



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 will provide enrichment opportunities such as free field trips, free family fun nights, a rollerskating unit in phy ed class, vocal music and band, classroom support, a red HM t-shirt and hat for all 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 activities to join if you're interested.

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

How do I get involved? There are a ton of ways to volunteer your time to support the PTA and Horace Mann learning community. This could include planning and working on events, or supporting the organization through behind the scenes work. The best way to get started is to fill out a form at [hms-pta.org/forms/](https://www.hms-pta.org/forms/) or contact our volunteer coordinator at volunteer.coordinator@hms-pta.org

Easy way to give to HMS! We also encourage families to check with their employers as many offer a company match to the cash donations made by their employees and if you are an Amazon user, go to <https://smile.amazon.com> and search for "PTA Minnesota Congress 008740 Horace Mann PTA" and designate HM PTA as your charitable organization. The two key fundraising events during the school year are the readathon in the fall and the silent auction in the spring.



Frequently Asked Questions

When are PTA meetings and how long do they last?

- 2022-23 Meeting dates:
 - Monday, September 19th - In Person
 - Tuesday, October 18th - In Person
 - Wednesday, November 9th - Virtual
 - Tuesday, January 10th - Virtual
 - Tuesday, March 14th - Virtual
 - Monday, April 24th - In Person
 - Monday, May 22nd - In Person

- All meetings are held from 6-7 pm in the Horace Mann library or cafeteria if in person and via Zoom if virtual.
- Information about each meeting location, zoom link (if virtual) and agenda is posted in Perspectives.
- School-age child care provided by 5th Grade Ambassadors for in-person meetings.

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. The HM PTA is a member driven organization.

Who do I contact about the PTA with questions, suggestions, or concerns?

2022-23 Horace Mann PTA Board

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