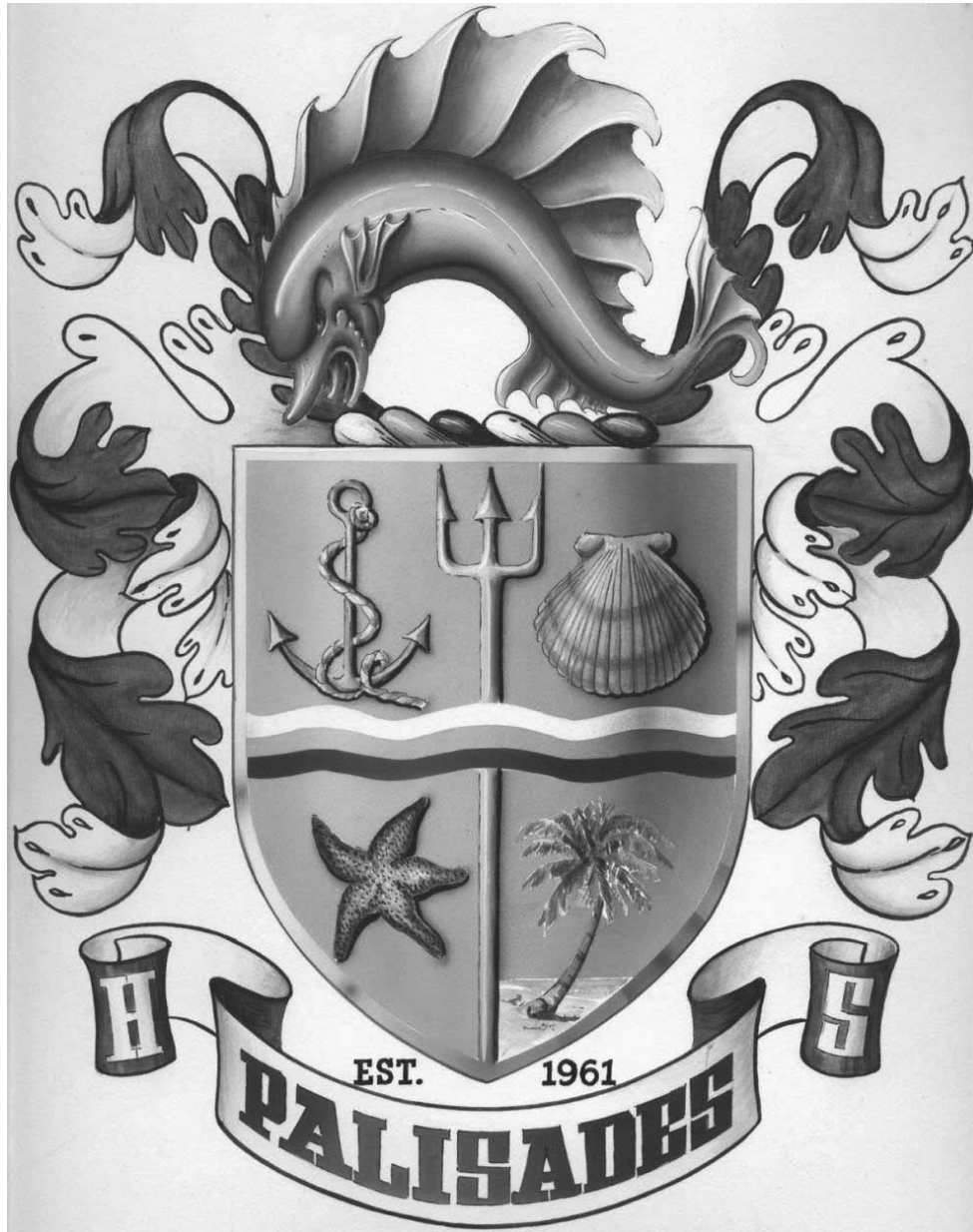


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PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK 2013-2014

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

A critical dimension of effective schooling is parent involvement. PCHS has an expectation and desire for all families to **commit** a minimum of 40 hours a year per family. This can be accomplished by volunteering time at the school, attending Back to School Night, monthly Board of Directors meetings, joining Standard Committees, reading correspondence sent home from school, i.e. The Parent Newletters, e-mail, or participating in other school activities. Research has shown conclusively that parent involvement at home and in their children's education improves student achievement. Furthermore, when parents are involved at school, their children go further.

IMPORTANT FACTS:

1. Families provide the primary education environment.
2. Parent involvement in their children's education improves student achievement.
3. Parent involvement is most effective when it is comprehensive, supportive, long lasting, and well planned.
4. The benefits of parent involvement are not limited to early childhood or the elementary level; there are continuing positive effects through high school.
5. Involving parents in supporting their children's education at home is not enough. To ensure the quality of schools as institutions serving the community, parents must be involved at all levels in the schools.
6. The extent of parent involvement in a child's education is more important to student success than family income or education.
7. We cannot look at the school and the home in isolation from one another; families and schools need to collaborate to help children adjust to the world of school. This is particularly critical for children from families with different cultural and language backgrounds.

Palisades Charter High School recognizes that, when schools and parents form strong partnerships, our children's potential for educational success improves significantly. Teachers and school administrators become more aware of parent and community expectations and may implement their suggestions regarding programs and operations. Parents learn the scope of the school's instructional program and set high expectations for their children. As a result, our school can better focus on student growth and success. We have the responsibility to involve parents in this partnership. Therefore, Pali High supports a variety of parent-involvement programs that requires it to involve parents at all grade levels in a broad range of roles. These programs are coordinated through the standing committees of the Board of Directors. Other opportunities for parent involvement include joining the PTSA, the Booster Club, the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC), the Attendance Appeals Committee, the 11th grade parents preparing for graduation committee, and the 12th grade parent graduation committee. Parents are encouraged to volunteer on at least one of the committees.

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Volunteer Opportunities

Support

- Ways to Give
- Education Foundation
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PCHS expects a minimum of 40 hours parent participation a year per family. See the Home/School Agreement you signed with your application.

Please complete the form below. *Mandatory fields marked **

PARENT VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Volunteer Name(s)*:

Address:

City: **Zip:**

Home Phone: **Cell:**

Email*:

Occupation(s)/Employer(s):

Student Name*: **Student Name:**

Grade: **Grade:**

Parent Outreach / Office Assistance

- ☐ Attendance Office
- ☐ Health Office
- ☐ Library
- ☐ College Center
- ☐ Study Center
- ☐ School Tours

School Governance

Check PalHigh.org for days/times.

- ☐ Board of Trustees
- ☐ Communications Committee
- ☐ Educational Programs Committee
- ☐ Finance & Budget Committee

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