**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 Kaku1st VP – Programs – Desiree Miller2nd VP – Ways and Means – Mary Ellen Nobuhara3rd VP – Membership – Chizuko MorimotoTreasurer – Tamie NakanoRecording Secretary – Mylee TynenAuditor – Carrie KikunoFinancial Secretary – Sharyl YamadaParliamentarian – Nancy KaciusCorresponding Secretary – Nancy MunekataHistorian – Judy BriggsAdvisor – Karim GirgisTeacher Rep – Kelly GassetRepresentatives:JH Hull MS – Carrie KikunoMadrona MS – Danette Bothwell | ChairmanBack to School Welcome Lunch – Debbie HaysCasino Night – Shari KakuCasino Night Silent Auction – Karen BunauanCollege Fair – Maude Choy & Shari KakuEmergency Prep – Judy BriggsGrad Night – Chizuko Morimoto & Mary Ellen NobuharaHonorary Service Award – Danielle Nash & Lucy SheardownHospitality – Debbie HaysLegislation – Erin JongsmaMarket Programs – Danielle RothMembership – Chizuko MorimotoReflections – Sherri Anderson SAT/ACT Bootcamp – Danielle NashScholarship – Dennis KikunoSkechers Walk – Tamie NakanoStaff Appreciation – Alma HowellTEF Foundation – Camilla SeferianVolunteer Registrar – Lucy SheardownWebsite – 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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