

Welcome to the Horace Mann School Parent Teacher Association (PTA)!



Horace Mann PTA Purpose: The purpose of the Horace Mann School Parent Teacher Association in common with those of the National PTA and the Minnesota PTSA, are:

- To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, places of worship, and throughout the community;
- To raise the standards of home life;
- To advocate for laws that further the education, physical and mental health, welfare, and safety of children and youth;
- To engage the public in united efforts to secure the physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, and social well-being of all children and youth;
- To advocate for fiscal responsibility regarding public tax dollars in public education funding.

This school year, the PTA provided enrichment opportunities such as free family fun nights, a rollerskating unit in phy ed class, field trip and classroom support, and much more! It is an active group and you're welcome to join in any capacity you're able. The PTA meets monthly and there are several committees and activities to join if you're interested.

PTA website is new and being added to. Please check it out for more info about PTA and PTA-sponsored events! <https://www.hms-pta.org/>

Horace Mann School & PTA Facebook group. Now that you've officially joined the HMS community, you're welcome to join the Facebook group! Ask questions and connect with current HMS parents and staff. It's a "private" group, so you'll need to request membership and be approved. It's for current HMS parents and staff only and the public cannot see posts made in the group. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/432804370448748/>

Easy way to give to HMS! If you're an Amazon user, go to smile.amazon.com and search for "PTA Minnesota Congress 008740 Horace Mann PTA". You can designate HMS PTA as your charitable organization.

Frequently Asked Questions

When will we know which teacher our child has?

Class lists for the 2019-2020 school year will be available through Campus (on-line) in early August and posted on school front windows August 23, 2019.

When and where do we bring our school supplies?

You can bring them to your child's classroom at open house in the fall or to your child's K conf in the couple days before school starts.

Can I eat lunch with my child?

Yes! You're always welcome to do that. Just stop in the office to sign in first.

Should I pack a snack for my child?

Teachers will let you know whether they'd like you to pack a snack. Younger grades will likely do so every day.

How does school lunch work?

You can add money to their lunch account on-line. Everyone is asked to fill out a Free and Reduced Lunch application to determine who is eligible. Students punch in their lunch number on a keypad after getting their hot lunch.

What kind of afterschool enrichment opportunities are at HMS?

There are a variety of activities through community education-- taekwon do, art classes, yoga, lego club, science fun, music lessons, and more! Classes vary by session. Watch your child's backpack for information in September.

How long are PTA meetings?

This school year they are typically 1 hour; from 6:30-7:30.

Is there a "volunteer requirement" at HMS?

There is no volunteer requirement, but HMS staff, students, and families would welcome your willingness to lend a hand however you're able to! There are many opportunities--in the classroom, library, and/or at PTA events.

Why should I go to PTA meetings?

To get the "inside scoop" about school happenings and decisions, to connect with other HMS families, and to be part of making decisions

Is childcare available at PTA meetings?

School-age childcare is provided by 5th grade ambassadors under the supervision of an adult during PTA meetings.