



# Parents' Association Newsletter

September 2023

## Welcome Families!

### *A note from the PA Leaders*

This year, our PA is being led by Jenn Bartley (Lorelei 4<sup>th</sup>), Alicja Baxter (Lucas 1<sup>st</sup> / Logan 4<sup>th</sup>), and Andrea Sawyer (Sybil PreK). We personally want to welcome you to another school year at Anna's House! We want to emphasize that each of you is a valued member of the Anna's House Parents' Association. Our mission is clear: to elevate the educational and social journey of our students and families.

The Anna's House Parents' Association ("PA") is comprised of parent volunteers – their role is to work cooperatively with the school to enhance the experience of our students.

Every Anna's House parent, grandparent, and guardian is automatically a member of the PA. The mission of the Anna's House PA is to encourage communication between the parents and school administration and faculty, as well as to foster a positive school environment of inclusion and investment. To reach this mission, we need your participation and support.

An Event Volunteer sign-up and the most up-to-date calendar of events are located on our website.

We invite you to join us this year at the monthly meetings and to participate in our activities and traditions.

Thank you,

Jenn, Alicja, & Andrea



## New for 2023-2024!

### *Buddy Program*

To help welcome new families to the Anna's House school community, the Buddy Program connects new families with a host 'Buddy Family.' It's easy and fun! The program is designed to help a new family become accustomed to both Anna's House and Shenandoah Valley living, with friendly advice on what to expect as parents and students in the school and the wider community.

Interested in becoming a host family? New to our school and/or the community and you want to be paired with a Buddy Family? Visit our website to sign up!

# Looking Ahead

## *Volunteers Needed*

Volunteers are needed for the following upcoming positions:

- PA Reporter
- Grandparents' Day (November)
  - Shuttlebus driver
  - Volunteer for reception setup
- Gingerbread Workshop (December)
  - Multiple spots are open for setup, during, and cleanup
- Holiday Shop (December)
  - Looking for about 6 more volunteers to run this store for the students

[SignUpGenius link](#)

## *Other Business*

The PA is purchasing lime green t-shirts for each student for their field trips this year. If you have not yet given your child's size to the PA, please reach out ASAP.

Yearbook reminder! Please submit all photos to Katie Horst by mid-April for our yearbook.

## Important dates to remember:

September 18: First Pizza Monday

September 23: Harry Potter theme play group 10 AM at VSDB playground

October 6: No school for students

October 11: PA Meeting at Anna's House Upper School at 5 PM

October 16: Pizza Monday

## PA Contacts

Website: <https://www.annashouseschool.org/parents-association.html>

Email: [parentassociation.annashouse.edu@gmail.com](mailto:parentassociation.annashouse.edu@gmail.com)

PA Presidents - Jenn Bartley & Andrea Sawyer

PA Treasurer - Alicja Baxter

Reporter - Looking for a Volunteer!!