

# FALL DONATION DOCUMENTS 2023-2024

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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/>



August 1, 2023

Dear Hillsdale Families,

We always get excited about the start of school, for many reasons. Last year, we were excited just to see our students and families in person. We had the opportunity to see a "normal" school year unfold, with nervous 9th graders, dedicated athletes, emerging artists, committed activists, excellent students, proud graduates and the development of the sorts of relationships that make Hillsdale special. We believe our teachers are the best anywhere and that our Smaller Learning Community model is extraordinary. The reality is that, while our district is generous in supporting our staffing needs, we simply do not have enough allocated resources to meet all of those needs. And that is where the Foundation comes in, to fill this funding shortfall.

Last year marked our 20th 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. This year, we are excited to chart the path forward for the next twenty years, stronger and better able to serve our diverse community.

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:

- Core teachers and advisor assigned for two consecutive years
- Personalized instruction with teacher/advisor student mentoring
- Rigorous and integrated curriculum including comprehensive projects
- Strong extracurricular opportunities and excellent elective courses

The Hillsdale High School Foundation exists to fulfill a funding shortfall and we need YOUR help. By contributing to the Foundation Fund (also known as Family Partnership Program) you, as a member of the Hillsdale community, will enable us to close our funding gap.

Please review the online [Fall Donation Documents](http://www.hillsdalehsfoundation.org) ([www.hillsdalehsfoundation.org](http://www.hillsdalehsfoundation.org)) with information on giving to Foundation, PTSO, and the Boosters. Although there is a recommended Foundation 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    Jesse Boise



## The Hillsdale Foundation and Why It Matters

The Hillsdale Foundation provides 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, clubs and many other enrichment programs and learning opportunities.

Hillsdale families support the Foundation through direct donations to our Foundation Fund. Donations from current families is our primary source of funding. The Small Learning Communities (SLC) “houses” model with its unique advisories and learning environment on the HHS campus does not survive from year to year without your donations.

Please join 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.

### Foundation Fund Donations 2023-24 Suggested Giving Levels

<b><i>Majesty</i></b> .....	<b>\$10,000+</b>
<b><i>Royalty</i></b> .....	<b>\$5,000+</b>
<b><i>Duke</i></b> .....	<b>\$2,500+</b>
<b><i>Count</i></b> .....	<b>\$1,500+</b>
<b><i>Knight</i></b> .....	<b>\$ 750+</b> <i>Recommended fair share per Student.</i>
<b><i>Donor</i></b> .....	<b>\$ Other</b> <i>All donations are greatly appreciated</i>

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#### Corporate Matching Donations:

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/>

Visit [www.hillsdalehsfoundation.org](http://www.hillsdalehsfoundation.org) to pay by credit/debit and e-check/EFT. If paying by check, please complete this form and mail it in with your check. Monthly payment options are available online for Foundation Fund donations.

Parent /Donor First + Last Name:	Address, City, Zip:	Phone #	Email address:
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STUDENT #2 First + Last Name	GRADE	SLC HOUSE (if known)	
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Specify name preferred for DONOR ROLL or "Anonymous". **DONOR NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

CORPORATE MATCH opportunity! See [Double Your Donation](#). **EMPLOYER NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

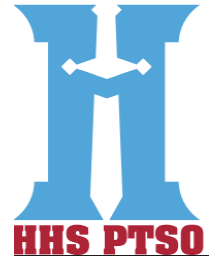
<b>My 2023/24 Foundation Fund DONATION:</b> (also known as the Family Partnership Program) <i>Requested fair share per student is \$750. Please give what you can to support our SLCs, technology, teacher development, and other school programs benefiting all students.</i>			\$
<b>I also want to support the following PTSO &amp; Boosters:</b>			_____
<b>Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO):</b> \$50 per household			\$
<b>Music Membership Donation:</b> \$75 - Supporting membership, \$125 - Patron membership, \$200 - Maestro membership			\$
<b>Dance Ensemble Association Membership Donation:</b> \$100 per family			\$
<b>Drama Boosters Membership Donation:</b> Any amount appreciated			\$
<b>Athletic Boosters Participation Donation:</b> \$90 per student, per sport Please complete athlete information below:			\$
<b>Athlete Name</b>	<b>Fall Sport</b>	<b>Winter Sport</b>	<b>Spring Sport</b>
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<b>Athletic Boosters Additional Donation:</b> In support of Hillsdale Athletics			\$
<b>TOTAL Amount for Foundation Fund and Booster/PTSO Donations</b>			\$

