



Prep October 2009 Talk



News for Sandia Prep Families

Dear Parents:

Homecoming is a great opportunity to see our graduates and their families. I am so proud of the alumni who bring their children back to campus, but I was also struck this year by the juxtaposition of current and past students—and their parents.

Parents of alumni seem to have recaptured much of the togetherness and value of family that is often (sadly) lost in adolescence. Much of our staff's time is spent counseling parents of middle school students—parents who are distraught at the sense of loss they feel as their children “move on” from childhood interests and dependencies to the brave new world of teen-hood. In theory we know that at some time children must set aside childish ways. As they grope for a more adult identity there is pain when the effort often results in less of the things—time, shared interests, respect—that make childhood so much fun for parents.

It almost seems that for an adolescent to “fill” her cup, she must take from the cup of her parents. The losses might include less family time and an (almost) obsession with peers. There is an allure for the child toward grown-up interests and possessions—and the cultural themes in music, movies and cults of celebrity are too often anti-family and so different from the cozy and comfortable interests of childhood. We must, as parents, moderate freedom and protect our children at the very time in their lives when they want and feel less dependent and connected to us.

Gloomy? Pessimistic? Hardly!

The adult alumni and their parents have reestablished many of the bonds of childhood. Some of the glue that became unstuck for a fourteen-year-old seems to have regained adhesion among adults. Perhaps as adults they have negotiated the power differences that represented a point of conflict in the years of growth and transition. Intuitively we understand the need for our youngsters to express their independence, and for emerging adults to regain respect and express gratitude for parents who have stood by them through the hard years of adolescence.

Parenting is always hard work and the joy flows from different sources with each decade. The good part of pulling away is less apparent until as young adults, our children return for advice, family events and the quiet thrill that being home again often brings. I understand the pain and accompanying anger and angst parents feel during the period of teen questioning and challenge—but in observing our alumni “family,” I am heartened to see the return of affection, empathy, respect and companionship between generations.

Sincerely,

Dick Heath
Headmaster

October 2009 Highlights

1, Thursday.....	NHS Induction, SPS Theater, 7:00 p.m.
6, Tuesday.....	Chorus Concert, SPS Theater, 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
7, Wednesday.....	Jazz Band Concert, SPS Theater, 7:00 p.m.
8, Thursday.....	November <i>PrepTalk</i> deadline, cwalthers@sandiaprep.org
8, Thursday.....	1st Marking Period Ends
9, Friday.....	Faculty Work Day; No School
11, Sunday.....	New Mexico College Fair, ABQ Convention Center, 12:00-3:00 p.m.
12, Monday.....	Tri-School College Symposium, Russell Student Center
13, Tuesday.....	Photo Make-up Day, 11:00-1:00 p.m.
14, Wednesday.....	PSAT and EXPLORE Testing
16, Friday.....	Parent/Teacher Conferences; No School
16, Friday.....	PrepFest
19, Monday.....	1st Annual Sandia Prep Golf Tournament at Tanoan Country Club
20, Tuesday.....	Upper School All-State auditions at UNM
24, Saturday.....	ACT, Sandia Prep, Check-in begins at 7:15 a.m.
22, Thursday- 24, Saturday.....	SPS Theater Department Presents "Fiddler on the Roof," 7:00 p.m., Theater, email tickets@sandiaprep.org
25, Sunday.....	SPS Theater Department Presents "Fiddler on the Roof," 6:00 p.m., Theater, email tickets@sandiaprep.org
25, Sunday.....	Meet Prep, 2:00 p.m.
26, Monday.....	Parents Association Meeting, 12:00 noon, Heath Board Room
30, Friday.....	Middle School Halloween Dance, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Russel Student Center

November 2009 Highlights

6, Friday.....	Fall Break; No School
10, Tuesday.....	PLAN Test
14, Saturday.....	Admission Testing
15, Sunday.....	Financial Aid Seminar, SPS Theater, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
16, Monday.....	First Choice Applications Due
23, Monday.....	Parents Association Meeting, 12:00 noon Heath Board Room
25, Wednesday.....	Grandparents' Day, 1:00 p.m. Dismissal
26, Thursday- 27, Friday.....	Thanksgiving Break; No School

School News

Golf Tournament: Team Registration Now Open

Set aside Monday, October 19 for a round of fall golf at Tanoan Country Club to support Sandia Prep's financial aid program.



Event Details

Registration and lunch will begin at 11:00 a.m. with a noon shotgun start. An awards ceremony and dinner party will

immediately follow tournament play. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams and to winners of the hole-in-one, closest to the pin, longest drive and putting contests.

Register Now

Registration Fee: \$125 per player/\$500 per team. [Click here](#) to register online or call 505.338.3022.

Hole Sponsorships Available

Companies and families wishing to show their support of Sandia Prep's financial aid program can do so by sponsoring a hole for \$150. [Click here](#) to sign up to sponsor a hole.

