

FALL DONATION DOCUMENTS 2020-2021

The Hillsdale High School Foundation, PTSO & Boosters donations may be completed online at www.hillsdalehsfoundation.org **CLICK HERE.**

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Hillsdale High School Foundation 63 Bovet Rd. #218, San Mateo CA 94402

Donations can be made online at www.hillsdalehsfoundation.org. Credit/debit cards and E-checks/EFTs are accepted. Please consider the E-check/EFT option, as this saves the Foundation from incurring credit card processing fees. There is a monthly donation option available for your FPP contribution.

Increase the impact of your donation – check to see if your employer offers a Corporate Matching Donation. More and more companies are participating. Please consult [Double your Donation](#) on our website to see if your company offers a match. See <https://hillsdalehsfoundation.org/be-a-donor/>



July 25, 2020

Dear Hillsdale Families,

2020 is the most extraordinary year any of us has ever faced in the education world. We responded in March with a great deal of sweat and care and learned a lot about supporting our students in this unique environment--our school is rooted in the importance of relationships and relationships mean people and staff. Our district is generous in supporting our staffing needs, but we simply do not have enough allocated resources. Last year, we added staff to support our growing enrollment and we will see our student population grow once more this year. And that is where the Foundation comes in to fill this funding shortfall.

This year marks our 18th anniversary since HHS redefined the comprehensive high school experience by putting the student's needs at the center of a nationally recognized **Small Learning Community (SLC)** model. Hillsdale became a Stanford Partnership school and in September 2016 was named a "School of Opportunity" by the National Education Policy Center at the University of Colorado, the first school in California to earn the gold level.

Hillsdale combines the best of small schools — personalized learning, extended relationships, grade-level advisory — with the best of big schools — athletics, clubs, and electives. The result is a place that is more than a school; it is a home for students and staff, a place where your student will be known. Students benefit from:

- Reduced class sizes in 9th and 10th grade
- Core teachers and advisor assigned for two consecutive years
- Personalized instruction with teacher/advisor student mentoring
- Rigorous and integrated curriculum including comprehensive portfolio projects

The Hillsdale High School Foundation exists to fulfill a funding shortfall and we need YOUR help. By contributing through the annual Foundation's **Family Partnership Program (FPP)** you, as a member of the Hillsdale community, will enable us to close that funding gap.

Please review the **Fall Donation Documents** (www.hillsdalehsfoundation.org) with information on giving to FPP, PTSO, and the Boosters. Although there is a recommended FPP donation amount, we ask each family to give what they can to support their student's education and, if you are able, please consider giving more to cover another family that may be facing hard times. As always, your support is essential to maintaining our SLC model.

With our deepest gratitude,

Jeff Gilbert

Ashley Milton

Sarah Prensley-Pomeranz

Brett Stevenson

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HILLSDALE HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION 2020/21



The Hillsdale Foundation and Why It Matters

The Hillsdale Foundation provides the financial support for the unique and successful **Small Learning Communities (SLCs)** structure that benefits every student at Hillsdale High School.

The Foundation Supports: (1) Advisory classes and their college/life prep curriculum, (2) Teacher development, collaboration and training, (3) Technology needs for the modern classroom, (4) Individual department, faculty, classroom needs, (5) Hillsdale Booster Groups, and many other enrichment programs and learning opportunities.

Hillsdale families support the Foundation through direct donations to our annual campaign, known as the **Family Partnership Program (FPP)**, which is our primary source of funding. The Small Learning Communities (SLC) model with its unique advisories and learning environment on the HHS campus does not survive from year to year without your donations to the Foundation’s Family Partnership Program!

Please join in Hillsdale’s ‘culture of giving’ to ensure the continued success of this unique and coveted academic environment which provides a rich high school experience for all our students. Donations of any amount are welcome and are fully tax-deductible.

**Family Partnership Program (FPP) 2020/21
Suggested Giving Levels**

- Principal’s Roundtable.....\$7,500+**
- Majesty.....\$5,000+**
- Royalty.....\$3,500+**
- Duke.....\$2,000+**
- Count.....\$1,250+**
- Knight.....\$ 600+ Recommended fair share per Student.**
- Donor\$ Other All donations are greatly appreciated**

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Corporate Matching Donations:

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2020/21 Donation Form Foundation, PTSO and Boosters

If paying by check, please complete this form and mail in with your check.
 If paying by credit/debit, E-check/EFT go to www.hillsdalehsfoundation.org instead of using this form.
 Monthly Payment Options are available online for Family Partnership Program Donations.

