

Plano Senior High School



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As incoming president of the Plano Senior High School Parent Teacher Student Association, I would like to thank you all for giving me this platform to serve. My board and I want to welcome you to the start of a wonderful new school year. We look forward to the challenge and opportunity to help enrich and impact our students greatly.

As an organization, it is often difficult to find leaders, volunteers, and workers, since we all live in a very busy world where everyone's time is limited. Please consider taking up a board position, being a part of our volunteer pool, or even making a financial donation. I strongly request you and your students join our PSHS PTSA. Membership dues are \$20 for the first member and \$5.00 for each additional person. The money goes directly towards providing quality programs, activities, and services for the students, parents and staff. For the year 2008-2009 the PTSA will sponsor in part or full the following –

***Informative Parent Programs.*** The PTSA and our counselors at Plano Senior High will conduct programs such as an Introduction to Plano Senior, Financial Aid for college, Post High school alternatives to college, and Developing Healthy Relationships with your student. One of the major objectives of the PTSA is Parent Education.

***Educational Opportunities.*** The PTSA is proud to host The Princeton Review practice test. High School students may take a practice PSAT, ACT or SAT on a Saturday morning and join The Princeton Review staff for a strategy session the following Thursday evening. Practice test sessions are held before the official test dates around Plano in the fall and spring.

***Plano After Prom.*** The biggest PTSA supported event of the year is Plano After Prom. It is a drug and alcohol-free event that directly follows the Senior Prom. With over 750 students in attendance last year, over \$25,000 in scholarships and prizes were given away to PSHS seniors. Students do not have to attend Prom, nor do they have to bring a date to participate. Plano After Prom is successful because of the community sponsors and our parent volunteers who spend many hours planning this worthwhile event. **Please consider a monetary donation with your Membership dues in the enclosed PTSA Membership envelope.**

***Reflections ARTS Program.*** The National PTA sponsors an amazing arts program for students from pre-K through Senior High. Last year, 2 PSHS students advanced to state competition with their *Reflections* entries. Students may enter multiple times in the categories of Visual Arts, Photography, Music, Literature, Dance Choreography, and Film Production. Official rules and entry forms can be found on the Texas PTA website at [www.txpta.org](http://www.txpta.org).

***Teacher Appreciation and Education Support.*** PTSA funds support educational grants and contribute to the Teacher of the Year Banquet. This year PTSA provided instructional materials for the Foreign Language, Math, Criminal Justice, Special Education and Art Departments along with books for the Library. Volunteers are always needed for Teacher Appreciation events.

***Communications.*** In order to keep our families well informed, the PTSA assists the administration in developing newsletters and contributes to the Wildcat e-news and the Parent's Corner of the Plano Senior Website at <http://k-12.pisd.edu/Schools/PSHS/>.

***Volunteer Opportunities.*** The PSHS faculty and staff welcome and appreciate their volunteers. Please review and complete the attached PTSA Volunteer Form. Volunteers should also complete an online Volunteer Application *each* year through the PISD website at [www.pisd.edu](http://www.pisd.edu). Updates can be completed after July 1, 2008.

Your PTSA wants to know what new programs and services you would like us to offer. Please turn this page over and fill out the short survey. Return it at registration or to the PSHS Fishbowl in Building B.

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