positive academic results.

- Analyzing Your Learning Style
- Taking Lecture Notes
- Managing Your Time
- Reading for Results
- Test Taking Strategies
- Relating to Your Teachers

This seminar is designed to help entering high school freshmen and new sophomores to gain better study habits and learning skills. It will be taught by an inspirational and motivational speaker who is a certified teacher and experienced study skills educator. Enrollment is limited, due to space, to the first 75 students who register. Return form and payment to PTA table during registration, SHS office, or mail to South High School PTA, 4801 Pacific Coast Highway, Torrance, CA 90505.

No food or drinks allowed.

Appropriate classroom behavior is mandatory.

A reminder email will be sent, but NO REFUNDS will be given.

For further information, please contact Keith Musick at musick.keith@tusd.org.

STUDY SKILLS - REGISTRATION FORM

Student's Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email (*PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY*): _____

STUDY SKILLS SEMINAR (9/13/23) \$30.00

Cash or check enclosed \$ _____

Please make checks payable to South High School PTA.

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
- 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

