



# **Sandia Prep School Parents Association 2023-2024**

## **Welcome!**

On behalf of the Sandia Prep School Parents Association (SPSPA), we would like to welcome our new and returning families to the 2023-2024 school year.

The purpose of the SPSPA is to connect Parents/Teachers/Students. Our supportive community and “culture of kindness” make our school unique.

There are no forms to fill out or fees to pay...having a student at Prep means you are automatically a member of the SPSPA!

We have great events planned for this year and hope you will all join us!

## **What We Do**

### **Grade-Level Back-to-School Socials:**

The SPSPA coordinates grade-level back-to-school parties. Each grade has its own event hosted by a family/families from that grade. Please consider attending the socials as they are such a great way to connect with other families!

Note that these events are adult only. The students have many opportunities to get to know one another, including back-to-school retreats. Having only parents at the parties allows parents to relax and meet others without distractions. It also makes it easier on the host family. There are approximately 75 students per grade. Since each student could have one to four parents, adding kids and siblings would greatly increase the headcount.

We hope to see you there!

### **Supply Store and Back-to-School Supply Sale:**

The SPSPA operates the Sundevil Supply Store in the Russell Student Center (cafeteria). The all-volunteer, parent-operated Sundevil Supply Store raises the bulk of SPSPA's revenues. The store generates income throughout the school year, but most of the revenue comes from the annual Back-to-School Supply Sale. This on-campus sale gives Prep families an opportunity to purchase all necessary school supplies at a competitive price, in one convenient location, while supporting the Prep community.

## **2023-2024 Back to School Supply Sale Dates:**

**Saturday, August 5** - Fieldhouse  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.(open to all families)

**Sunday, August 6** - Fieldhouse  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (open to all families)

**Wednesday, August 9** - Sundevil Supply Store/Cafeteria  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (open to all families)

The supply store and the supply sale are managed solely by parent volunteers. If you are interested in learning more or getting involved, please contact Laurie Baca at [lbaca@peakmotionpt.com](mailto:lbaca@peakmotionpt.com).

## **Events and Receptions:**

The SPSPA organizes many events and receptions throughout the year to honor and celebrate Prep's students, faculty/staff, and prospective families. The SPSPA also works closely with other departments at the school to provide volunteers, refreshments, and friendly faces at their events. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Martha Weisler at [parentvolunteers@sandiaprep.org](mailto:parentvolunteers@sandiaprep.org).

# **Getting Involved**

## **SPSPA Meetings:**

We would love to see you at SPSPA meetings! Meetings are rather informal, provide insight into our school, and a light lunch is provided. Please join us!

### **Tuesday, August 22 - 8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m. - Pitchfork Café**

At this first meeting, please come meet our SPSPA Board Members, learn how you can be involved at Prep, and enjoy coffee and conversation with other parents!

- Tuesday, September 19 - 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. - Dick Heath Boardroom
- Tuesday, October 17 - 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. - Dick Heath Boardroom
- Tuesday, November 28 - 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. - Dick Heath Boardroom
- Tuesday, January 16 - 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. - Dick Heath Boardroom
- Tuesday, February 20 - 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. - Dick Heath Boardroom
- Tuesday, April 16 - 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. - Dick Heath Boardroom
- Tuesday, May 14 - 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. - Dick Heath Boardroom

## **Volunteering:**

There are many ways to get involved at Prep, and your participation is greatly appreciated by any department you volunteer for, in any capacity that works for you. Whether you're working a shift in the Sundevil Supply Store, organizing a reception event, donating snacks, or greeting guests on our campus, the friendly faces of our volunteers are what make Prep such a warm, fun, and energizing place for our students and families.

For more information, visit the online Parent Portal (click the "volunteer" button) to see current Signups, read through the monthly Prep Talk newsletter, attend an SPSPA or Sundevil Athletics Organization (SAO) meeting, or contact one of the SPSPA Officers to find out how you can get involved!

Examples of volunteer opportunities at Prep:

- Sundevil Supply Store shifts
- School photo day
- Sundevil Athletics Organization (SAO): Sundevil Saturday event, team parent, apparel sales
- Grandparents Day
- Admissions events: Passport to Prep, New Family Welcome
- Middle school activities: Refreshments for dance parties, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dinner Dance
- Faculty/Staff appreciation lunches (December & May) or snacks (ongoing)
- National Honor Society induction ceremony reception
- Graduation reception

## **Contact Us:**

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## **Giving Back**

Every spring, after all the year's activities and events have been accounted for, the SPSPA gives available leftover funds back to the school as gifts that will benefit the students and faculty. In past years, gifts have totaled \$10,000-\$12,000 per year and have included everything from camping gear to graphing calculators to band instruments.