2009- 2010 Annual Fund - Off and Running! Middle School Boys Basketball

The 2009-2010 Annual Fund is off to a great start with support from our Trustees, parents and faculty. On September 22, 23 and 24, the Trustees and 27 additional parent volunteers contacted other parents and secured \$93,356 in gifts and pledges during the Annual Fund Phonathon. Thanks to co-chairs Barbara Lebeck and Gail Vavruska-Marcum and the following volunteers, this very important fundraising effort will benefit our students by providing funds to meet unplanned needs and opportunities not covered by the cost of tuition throughout the year.

Our Phonathon volunteers were: **Cristina Adams, Earnest Arko, Kim Beauford, Molly Bell, Cindy Cronin, Katie Eaton, Kathryn Fatuross, Liz Fleddermann, Hossein Giahi, Montine Gibbons, Darbi Gill, Eddie Gomez, Zane Heard, Jerry Lovato, Anthony Masciotra, Kim McKibben, Joyce Medina, Anne- Marie Morosin, Sandra Pacheco, Lee Ann Riesen, Diane Souder, Mary Stiff, Cathy Taylor, Pauline Tenorio, Stella Vigil, Janet Williams, and Laura Wofford.**

First Choice: It's A Sandia Prep Family Option

If you have a student currently attending Sandia Prep and another child who will be applying to SPS in the sixth or ninth grades for the 2010-2011 school year, you may take advantage of our First Choice plan. We offer this special application privilege to families who have decided, after careful consideration and evaluation of all other options, that Sandia Prep is their first choice.

We will consider First Choice applicants in the same manner that we consider the regular applicant pool. It is the goal of the Admission Committee to adhere to the mission of the school and create a balanced class with regard to interests, talents, background and personalities. Each child admitted under the First Choice plan must be just as qualified as any child ultimately admitted from the large pool of students that apply in the spring. One formal decision will be made – to admit a child, or not to admit. It is important to understand that, as in the case of the main applicant pool, not every First Choice applicant will receive admission. All First Choice applicants must take our early admission test on Saturday, November 14; all elements of the file must be completed by Monday, November 16. First Choice files will be reviewed in early December and notification of the admission decision will be mailed by December 11, 2009.

If you would like a First Choice application packet for your child, call Jan Vanderburg at 338-3007 today.

Activity begins in October as the second grading period begins. Regular season begins in January.

For more information about the middle school teams, parents are invited to check out Coach Carpenter's website: <http://www.coachcarpenter.info/coach/sandiaprep.html>

Fiddler on the Roof

Fiddler on the Roof will be the SPS Upper School musical this year, presented by Prep's Theater and Music Departments. The heartwarming, delightful story of Tevye and his daughters stars **Alex McCue '10** and **Lauren Harness '10** as Tevye and his wife Golde. Others playing featured roles include **Amica Hunter '10** (Yente), **Andrew Mazer '10** (Lazar Wolf), **Caleb Horst '11** (Motel), **James Fisk '11** (Perchik), **Michaela Swift '13** (Chava), and **James Sandison '11** (Fyedka). Biology teacher **Chuck Buxbaum** will play the Rabbi. Don't miss it!

7th Grade Harvest Festival Oct. 14

The 7th Grade class will be celebrating the fruits of their labor in the garden with the annual Harvest Festival on Wednesday, Oct. 14. They will participate in a variety of activities including ristra stringing, gourd decorating, bread baking in the horno, planting garlic, and cooking fry bread and tortillas. We will be treated with presentations from Navajo storyteller Pearl Sunrise, and Mayan Farmers from Guatemalan farmers. All seventh graders will contribute a southwestern or indigenous dish for a potluck feast. We are looking for parents of 7th graders to help out with projects in the garden, harvest activities, and preparing the luncheon. Please contact Karen Lyall at 338-3018, klyall@sandiaprep.org.

Middle School Halloween Dance Oct. 30

Thanks to the parent volunteers and faculty who chaperoned the Homecoming Dance and to all those who donated treats. A good time was enjoyed by all. Thank you! The next Middle School event is the Halloween Dance, which will be held on Friday, October 30 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Russell Student Center. All students in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades are welcome to attend. A small admission fee is required at the door and snacks are available at an additional cost. Halloween costumes are encouraged, but not required. Parents choosing to donate treats for the dance are asked to bring individually wrapped

items anytime Friday and leave them with Mr. Owens, the 9th/10th Grade Coordinator. The dance is supervised by teachers and parent volunteers; all students need to be picked up by 8:00 p.m. All school rules apply – please see the Student Handbook. While this event is called a dance, it has a party atmosphere and is generally enjoyed by all who attend.

Important Reminder: Field House Dropoff

Parents, we need your help. When dropping your student off in the morning in the Field House parking lot, it is **imperative that you pull your vehicle ALL the way forward**, towards the west end of the lot. Many parents are dropping off students directly in front of the Field House doors, which is causing a major traffic bottleneck on Osuna and a safety hazard. Please remember that the West (main) parking lot is also available for drop off. Thank you for helping to ensure that morning traffic flows smoothly and safely.

