



2019-2020

PS 59 - The Harbor View School  
PTA Membership Welcome Packet



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## PS 59 - The Harbor View School PTA President's Letter

***Welcome both new and returning families to PS 59 for the 2019-20 school year!***

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome both new and returning families to PS 59 for the 2019-2020 school year. This year we look forward to adding more wonderful memories and experiences for our school community!

***What is the PTA & why get involved?*** All parents and legal guardians of children who attend PS 59 are automatically a voting member of the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA). The PTA plays an important role in supporting this great school by working hard to provide the additional support that enrich our children's educational experience. We partner with our parents, teachers, staff and greater NYC community on many levels to bring fun and educational programs, events, services, and opportunities to our children. From our membership donations and fundraising events, we support the school in providing classroom supplies, books, in school events, field experiences and much, much more.

***Field Experiences & Enrichment:*** As part of the philosophy and curriculum at PS 59, our children have MANY field experience and in school enrichment opportunities, presented by cultural organizations from across New York City. Our membership donations and fundraising efforts allow the PTA to contribute to the cost of these experiences.

***Membership Donations:*** PS 59 PTA membership donations are \$10 per month, or \$100 per year per family. We are a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization, and your membership donations are tax-deductible. If you wish to make your donation at the start of school, use the envelope provided to send in your child's backpack or pay by credit card on our website by clicking the school store icon on the homepage. This is a suggested donation, and not mandatory for membership in the PTA.

Thank you in advance for your support. We are looking forward to another amazing year and hope to get many more parents and guardians active in the PTA. If you have any questions or would like to share some of your ideas and thoughts, come speak to us in person!

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***With community, we build stronger experiences for our children to thrive in.***

***“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” – Helen Keller***

***Looking forward to a building a strong year for our students and school community.***

Aja L Harris,  
PTA President



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## Contact Information for your 2019-2020 PS 59 PTA Executive Board

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### 2019-2020 PTA Elected Officers

Aja L Harris, President  
Laura Farrell, Vice President  
Jonathan Sanabria, Treasurer  
Alana Piggott-Korzekwinski, Recording Secretary  
Alexis Pietrangelo, Corresponding Secretary

### 2019-2020 PTA Standing Committees

Fundraising Committee – Meggin Juraska, Aja L Harris, co-chairs  
Special Events & Yearbook Committees – Aja L Harris, chair  
Green Thumb Committee – Frizzi Linck, chair  
School Gear Store-Arndreya Healy, chair  
Sponsorship & Donations Committee- Raymona Piggott, chair

### **BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR...**

#### **Fundraisers:**

- Fall – Let's Move! 2019 *our biggest fundraiser of the year!*
- Winter – World's Finest Chocolate
- Spring – Square One Art

***FUNdraisers!*** *These are activities that, just by participating, we can earn donations for the school and in some instances, build our engagement with each other as a community!*

- **Monthly Dine-Outs:**  
*Last year we raised almost \$2000 with our monthly dine-outs thanks to our PS59 Families, Teacher's and Staff. Great way to get to know your PS59er Community!*
- **Amazon Smile**
- **Stop n Shop**
- **Picture Day- Fall & Spring**

***Community Giving!*** *These are activities that give us an opportunity to practice giving to our wider community through volunteering or donating.*

- **Halloween Swap**
- **Family Volunteer Day – fall**
- **Volunteer Day**

**Field Experiences:** The PTA will cover travel related expenses and tips for all field experiences. In addition, we will fund completely or in part with the school certain field experience (i.e. NY Transit Museum, MoMath, Alice Austen, Maker Space).

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## PTA MEMBERSHIP

Our children benefit when you get involved with the PTA. Your membership involvement and donations help fund PTA programs and events that are not available through the regular PS 59 school budget. Your membership helps the PTA provide enrichment and resources of support to the school for all of the students in ways of field enrichment trips, special presentations in school, class community supplies and more.

An engaged PTA models for our children the importance of building community and showing we can do great things when we work as one! That is why your help is vital to the strength and ongoing development of our school community.

**Who is a Member?** All parents and legal guardians of children enrolled at PS 59 are automatically a member of the PTA with vote.

**What Do I Do As A Member?** Be informed and get involved anyway you can! Donations of time are just as needed and welcomed as financial donations. Voicing ideas and concerns at meetings and volunteering for special events and committees are all options of membership.

**How Do I Volunteer?** Parent volunteers are needed for the PTA's various fundraising and programming committees to have an amazing 2019-2020 school year! Our Volunteer Sign Up Form with descriptions are now available online: [tinyurl.com/hvs-volunteer](http://tinyurl.com/hvs-volunteer) You can also fill out and return the volunteer sign up form at the end of this packet.

