**Message from the President:**

Welcome to the new school year! My name is Shari Kaku and I am honored to be your PTA president. Our theme continues to be, “Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.” It reminds us that when we - parents, teachers, school staff and students - all work together we can accomplish more. Our PTA is a completely volunteer organization working to support ALL the students of Torrance High.

**Please join our PTSA. Membership is $8.** Membership applications are available in the Principal’s Office and on this website. You can also support us through a direct donation.

How can you help us?

* You can help volunteer at events or at school - let us know if you can help by filling out the *Parent Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet* available in the Principal’s Office and on this website. We will contact you if help is needed.
* You can donate food and/or drinks for our Casino Night in March or our Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week in May
* You can attend PTSA sponsored events – come join us on:
  + **Parent Night** – November 15, 2017 (time and place TBA)
  + **Casino Night** – March 3, 2018; 6:00PM @ Lemonade Stand

More events our PTSA supports and sponsors this year:

* **Reflections Contest** – Theme: *Within Reach;* Applications are online or available in the Principal’s Office. **Due by October 19th at 4pm in the Principal’s Office**.
* **Red Ribbon Week** – October 23 – 27
* **Skechers Walk** – Sunday, October 29th and on this website.
* **SAT/ACT Bootcamps** – sessions will be offered for a nominal fee with the first SAT session starting in September and ACT session starting in October. Additional sessions will be offered in the Spring. Forms are available in the Principal’s Office, College/Career Center or on this website.
* **College Fair** – Saturday, February 24, 2018 - a district-wide fair for all students and parents to attend – THS HS, 10am – 1pm

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**PTSA Officers 2017-2018**

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| President – Shari Kaku  1st VP – Programs – Desiree Miller  2nd VP – Ways and Means – Mary Ellen Nobuhara  3rd VP – Membership – Chizuko Morimoto  Treasurer – Tamie Nakano  Recording Secretary – Mylee Tynen  Auditor – Carrie Kikuno  Financial Secretary – Sharyl Yamada  Parliamentarian – Nancy Kacius  Corresponding Secretary – Nancy Munekata  Historian – Judy Briggs  Advisor – Karim Girgis  Teacher Rep – Kelly Gasset  Representatives:  JH Hull MS – Carrie Kikuno  Madrona MS – Danette Bothwell | Chairman  Back to School Welcome Lunch – Debbie Hays  Casino Night – Shari Kaku  Casino Night Silent Auction – Karen Bunauan  College Fair – Maude Choy & Shari Kaku  Emergency Prep – Judy Briggs  Grad Night – Chizuko Morimoto & Mary Ellen Nobuhara  Honorary Service Award – Danielle Nash & Lucy Sheardown  Hospitality – Debbie Hays  Legislation – Erin Jongsma  Market Programs – Danielle Roth  Membership – Chizuko Morimoto  Reflections – Sherri Anderson  SAT/ACT Bootcamp – Danielle Nash  Scholarship – Dennis Kikuno  Skechers Walk – Tamie Nakano  Staff Appreciation – Alma Howell  TEF Foundation – Camilla Seferian  Volunteer Registrar – Lucy Sheardown  Website – Glenda Simpson |

Delegates to Torrance Council of PTAs – Alma Howell & Danielle Nash

Alternate: Lucy Sheardown

**Board of Directors Meeting Dates**:

6pm in the THS Library

2017: 9/14, 10/11, 11/1, 12/6\*

2018: 1/8, 2/7, 3/7, 4/4, 5/2, 6/6\*

\*Alternate site to be announced

**Association Meeting Dates:**

2017

9/27 – Back to School Night, 5:30 in Main Gym

12/6– Winter Concert, 6:45 Location – Little Theater

2018

2/28 – Honorary Service Award, Reflections Awards & Nominations – 6:00 in Little Theater

5/23 – Achievement Awards – 5:45 in Auditorium

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If you have any questions, please contact Shari Kaku at ptashari@gmail.com