Noche de Celebración Is Coming!

On Saturday, April 10, 2010, Sandia Prep will celebrate its fourth biennial benefit dinner and auction in honor of Dick Heath, who this year concludes an extraordinary tenure as Sandia Prep's fifth and longest serving headmaster. Dick has led Sandia Prep for 24 of its 43 years and has guided the School to excellence with extraordinary vision, passion, and energy.

Noche de Celebración will be held at the fabulous Sandia Resort and Casino and will include silent and live auctions as well as a tribute to Dick. Planning is underway for this important event, so mark your calendars now! Funds raised through this exciting event will be directed to completing campus improvements that have been an integral part of Dick's vision for the school.

If you would like to be a part of the planning for this event, please contact Noche committee chair Lorna Wiggins or Sandia Prep Associate Director of Development Roxanna Caird.

Discounted Defined Fitness Memberships Available

Sandia Prep has partnered with Defined Fitness to offer a discounted gym membership to all Defined Fitness premier locations. If you are paying more than \$37.36 per month in gym membership fees, this program can save you money. Sandia Prep family and friends are eligible.

Below are the family rates.

Family Monthly Rate

Family of 4 - \$100 (\$106.75 w/tax)

Family of 5 - \$125 (\$133.44 w/tax)

Family of 6 - \$150 (\$160.13 w/tax)

Family One Time Only Initial Fee - \$100 (\$106.75 w/tax) This is the total fee for families with 4 - 6 members.

Contact Cheryl Davis in the front office at 338-3000 or by email at cdavis@sandiaprep.org for details.

SummerPrep 2010 International Experience: Japan

Join Sandia Prep faculty and staff on our excursion to Japan during SummerPrep 2010. The customized trip to Japan includes historical and cultural sites from southern to central Japan.

This unique opportunity includes travel to the industrial city of Osaka, the Hiroshima Peace Park and Memorial, the nearby island of Miyajima with its Shinto shrines and Buddhist temples, the historical capital of Kyoto and nearby Nara, the city of Nagoya, the fascinating Ukiyo-e Museum in Matsumoto, and a few days in the magical city of Tokyo. One of the highlights of the trip will be a visit to the traditional village of Takayama. This small town in the Japanese Alps is a fascinating look at Japan as it was 100s of years ago.

The trip includes most meals, guides, and a summer experience unlike any other. Travel by bus, train, and Shinkansen (bullet train) are included in the price. Hotels are excellent and the service is impeccable for a trip of this type.

Total Price for the trip depends on the number of travelers. The lowest price is \$3157 and the highest is \$3697. This trip will not travel with a group smaller than 24 students.

For more details including the daily itinerary and a detailed breakdown of costs, please contact Thomas Gentry-Funk, Program Director at tgentryfunk@sandiaprep.org.

Parent News

Parent Association News

I'd like to start off by offering a big "Thank You!" to all of the parents who volunteered during the month of September. September is such a busy month for Prep and the Parents

Association and lots of volunteers lent a hand to make every event possible.

School Photos – once again went smoothly thanks to Cathy Taylor and Beth Skinner and all the volunteers who helped throughout the day. Additionally, Student ID cards were delivered to all of the students within two weeks of picture day – impressive! As a reminder, if your student was absent or if you were not happy with the original pictures, retakes will be done on Tuesday, October 13 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Back to School Night – was a success thanks to Laurie Hall and Nancy Kirkwood for organizing all of the wonderful refreshments for parents as they made their way through their child's busy school schedule. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to visit with other parents and meet their child's teachers. Many thanks to those who baked cookies and volunteered their time to make the evening enjoyable!

Thanks to **Jeanne Collins, Kathy Armijo** and **Carolyn James**, and all of the other parent volunteers for a fun Middle School Homecoming Dance. The kids all seemed to have a great time not only dancing but also enjoying the other fun activities.

The Homecoming BBQ is a success every year due to the organization and hard work done by the Committee and its many volunteers! Thank you, **Christine Turpin** and **Linda Byrd** for all of the organization, time and implementation that went into making it a great event! Thanks to the 35 volunteers who were busy preparing lunch for families of Prep students along with our guests from visiting teams. Adding to the fun of the BBQ, the Alumni Affairs office once again provided the Jumper, Face-painting and Snow Cones, which were very popular among the kids. The Booster Club was busy selling a variety of Prep spirit wear along with the commemorative Homecoming T-shirt – thanks for helping us all show our school spirit. Lastly, a BIG thank-you goes to the great Maintenance and Custodial Staff for their hard work throughout the day. The Homecoming BBQ is a huge undertaking, requiring hours of preparation and "off the field" teamwork, and is greatly appreciated by all!

It is not too late to become involved in Parents Association activities. Just go to the **Parents** section of the Sandia Prep Web site (www.sandiaprep.org) and click on **Volunteer** to see the opportunities that are available for you.