Please donate online or mail a check payable to "Hillsdale High School Foundation" to:  
Hillsdale High School Foundation, 63 Bovet Rd. #218, San Mateo CA 94402

## **HHS PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ORGANIZATION (PTSO)**

Meet Other Parents, Build Community, Stay Informed, 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 and guardians are automatically members of the PTSO!**



### **Community Building Opportunities Supported by the PTSO**

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

### **Getting Involved**

Your participation is what makes our community vibrant! The PTSO provides the opportunity for you to be connected, aware, and involved in your student's experience at Hillsdale. **Please click on the following link to learn more about volunteer opportunities throughout the year:** [PTSO Membership/Bulletin 2023-2024](#)

### **Make a Donation**

Although all families, students, and teachers are automatically PTSO members, we ask that if possible, families make a **\$50 donation** to help us support the parent/student community-building events and activities that enrich our Hillsdale community throughout the year. [Donate Here](#). (All donations are tax-deductible)

We look forward to seeing you at our monthly meetings (translation and Zoom offered) - Look for information in the weekly bulletin. We hope to see you there! **PTSO Membership/Volunteer lists are restarted each year, click the following link:** [PTSO Membership/Bulletin](#) to get onto our list. (no obligation required when signing onto the list)

Please contact Jen Ryan and Holly Yates co-presidents at [hhsknightsptsopresident@gmail.com](mailto:hhsknightsptsopresident@gmail.com) or visit our [PTSO Website](#) if you would like more information or have questions!

## 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 suggested participation donation remained the same for many years, even while expenses increased – particularly the costs of maintaining and building a top-notch coaching staff. We look forward to a full, competitive year in 2023-2024, but we have some ground to make up as the “pandemic years” saw a dip in revenues, while expenses remained flat. This year the suggested participation fee increases to \$90 per athlete per sport. If you can contribute more than \$90 per athlete per sport, we greatly appreciate it, as doing so will help us meet the needs of our thriving athletic program.

As a parent of a Hillsdale Athlete, you are automatically a member of the Boosters. **Please make a \$90 participation donation for each sport your student plays. The participation donation is per athlete, per sport.** To donate/join complete the 2023-2024 Donation Form or go online at [hillsdalehsfoundation.org](https://hillsdalehsfoundation.org) **CLICK HERE**

The Athletic Boosters also 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.

Additionally, the boosters plan to offer discounted annual subscription packages to the NFHS Network, our new system that broadcasts all games / events at the football field and main gym. Details to follow.

The Athletic Boosters meet on the first Monday of every month (except school holidays) at 7:00 pm in the Cafeteria as well as via a Zoom video conference. You are invited to attend our meetings, show your support, meet other parents and the coaches and provide input on where to spend our funds.

For questions, please contact Jenna Carson at [jalcarson@stanfordalumni.org](mailto:jalcarson@stanfordalumni.org) or visit our [website](#).

# **HILLSDALE HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC BOOSTERS**



Are you ready to be part of a symphony of change? The Music Boosters are seeking your support to keep our school's music department thriving and resounding with sweet melodies. As we gear up for the upcoming school year, we need your help to ensure that our talented musicians continue to flourish and have access to the best resources possible.

## **What Do We Do?**

At Hillsdale, we believe that music has the power to inspire, unite, and shape young minds. However, with the school district's limited funding, we can't do it alone. That's where our incredible community steps in. Your donations and volunteer efforts are crucial in sustaining and elevating our music department.