Parent /Donor First + Last Name:	Address, City, Zip:	Phone #	Email address:

STUDENT #1 First + Last Name	GRADE	SLC HOUSE (if known)

STUDENT #2 First + Last Name	GRADE	SLC HOUSE (if known)

Specify name preferred for DONOR ROLL or Anonymous **DONOR NAME:** _____

CORPORATE MATCH opportunity! See [Double your Donation](#). **EMPLOYER NAME:** _____

My 2020-21 HHSF Family Partnership Program (FPP) DONATION: <i>Requested fair share per student is \$600 KNIGHT. Please give what you can.</i>	\$												
Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO) Donation: \$50 per Household	\$												
Music Boosters Membership Donation: Contributing \$65, Supporting \$85, Patron \$115 or more	\$												
Dance Ensemble Association Membership Donation: \$100 per family	\$												
Drama Boosters Membership Donation: Any amount. \$50 includes presale access to tickets	\$												
Athletic Boosters Participation Donation: \$75 per student, per sport Please complete athlete information below	\$												
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Athletic Boosters Additional Donation: in support of Hillsdale Athletics	\$												
TOTAL Amount of HHSF FPP and PTSO/BOOSTER DONATIONS	\$												

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Hillsdale High School Athletic Boosters



Hillsdale High School provides students with a wide variety of athletic opportunities and we invite you to join the Boosters in support of these programs. Our mission is to enable students to enhance their academic experience by participating in a variety of sports, enriching their time in high school, and teaching them life lessons through athletics. Through participation donations and other fundraising, we raise and spend more than \$120,000 annually to supplement the athletic department budget and provide uniforms, equipment, Freshman sports, assistant coaching stipends and other critical program needs that are not covered by district funding.

The Participation Donation has remained at \$75 per athlete per sport for several years, even while expenses have increased – particularly the costs of maintaining and building a top-notch coaching staff. In fact, last year (2019-2020) the Boosters funded \$132 per athlete with additional funds raised via other fundraising activities. With costs rising faster than revenue growth, the Boosters will be increasing the annual donation request in the future, but with our community in distress, businesses struggling and family incomes in doubt, we are maintaining the request at \$75 this scholastic year. We also anticipate that alternative funding sources will be challenged this year, adding up to a difficult year. If you can contribute more than \$75 per athlete per sport, we greatly appreciate it, as doing so will help us meet the needs of our thriving athletic program.

The Athletic Boosters meet on the first Monday of every month at 7:00 pm in Room 210 at HHS. You are invited to attend our meetings, show your support, meet other parents and the coaches and provide input on where to spend our donated funds.

As a parent of a Hillsdale Athlete, you are automatically a member of the Boosters. **Please make a \$75 participation donation for each sport your student plays. The participation donation is per athlete, per sport.**

For more Booster information, please visit our [website](#).

To donate/join complete the 2020-21 Donation Form or go online at hillsdalehsfoundation.org **CLICK HERE**

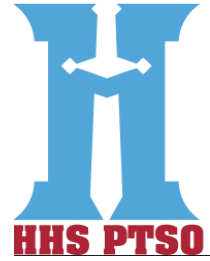
Additionally, the Athletic Boosters provide Family Entrance Passes, admitting 2 adults and 2 non-high school children into all regular season football and basketball games within the District. Information on purchasing Family Entrance Passes will be circulated when the sports year calendar is finalized.

For questions, please contact Doug Leighton at doug.c.leighton@gmail.com

HHS PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ORGANIZATION (PTSO)

Have Fun, Meet Other Parents and Get Involved!

The Hillsdale High School PTSO brings parents, teachers and students together to build a fun and supportive community at our school. The PTSO focuses on keeping parents informed about all things Hillsdale, and is the place to come to get involved.



All parents are welcome!

Community Building Opportunities Supported by the PTSO:

- Weekly email bulletin to all HHS parents
- Parent education series and speakers (coffee chats, community meetings)
- Student leadership and club support
- School events (orientation, back-to-school night, etc.)
- Educational programs (career day, junior interviews, etc.)
- Programs for the HHS community (families in need, after school tutoring)
- Teacher and staff appreciation activities

Getting Involved:

Your participation is what makes our community vibrant! The PTSO provides you the opportunity to be connected, aware and involved in your student's experience at Hillsdale. **Please click on the following link to register for membership with the PTSO: [HHS 20/21 Membership Form](#)**

Annual Ask:

We ask that families make a **\$50 donation** to help the PTSO support the activities that enrich our Hillsdale community. Go to <http://www.hillsdalehsfoundation.org> and [CLICK HERE](#) and SELECT PTSO Annual Household Membership.

We look forward to seeing you at Hillsdale's PTSO meetings - Look for the Zoom link in the weekly bulletin. We hope to see you there!

Please contact hsknightsptsopresident@gmail.com if you have any questions!

We are currently looking for a membership chair and historian!

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HILLSDALE HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC BOOSTERS

In exceptional times, communities often unite to accomplish exceptional acts. In 2020-21 this will surely be true for Hillsdale Music thanks to our dedicated students and excellent staff supported by YOU, our kind and generous families and members of the Music Boosters.