Our next Parents Association Meeting will be held on Monday, October 26 at 12:00 noon in the Heath Board Room of the Russell Student Center. Bring your lunch and learn "what's going on at Prep." Hope to see you there!

– Anne Sapon
President, SPS Parent Association

Volunteer at Prep!

You are invited to attend the Parents Association meeting on Monday, October 26 at noon in the Heath Board Room of the Russell Student Center. You'll learn a lot about what's going on at school, including important news from our headmaster, Dick Heath. The meeting usually lasts less than an hour, and you're welcome to bring your lunch. New parents bring new ideas and new ways to help the school, and we appreciate the broad variety of ways that parents get involved.

Many thanks to all the parents who have responded to our call for help with the September Homecoming activities. Parents returned the form found in the September *PrepTalk* electronic newsletter, and also used the new, easy link set up on the Parents section of the school Web site. Trish Bennett says the link is working great, and responses come directly to her. She's set up a quick response to let you know that your volunteer information has been received and then forwards it to the appropriate committee chair. Chairs of the various committees will also acknowledge that they have received your information. By early September, we had over 130 parents who have offered to help at the school, and we are so thankful for your generous donation of time and good ideas.

If you haven't volunteered to help with any events at the school, there are so many ways to be involved. Planning for and coordinating Parents Association events will take place throughout the school year. You do not have to be available during the (school) day, since meetings are planned according to the volunteers' schedules, and may often include evenings and weekends. You can volunteer using the Parent Volunteer Opportunities form included in this e-newsletter (and which was also mailed to your home during the summer in a school packet). Perhaps you picked up a form at Back to School Night. The printed form must be returned to the Prep front office. An even quicker option is to use the abbreviated form on the school Web site. Go to www.sandiaprep.org and click on **Parents**, then click on **Volunteer**. It's quick and easy (only takes a couple of minutes), so do it now!

—Cathy Taylor (cathy@eterascale.com)

Trish Bennett (kidcoach@comcast.net)

SPSPA Membership / Volunteer Coordinators

Welcome Volunteers Needed

Remember the nervousness of your first visit to Prep, child in tow for your student and parent interviews? We have formed a committee to assist our Admission staff in making

our prospective families feel welcome and to put parents and children at ease.

We're looking for volunteers who will be stationed in the admission area to greet families as they arrive in the morning and as they leave at the end of the day. You will be the friendly face who will introduce prospective students with their buddies and answer any questions parents might have. Volunteers are needed from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 2:15 to 3:15 p.m., generally from the beginning of November through mid-December and then again from January through mid-February.

You can sign up for a regular once-a-week shift or simply for individual sessions. For more information, contact Ellen Marks at elmarks@comcast.net or Kim Beauford at kbeauford@gmail.com.

School Photos and ID Cards

School photos were taken in late August, and the ID cards and photo packages were distributed in mid-September. If your child missed photo day, or you weren't happy with how the photos looked, Re-take Day is Tuesday, October 13. It is a short schedule, 11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. only, in the West Gym. (You must return the unwanted photo package in order to retake photos.) Even if you don't care to purchase photos, this is the photo that is printed in the yearbook and is also used to create the student's ID card. Any faculty who missed Photo Day are encouraged to stop by the West Gym on Re-take Day as well.

If needed, you can download a copy of the order form from the Sandia Prep web site (www.sandiaprep.org), click on **Parents** and click [link to the form](#).

The Parents Association appreciates your support of the School Photo program. And again, many thanks to the parents who volunteered time to help on Photo Day and with the distribution of ID cards and photo packets, including Peggy Abney, Suzette Brooks, Catherine Silling, Robin Thomas and Kimberly Zanius.

—Cathy Taylor and Beth Skinner
School Photo Chairs

Thanks to Grade Level Event Hosts

The grade level parent parties appear to have been a great success this year. Each event was well attended, with an average of 45 guests, while 75 parents attended the 9th grade get-together and 80 attended the 6th grade event. Everyone put in a lot of effort to make these parties special. From all accounts they sound as if they were fabulous!

Thanks again to all who attended and especially to the hosts! It's never too early to think about hosting a party for next year, so please feel free to contact me if you are interested.

– Shawne Blackburn

More Delicious Snacks To Thank Our Faculty

In September faculty snacks were provided by parent volunteers Irene Williams, Michelle Walters, Mary Meinelt, and Angie Adams. A "tip of the hat" to Roxanna Caird (SPS Associate Director of Development) who also arranged for the school to provide snacks one day for the faculty in early September! Thanks to all the parent volunteers who have generously provided snacks for the faculty thus far this year and to those who have signed up for the weeks ahead.

We still have openings in November and December if you'd like to participate in this wonderful gesture to show our awesome faculty how much we appreciate their commitment to our kids! If you want to partner, please let me know and I will try to match you — or you can let me know if you already have a partner in mind. Pairing up can make it easier to provide snacks for about 100 people.

Thanks again for your support of this SPS tradition!