## **Why Your Support Matters:**

- 🎵 **Additional Resources:** Your financial contributions will provide our music department with the extra resources it needs to thrive, including new instruments, sheet music, and cutting-edge technology.
- 🎵 **Scholarship Opportunities:** Your generosity ensures that all aspiring musicians can participate in field trips and tours, regardless of their financial backgrounds. No student should miss out on these life-changing experiences.
- 🎵 **Parental Involvement:** Calling all junior, sophomore, and freshman parents! We need you on the board. Many families will be graduating in 2024, and your involvement is vital in sustaining the momentum and impact of our music program.

## **Membership Levels - Choose Your Harmony:**

- 🎵 **Supporter (\$75):** As a Supporter, you'll play a significant role in fostering a love for music in our students. Your contribution makes a difference!
- 🎵 **Patron (\$125):** Take the lead as a Patron and support the growth of our talented musicians. Your impact will be felt across the school! As a Patron, you will receive 4 tickets to be used at any Hillsdale concert in 2023-24.
- 🎵 **Maestro (\$200+):** Embrace the conductor's role as a Maestro of our booster group. Your generous donation will help our music department soar to new heights! As a Maestro, you will also receive 4 concert tickets plus some awesome Music Booster swag!

## **Volunteer Opportunities:**

Not able to contribute financially? No problem! We value every member of our community and welcome volunteers with open arms. Your time, skills, and passion can make a real difference in the lives of our students. Whether it's helping with event planning, assisting during performances, or supporting fundraising efforts, your involvement matters.

Join the Music Boosters today and be a part of a musical journey that changes lives. Your support ensures that our music department flourishes, leaving a profound impact on our students and the entire community. Let's make 2023-24 a year of unforgettable melodies and memories.

All the best, Lisa Kemp, HHS Music Booster President

To donate/join go to 2023-24 Donation Form or online at [hillsdalehsfoundation.org](https://hillsdalehsfoundation.org) **CLICK HERE**

# **Hillsdale High School Dance Ensemble Association**



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. Support for Dance Ensemble also helps sustain a vibrant HHS Visual Performing Arts curriculum. Donations and membership to Dance Ensemble Association supports the entire dance program and all dance education classes offered at HHS. The Association also funds enrichment opportunities for our students, such as community outreach performances and master classes by professional dancers.

We are asking for a donation of **\$100 per Dance Ensemble Family**

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 the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 6:00 pm in the Green Room adjacent to the Small Theatre and Dance Studio.**

If you would like to learn more or become involved with the Dance Department, please come to our monthly Ensemble Association meetings or contact: Andrea Savage [chefai@hotmail.com](mailto:chefai@hotmail.com)

For more information regarding the Hillsdale Dance Program go to [www.hillsdalehighschooldance.com](http://www.hillsdalehighschooldance.com)





## **Hillsdale High School Drama Boosters**

The Drama Boosters support the director and students' efforts in all theater productions at Hillsdale High. We help 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 making this program a positive and rewarding growth experience for our students and ourselves.

**Donations of any amount is appreciated\***

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

**The Drama Boosters generally meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 the Hillsdale Drama Boosters Board at [hillsdale.drama@gmail.com](mailto:hillsdale.drama@gmail.com).

Follow us on Facebook and on Instagram @hillsdalehsdrama for Drama news & ticket info!

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

To donate/join go to 2022-23 Donation Form or online at [hillsdalehsfoundation.org](https://hillsdalehsfoundation.org) **CLICK HERE**

## 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](http://hillsdalehsfoundation.org) or contact [execdirector@hillsdalehsfoundation.org](mailto:execdirector@hillsdalehsfoundation.org).



**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](http://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](http://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.



### **Support Hillsdale when you buy school supplies!**

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.



### **Support Hillsdale by becoming a Basementeer!**

Sports Basement is spinning the traditional “loyalty” program into a win-win for their loyal customers and our community. Basementeer's receive 10% and give 10%:

**10% off every item every day**

**10% of profits back to Hillsdale High School**

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On your next visit to Sports Basement, register as a Basementeer and select [Hillsdale High School](#) as your beneficiary! Better yet, register [online](#) and the \$25 fee is waived! Please visit Sports Basement – they have stores throughout the Bay Area including Redwood City and San Francisco) or visit online at

<https://shop.sportsbasement.com>