The Boosters always brings together volunteers and oversees funds that help our band, orchestra, and choral programs hit just the right note. Here are just a few key ways we have, and will, support HHS Music:

- Purchasing sheet music
- Maintaining and buying instruments
- Funding expert clinician sessions in person, or virtually
- Connecting our community of musicians, and music families
- Funding online programs to enhance instruction and practice
- Supporting concerts, competitions, and festivals when possible
- Funding staff development and assisting our wonderful teachers

Our goal now is to keep students engaged and enjoying music personally, and primed to play publicly when safe, successfully and competitively. Any donation is MUCH NEEDED and GREATLY APPRECIATED. Please join us and give:

\$65 Contributing Membership

\$85 Supporting Membership*

\$115 or More Patron Membership*

\$_____ Other amount that works for your family

**This year instead of free concert tickets, we are giving supporting members one HHS Music logo mask, and patron members two masks!*

All music families are welcome to join our Music Boosters meetings, typically held on the third Wednesday of the month from 7:00pm to 8:00pm, either on-line or in the choir room. Our first meeting this fall will be on **Wednesday, August 26th on Zoom.**

Thank you for helping us keep music an exceptional part of HHS education, and to have our music students ready to rock their next concert!

Laura Duncan
Music Boosters President
four.duncans@sbcglobal.net

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Hillsdale High School Dance Ensemble Association



\$100 Dance Ensemble Family Annual Membership Donation

We are very excited to extend an invitation to become a member of The Hillsdale High School Dance Ensemble Association. Memberships provide needed support to continue the high level of dance education offered at Hillsdale. Donations and membership to Dance Ensemble Association supports the entire dance program and all dance education classes offered at HHS. The Association helps fund enrichment opportunities for our students, such as community outreach performances and master classes by professional dancers.

As a member, you are invited to join the dance department in a hands-on experience with the production of our annual performance, "Knight Moves", undoubtedly, one of the best dance concerts in our district!

The Hillsdale's Dance Ensemble Association meets on the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Green Room adjacent to Small Theatre and Dance Studio.

If you would like to learn more or become involved with the Dance Department, please come to our Ensemble Association meetings or contact: Debbie Conliffe (debbie.therapist@gmail.com). Support for Dance Ensemble helps to sustain a vibrant Visual Performing Arts curriculum at HHS.

Hillsdale High School Drama Boosters

Membership is included with a donation of any amount. Donation of \$50 or more will include presale access if a live performance is scheduled.

The Drama Boosters are a group of parents who support the director and students' efforts in all theatre productions at Hillsdale High. We have a lot of fun together helping with costumes, sets, publicizing the show, creating programs, assisting in the lobby for each performance, and so much more. Meet new friends as we join in helping to make each show a rewarding experience for our kids and ourselves! Booster funds are used for the following:

- Theater workshops
- Hillsdale Theater Productions
- Special projects and improvements for our theaters
- Hillsdale Improvisation Theater (H.I.T.) Squad coach and shows
- Merit Scholarships to Seniors

Follow @hillsdalehighschool drama on Facebook & @hillsdalehsdrama on Instagram for Drama news & ticket info!

The Drama Boosters generally meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7pm in the Green Room next to the Little Theatre. Please check the Hillsdale Bulletin or visit <http://hillsdaledrama.weebly.com/drama-boosters.html> for updates to this schedule. If you own a business and would like to sponsor or advertise in our programs, or if you have any questions, please contact Teresa Montgomery, Co-President, at begtee@yahoo.com.

*Note: There is also a requested participation donation per student cast/crew member in major productions.

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Other ways to support the Hillsdale High School Foundation

Donations of Stock, Automobiles/Boats or other in-kind donations are gladly accepted. More information at our website: hillsdalehsfoundation.org or contact Jennifer Russell at execdirector@hillsdalehsfoundation.org.



Join AmazonSmile:

If you are not already an AmazonSmile member, [sign up](#) on your **web browser**. Simply select **Hillsdale High School Foundation Inc** as your charity to start generating donations, at no cost to you.

Mobile setup:

1. Download the AmazonSmile app on your mobile device ([App Store](#) for iOS or [Google Play](#) for Android)
2. Open the app and find 'Settings' in the main menu (☰)
3. Tap on 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to turn on AmazonSmile on your phone.

Check your AmazonSmile impact or update your chosen charity: <https://smile.amazon.com/>



Tell friends and family members. It is a no cost way to support Hillsdale all year long.

Sign up at **eScrip** and proceeds benefit the Hillsdale High School Foundation. Register your debit or credit card and businesses will give back to Hillsdale as you shop. Visit www.escrip.com and sign up with “**Hillsdale High School Foundation**” **Group # 500024524**. If you have previously registered, please visit your account and update your cards and expiration dates please. Purchases online at the Escrip online shopping mall earn Hillsdale dollars all year long.



Pick up a Community Card at any Mollie Stone's store and register your card at www.escrip.com and choose Hillsdale High School Foundation. Show your card at the store when you check out. Up to 5% of your purchase will go back to Hillsdale High School Foundation.

Office DEPOT. Support Hillsdale when you buy school supplies!

Taking Care of Business

5% of qualifying purchases go back to our school when you use Hillsdale's ID number at Office Depot. **Hillsdale ID Number: 70014606**. Use online or in store purchases. Great for those “start of school” supply runs.