– Molly Bell, Committee Chair

Another Great Back to School Night

Back to School Night on Thursday, September 10 was a huge success. Many parents were seen roaming the classrooms and halls, meeting and greeting teachers and other parents. The Russell Student Center buzzed with parents and staff as they munched baked goodies and consumed punch provided by our Sandia Prep parent volunteers and Le Chantilly Bakery. Thank you to all of our volunteers including: **Cathy and Lee Taylor, Liz Trainor, Jenifer Getz, Ellen Thorn-Skrak, Kimberly Zanius, Hossein Giah, Leslie Firkins, Richmond Kilpatrick, Jodi Wolfel, Monet Silva-Caldwell, Andrea LEvy, Hilma Chynoweth, Diana McEnnemy, Shawne Blackburn, Jeanne Collins, Cathy Dexter, Anne Sapon, Martye Womble, Linda Byrd, Collette Jury, Liz Kirschner, Daphne Harvey-Strader, Dawne Glass, Theresa Houser, Irene Williams, Kathleen Atkin, Kenneth Hall, Don Tennent and Rose-Marie Strach.** Also a big thank-you to **Nancy Kirkwood** as co-chair. She has a graduating Senior this year and has helped with this event for many years. Thank you to everyone for making this a successful and fun evening!

– Your Back To School Night Reception Committee

Booster Club News

Does your child play sports? Would you like to become more involved but aren't sure how? Join the Sandia Prep Booster Club. Your membership allows you to have an active voice in Booster Club activities and the monies generated support all athletics at Prep while promoting school spirit. The membership is just \$25 per year and when you join, you will receive a license plate and frame. We also have a drawing each month for a free Booster Club item.

The Booster Club apparel store is in the Supply Store, which is open from 7:30 a.m. till 3:45 p.m. daily. If you are on campus, please come by to see what we have in stock. Many new things arrive daily and special orders are always welcome. This month's specialty item is a "Sundevil onesie" that you can give to your favorite baby Sundevil!

How about concessions? Are you a middle school parent who might be willing to help during your child's basketball or volleyball game? Come by the Sundevil Snack Shoppe in the West Gym! We are always looking for volunteers and it's a fun and easy way to get involved.

Time To Order Your Student's Letter Gear

Has your child earned a Varsity letter either in athletics, yearbook, performing arts or student government? Now is the time to order your letter jacket, sweater or blanket!

Sandia Prep Letter Jacket Package Price	\$265
Sandia Prep Letter Sweater Package Price	\$145
Sandia Prep Letter Blanket Package price	\$245

For more information, contact Margaret Duran at mgduranmom@aol.com. Orders take about 6 weeks, so place your orders now and receive your items in time for the cold weather.

Proceeds from the sale of all SPS jackets, sweaters and blankets go to the Sandia Prep Booster Club to benefit all Sundevil athletes!

Target REDcard Users Can Designate Prep

Through Take Charge of Education, purchases by families, teachers, and community members can benefit Sandia Prep. When you designate Sandia Prep, Target donates 1% of every purchase you make with your REDcard to Prep. Take Charge of Education dollars are donated to Prep twice a year. Prep has used these funds for resources such as books, field trips, new technology, and supplies. To learn more about the program, visit Target.com/tcoe.

PrepTalk Deadline

PrepTalk is a monthly newsletter designed to keep Sandia Prep parents informed about school activities and events.

If you have a submission or a suggestion, contact Celeste Walther by phone at 338-3010, via email at cwalther@sandiaprep.org, or leave a note for Celeste in her faculty mailbox.

The deadline to submit information for the November issue of *PrepTalk* is Thursday, October 8.

Exactly how does the Parents Association help the School?

The SPSPA is visible on a daily basis, operating the Supply Store in the Russell Student Center. From the Used (text) Book Sale and Back-to-School Supply Sale held every August, to the Graduation Reception, the SPSPA is also involved in Homecoming, School Photos, Back-to-School Night (a night for parents), snacks for prospective students, grade level dances and parties, the college counseling program, and hosting receptions for the Honor Society, school theater productions and welcoming New Parents. On a weekly basis, volunteers provide a snack for the faculty and at the end of each semester host an appreciation luncheon for the faculty. In addition to all these services, we find volunteers to help with other special needs that might arise during the year.

Annually, parents donate more than 5,800 hours of service with an added value of nearly \$135,000 to Sandia Prep. Whether you volunteer on a regular schedule, or can help for a few hours at one event, your participation is valued and appreciated.



