

**PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION
HIGH SCHOOL OF AMERICAN STUDIES AT LEHMAN COLLEGE
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Dear Parents:

We hope that you had a wonderful summer and survived Irene without too much disruption. We are looking forward to the upcoming school year and are using this opportunity to invite you to participate in the PTA.

The PTA provides support and resources to our school for the educational growth of our children. We seek to promote a cooperative relationship between parents and school staff and foster parent participation at all levels. We look to provide opportunities for parents to participate in school governance and education decision-making.

Your presence and input at PTA meetings is crucial for the success of the PTA's objectives. The involvement of parents is a critical component in the creation of a successful student/teacher/parent relationship. It is through this strong collaboration that the PTA has been able to provide support for activities and programs that enhance the rigorous academic experience our children receive at the High School of American Studies. We cannot rely on the school alone to provide our children with all that is necessary for an extraordinary school experience. It falls to parents to contribute our time, energy and financial support towards making HSAS a place that provides the opportunities and experiences that will prepare our outstanding student body for success in college and beyond.

We look forward to your participation and encourage you to become involved in PTA meetings and activities. All HSAS parents are PTA members and, while a contribution is not mandatory, your financial support is key to the successful implementation of PTA objectives. Traditionally, PTA funds support sports programs, extracurricular activities, special events and specific teacher requests. With school budget cuts now a reality, our fund raising this year will play a more important role in supporting the school in ways that make HSAS a unique experience for our kids, such as daily NY Times delivery (100 copies), Lincoln/Douglas Debate Registration, student planners, etc.. With that in mind, we urge you to fill out and return the membership form which you will find enclosed.

In most cases, we communicate relevant information to you via e-mail. Please send us your e-mail address on the membership form. Within the next few weeks, we hope to have a PTA website to help convey PTA information. In the meantime, you can use the Parents link on the HSAS website.

<http://www.hsas-lehman.org/parents/index.html>

We look forward to seeing you at PTA meetings. Our first PTA meeting is being held on Monday, September 19, 2011 at 7:00 PM. Subsequent meeting this year are tentatively scheduled for 10/17, 11/21 12/12, 1/9, 2/13, 3/19, 4/23, 5/14 and 6/4. Thank you in advance for your support.

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