Please check the committees you would like to assist with or possibly chair. Remember, volunteer opportunities can be ***anywhere from only one-time, from home, on-call, on-going, in-school and more.*** Please take this time to read and sign up for at least one volunteer opportunity for the upcoming school year. Thank you in advance for *getting involved!*

## PTA MEETINGS

We encourage you to join us for as many PTA meetings as you can over the school year. If you cannot attend, you may send someone in your place, *voice without vote* (i.e. grandparent, aunt/uncle). Meetings take place on the second Wednesday of each month at 8:30AM -OR- 6:15PM (start times alternate to accommodate different schedules). In the event the meeting falls on a school holiday, it will be held the following Wednesday or date/time that works best with the school's schedule of activities. Meetings generally last an hour and a half .

At PTA meetings, you can catch up on the latest news from the PTA Executive Board. These meetings give you the opportunity to review and engage the work of the PTA—ask questions, raise PTA concerns or applaud successes. There will also be an opportunity to sign up to volunteer for upcoming events.

Meeting reminders will be publicized via:

- Email reminders & AtoZ Connect application
- The PTA website: [www.theharborviewschool.my-pto.org](http://www.theharborviewschool.my-pto.org)
- Monthly reminder notices sent home with child and the PTA bulletin boards

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## PTA MEETINGS- Continued

Below lists our General Meeting schedule for 2019-2020 school year. PTA meeting times and dates are subject to change, but you will always be notified in the methods listed above. We welcome your suggestions and comments and invite you to participate as often as possible.

### PTA GENERAL MEETINGS 2019-2020

Event	Date	Time	Location
PTA General Meeting & SLT Election	September 19, 2019	8:30am-10am	Auditorium
PTA General Meeting- SLT & Title 1 PAC Elections	October 11, 2019	8:30am-10am	Auditorium
<b>PTA General Meeting</b>	<b>November 7, 2019</b>	<b>6:00pm-7:45pm</b>	Science Lab
PTA General Meeting	December 11, 2019	8:30am-10am	Auditorium
PTA General Meeting	January 15, 2020	8:30am-10am	Auditorium
<b>PTA General Meeting</b>	<b>February 12, 2020</b>	<b>6:00pm-7:45pm</b>	Science Lab
PTA General Meeting	March 11, 2020	8:30am-10am	Auditorium
<b>PTA General Meeting</b>	<b>April 1, 2020</b>	<b>6:00pm-7:45pm</b>	Science Lab
<b>PTA General Meeting &amp; Elections</b>	<b>May 7, 2020</b>	<b>5:30pm-6:30pm</b>	Auditorium
PTA General Meeting Appreciation Breakfast	June 12, 2020	8:30am-10am	Library

### MEMBERSHIP DONATION

Your membership donation helps the PTA provide enrichment and resources of support to the school for all of the students in ways of field enrichment trips, special presentations in school, class community supplies and more.

Membership donations are collected monthly or annually. In 2013, during the election of the founding PS 59 PTA Executive Board, the suggested membership donation amount voted upon would be \$10 each month OR \$100 for the year. Our membership last year has recently added: for each additional child, \$5 each month or \$50 for year. *Although this is not mandated*, we ask that all parents donate what they can. All amounts are welcomed and greatly appreciated.

Payments: You can “backpack” the dues back to school, hand them in during the PTA meetings, or drop them off at the main school office in a sealed envelope (Dues envelopes are available in the main office). Online payments for credit/debit card also an option via our PTA Store on our website: [www.theharborviewschool.my-pto.org](http://www.theharborviewschool.my-pto.org). Please note that a receipt will be provided reflecting all payments received for use as a tax write off.



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## OPEN DOOR POLICY

As fellow parents, we understand you may have questions or concerns. The PTA is available to listen and help however we can. Our door is always open. If you want to meet in person, we suggest you contact us by email or leaving a voicemail to schedule an appointment. We will work with your schedule to set up a meeting. If there is an issue the PTA cannot resolve, we will guide you to the appropriate resource for assistance.

## WE LOVE IDEAS!

The PTA is always looking for suggestions and new ideas. We know sometimes parents have lots of great ideas but tend to wait for a General PTA meeting to make the suggestion. We encourage you to share your ideas before general meetings so ideas can be looked into and discussed at the next PTA meeting. So please, DROP US A LINE!

***WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP OUT WITH PTA EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES?  
PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW and RETURN TO THE MAIN OFFICE***

**Connect with your PTA  
TINY.CC/59PTACONNEX**

*Or send back the slip below via backpack*

## **JOIN A Committee! SHARE Your Talent! GIVE Some Time!**

Remember volunteer opportunities can be  
*A one-time event, from home, on-call, on-going, in-school and more... sign up today!*

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### **PTA CONTACT INFORMATION FORM**

**(Please print clearly)**

Parent/Guardian Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Okay to text? Yes No

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*You will be added to our communication service AtoZ Connect which operates by app or website.*