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Recent gifts to Sandia Prep from the Parents Association include:

- New hurdles for Athletic Dept.
- Wireless headsets for Theater Dept.
- Video camera/tripod/TV-Dance Program
- Enlarger for Photography Dept.
- Instruments/Equipment for Music Dept.
- Window blinds for the Commons
- OSCAR (flat screen message board) for the Russell Student Center
- Chairs/tables for Russell Student Center
- Binders for College Counseling Program
- Two security gates for new Field House
- Donation to 6th -7th Grade Garden Project
- \$3,500 annual donation to endowment fund
- \$2,000 annual donation to library fund
- \$1,000 annual donation to faculty coffee fund
- School planners for faculty
- Community of Concern Parents Guide

The all-volunteer, parent-operated Supply Store raises the bulk of the Parents Association's revenues, much of it from the August Back-to-School Supply Sale. We appreciate your support through your purchases of reasonably-priced school supplies on campus. As you can see, the generous donation of time and talent from our parent volunteers benefits all of our students, as well as the entire Sandia Prep School community. Thank you so much for volunteering!

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Parents Association

Volunteer Opportunities

The SPS Parents Association provides the backbone and organization of all volunteer efforts at the school. We assist the school by planning and supervising events and programs throughout the year. By paying tuition and fees for a Sandia Prep student, you are automatically a member of the Parents Association.

You are cordially invited to participate in PA activities and events. Your involvement, along with that of other industrious parents, will enhance the school experience for all students. Volunteering your time will provide you with a rewarding connection to the Sandia Prep community. In addition to meeting other parents, you'll meet students and get to know the faculty. Please take a few minutes to review the variety of opportunities and to consider where your talents could be utilized. In this brochure, please read a brief summary of the contributions that the Parents Association makes to the school. We rely on our parents' help for another successful year ahead!

Sandia Preparatory School
Attn: Parents Association
532 Osuna Road NE
Albuquerque, NM 87113
505-338-3000

Parent Volunteer Opportunities (Please mark your areas of interest)

Orientation Parties (mid-August):

- ___ Host gathering of parents for your child's grade level (at your home).
- ___ Co-host/help with Orientation Party.

Used Book Sale: weekend before school starts.

- ___ Accept used textbooks Friday-Saturday morning and sell used textbooks Saturday afternoon.

Yearbook Photo Day: Tuesday, August 25, 2009

- ___ Help from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at school.
- ___ Make-Up Day: Tuesday, October 13 (11-1 p.m.).

Back-to-School Night: Thursday, September 10, 2009. Parents meet their students' teachers during a simulated, shortened school day (7-9 p.m.).

- ___ Set-up and clean-up punch and cookies in the Russell Student Center.

Homecoming: Friday/Saturday, September 25/26, 2009. Traditional family day and the school year's **BIGGEST** event! Families, athletes and non athletes.

- ___ Organize and Plan.
- ___ Work 2 hour shift.

Meet Prep: Sunday, October 25, 2009. Annual Open House event for prospective students & their families (2-4 p.m.). Volunteers help:

- ___ Bake homemade cookies for the event.
- ___ Set-up, serve and/or clean up refreshments.
- ___ Welcome, tour & speak with families.

Grandparents Day: Wednesday, November 25, 2009, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Volunteers help:

- ___ Greet & serve a catered brunch.

Faculty/Staff Appreciation Snacks: Volunteers select a day during the school year to bring snacks (purchased or homemade) to the faculty lounge.

- ___ Bring snacks for about 100 faculty/staff.

Middle School Activities: Parents help with planning and supervising parties at school.

- ___ 6th grade ___ 7th grade

Faculty/Staff Appreciation Luncheons: mid-December and early June

- ___ Plan, prepare, set-up, serve, & clean-up lunch.

Testing Day Snacks: November 14, 2009, January 9 & January 23, 2010. Volunteers work with coordinator to:

- ___ Provide healthy snacks for students during the Saturday morning admission testing.

Admission Hosting: Meet and greet parents when prospective students visit Sandia Prep. (New this year.)

- ___ Mornings, after drop-off.
- ___ Afternoons, before pick up.

Eighth Grade Dinner-Dance: (Late April.)

- Parents organize traditional end of year student party.
- ___ 8th grade parent will help organize event.

Graduation: Saturday morning, June 5, 2010.

- ___ Set up and host reception following graduation.

Supply Store: (Training is provided.)

- ___ Work a regularly scheduled 2-hour shift, once every-other-week, during school hours.
- ___ Substitute for regular store workers.

On-Call Volunteers: Occasionally unscheduled events need volunteers who may be able to help on short notice.

- ___ Help with unscheduled events.

College Counseling Liaison:

- ___ Shelve books, catalogs, sort mail, etc.
- ___ Volunteer for specific projects, e.g. College Fair Week, Art Portfolio Day, etc.

Annual Fund Campaign: Volunteers coordinate with Development Director.

- ___ Make phone calls, to strengthen fund development.

Library: Volunteer at your convenience:

- ___ Help process, shelve, barcode books, etc. (weekly)
- ___ Work 2-hour shift at circulation desk.
- ___ Work on special projects.

Other: Tell us how you'd like to help:

Athletic Booster Club: Volunteers needed:

- ___ Concessions sales during games.
- ___ Apparel sales.

Please specify sport(s) and JV / Varsity/etc.:

Career Exploration:

Include me in Students' Career Exploration Roster. College Counselors & Teachers may use info to help SPS students find career contacts, e.g. Senior Experience, summer internships, etc.

All information kept strictly confidential!

Job Field (Industry): _____

Area (Title): _____

Employer/Corporation: _____

Other: _____

**Please fill in below and return entire form to:
Sandia Prep front office, Attn: PA Volunteers
– or use mailing address on reverse.
– or email to: kidcoach@comcast.net.**

Student(s) Name(s) & Grade(s)

Parent 1

Name: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Parent 2

Name: _____

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Sports Calendar October 2009

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Varsity Cross Country

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME	TRAVEL/EXCUSED
Sat 10/3/09	SF Indian	T	10:15	Bus 8:00
Sat 10/10/09	APS City	T	TBA	Bus TBA
Sat 10/10/09	Los Lunas Invite	T	9:00	Bus 7:00
Sat 10/17/09	Rio Rancho	T	TBA	
Fri 10/30/09	Districts	ZP	3:00	Bus 12:45 Exc 12:30

MS Cross Country

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME	TRAVEL/EXCUSED
Wed 10/7/09	Zia Meet	Zia Pueblo	TBA	Bus TBA Exc TBA
Thu 10/14/09	Parochial	St Pias	4:15	Bus 3:25 Exc 3:15
Thu 10/21/09	Parochial	St Pias	4:15	Bus 3:25 Exc 3:15

MS Boys Soccer

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME	TRAVEL/EXCUSED
Thu 10/1/09	Eagles	H-Base	5:30	
Mon 10/5/09	Artillery	H-Stad	5:30	
Thu 10/8/09	Bosque	T	4:00	Bus 3 Exc 2:45
Thu 10/15/09	Bosque	H-Base	4:00	

MS Girls Soccer

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME	TRAVEL/EXCUSED
Mon 10/5/09	Chilis	H-Base	5:00	
Thu 10/8/09	Bosque	H-Base	4:00	
Tue 10/13/09	Bosque	T	4:00	Bus 3 Exc 2:45
Thu 10/15/09	Aloha	H-Base	5:30	
Wed 10/21/09	Wildfire	H-Base	5:30	

JV Boys Soccer

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME	TRAVEL/EXCUSED
Thu 10/1/09	Cibola	H-Stad	5:00	
Sat 10/3/09	St Pias	T	1:00	
Thu 10/8/09	Bosque	T	5:00	Bus 3:45
Mon 10/12/09	Volcano Vista	APS	4:30	Bus 3:15 Exc 3
Tue 10/13/09	Sandia HS	APS	4:30	Bus 3:15 Exc 3
Thu 10/15/09	Bosque	H-Stad	5:00	
Tue 10/20/09	Hope	H-Stad	5:00	
Thu 10/22/09	Los Alamos	T	4:00	Bus 1 Exc 12:45

Varsity Boys Soccer

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME	TRAVEL/EXCUSED
Thu 10/1/09	Cibola	H-Stad	3:00	Exc 2:00
Sat 10/3/09	St Pias	T	3:00	

Thu 10/8/09	Bosque	T	3:30	Bus 2:15 Exc 2
Tue 10/13/09	Sandia	APS	6:30	
Thu 10/15/09	Bosque	H-Stad	3:30	Exc 2:30
Tue 10/20/09	Hope	H-Stad	3:30	Exc 2:30
Fri 10/23/09	E. Mountain	T	3:00	Bus 1:15 Exc 1
Sat 10/31/09	1st Round	TBA	1:00	Bus TBA

JV Girls Soccer

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME	TRAVEL/EXCUSED
Sat 10/3/09	St Pias	T	9:00	
Thu 10/8/09	Bosque	H-Stad	5:00	
Sat 10/10/09	Eldorado	H-E	10:00	
Tue 10/13/09	Bosque	H-Stad	5:00	Bus 3:45
Thu 10/15/09	Rio Rancho	T	4:00	Bus 2:45 Exc 2:30
Tue 10/20/09	Hope	T	5:00	Bus 3:45
Thu 10/22/09	Los Alamos	T	4:00	Bus 1 Exc 1:45

Varsity Girls Soccer

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME	TRAVEL/EXCUSED
Sat 10/3/09	St Pias	T	11:00	
Thu 10/8/09	Bosque	H-Stad	3:30	Exc 2:30
Sat 10/10/09	Eldorado	H-Stad	10:00	
Thu 10/13/09	Bosque	T	3:30	Bus 2:15 Exc 2
Tue 10/20/09	Hope	T	3:30	Bus 1:45 Exc 1:30
Fri 10/23/09	E. Mountain	H-Stad	4:00	Exc 3
Sat 10/31/09	1st Round	TBA	1:00	Bus TBA

Varsity Volleyball

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME	TRAVEL/EXCUSED
Fri 10/2/09	Cuba	H-FH	6:00	
Wed 10/7/09	Laguna	T	6:00	Bus 2:15 Exc 2
Thu 10/15/09	Hope	H-FH	6:00	
Tue 10/20/09	Cuba	T	6:00	Bus 1:30 Exc 1:15
Fri 10/23/09	Hope	T	6:00	
Fri 10/27/09	Thoreau	H-FH	6:00	
Thu 10/29/09	Laguna	H-FH	6:00	

JV Volleyball

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME	TRAVEL/EXCUSED
Fri 10/2/09	Cuba	H-FH	5:00	
Wed 10/7/09	Laguna	T	5:00	Bus 2:15 Exc 2
Thu 10/15/09	Hope	H-FH	5:00	
Tue 10/20/09	Cuba	T	5:00	Bus 1:30 Exc 1:15
Fri 10/23/09	Hope	T	5:00	Bus 4
Tue 10/27/09	Thoreau	H-FH	5:00	
Thu 10/29/09	Laguna	H-FH	5:00	

C2 Volleyball

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME	TRAVEL/EXCUSED
Thu 10/1/09	E. Mountain	H-WG	4:00	
Fri 10/2/09	Mountainview	T	4:00	Bus 2:30 Exc 2:15
Mon 10/5/09	Jemez	H-WG	4:00	
Wed 10/7/09	Native American	H-WG	5:00	
Mon 10/12/09	SF Prep	T	5:00	Bus 3 Exc 2:45
Tue 10/13/09	Victory Christian	Menaul	4:30	Bus 3:35
Thu 10/15/09	Evangel	H-FH	3:00	Exc 2:15
Tue 10/20/09	Laguna MS	T	4:00	Bus 2:30 Exc 2:15
Fri 10/23/09	Jemez	T	4:00	Bus 2:30 Exc 2:15
Thu 10/29/09	Laguna MS	H-FH	3:00	Exc 2:15

C1 Volleyball

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME	TRAVEL/EXCUSED
Thu 10/1/09	E. Mountain	H-WG	5:00	
Fri 10/2/09	Cuba	H-FH	4:00	
Wed 10/7/09	Laguna	T	4:00	Bus 2:15 Exc 2
Thu 10/15/09	Hope	H-FH	4:00	
Tue 10/20/09	Cuba	T	4:00	Bus 1:30 Exc 1:15
Fri 10/23/09	Hope	T	4:00	Bus 3:15 Exc 3
Tue 10/27/09	Thoreau	H-FH	4:00	
Thu 10/29/09	Laguna	H-FH	4:00	

6th Volleyball

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME	TRAVEL/EXCUSED
Thu 10/1/09	Assumption	H-WG	4:00	
Wed 10/7/09	Queen of Heaven	H-WG	4:00	
Mon 10/12/09	Tourn Begins	H-WG	4:00	

7th Volleyball

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME	TRAVEL/EXCUSED
Thu 10/1/09	Assumption	H-WG	5:00	
Wed 10/7/09	Queen of Heaven	H-WG	5:00	
Mon 10/12/09	Tourn Begins	H-WG	5:00	

8th Volleyball

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME	TRAVEL/EXCUSED
Thu 10/1/09	Assumption	H-WG	6:00	
Wed 10/7/09	Queen of Heaven	H-WG	6:00	
Mon 10/12/09	Tourn Begins	H-WG	6:00	

Varisty Boys Golf

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME	TRAVEL/EXCUSED
Mon 10/5/09	Grants	T	8:00	
Thu 10/15/09	Manzano	Los Altos	8:00	

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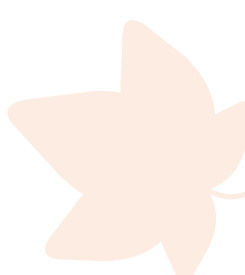
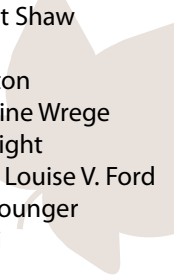
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October 2009



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				1 A National Honors Society Induction 7:00 p.m.	2 B	3
4	5 C	6 D Chorus Concert 5:30 & 7:00 p.m.	7 E Jazz Band Concert 7 p.m.	8 F 1st Marking Period Ends November <i>PrepTalk</i> Submissions Due	9 Faculty Work Day No School	10
11 New Mexico College Fair 12:00 noon-3:00 p.m.	12 A Tri-School College Symposium 7:00 p.m.	13 B Photo Make-up Day 11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.	14 C PSAT and EXPLORE Testing	15 D	16 Parent/ Teacher Conferences No School	17
18	19 E Golf Tournament	20 F	21 A	22 B "Fiddler on the Roof," 7:00 p.m., Theater	23 C "Fiddler on the Roof," 7:00 p.m., Theater	24 ACT "Fiddler on the Roof," 7:00 p.m., Theater
25 Meet Prep 2:00-4:00 p.m. "Fiddler on the Roof," 6:00 p.m., Theater	26 D Parent Assoc. Meeting 12:00 noon Heath Board Room	27 E	28 F	29 A	30 B Middle School Halloween Dance 6:00-8:00 p.m.	31

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