

Lakeside School Parents and Guardians Association 2023-2024

Programs and events

Appreciative Parent Program to Laud Educators (APPLE)

This committee shows appreciation for faculty and staff by coordinating Winterfest holiday party in December with refreshments provided by families. The committee also organizes a spring break gift card giveaway and publicizes the “tickets for teachers” program where families can donate unused tickets for cultural and sporting events to Lakeside faculty and staff.

Arts of Lakeside (AOL)

The AOL committee supports the fine and performing arts at Lakeside.

All-School Picnic

This is a fun, all-school, family celebration to kick off the new school year hosted by the PGA and class reps. Held on the Upper School quad, each class gathers for an informal potluck.

Community Service program

This committee organizes an all-school service project, usually on campus, in the fall. They also coordinate a variety of service learning opportunities throughout the Puget Sound hosted by parent/guardian volunteers. The goal of this program: by working together, we will learn about the importance of service and to give back together. The PGA works in partnership with the US Service Learning program, so US students can earn hours for their graduation requirement.

Diversity and community group

The T.J. Vassar diversity and community group supports the school community in its efforts to understand, embrace, and promote diversity and inclusion. It hosts monthly meetings with guest speakers and themes. The committee works to establish and maintain a safe environment for open discussion of issues. PGA also offers several affinity groups for parents and guardians.

End-of-year celebrations

At the Middle School, the PGA sponsors the last day of school lunch and field day. PGA also helps with the 8th-grade breakfast and final assembly. At the Upper School, the PGA sponsors numerous events and activities for the graduating seniors, including prom, 12th-grade parent/guardian reception, senior photo wall, GradGrams, and senior farewell dinner. The PGA also sponsors a student snack for the last day of US.

Grade-level gatherings for parents and guardians

Class reps organize coffees, walk-and-talks, peer group roundtable discussions, potlucks, and other events so parents/guardians can meet and socialize. Events are virtual or in-person.

GradGrams for 12th graders

GradGrams are short notes of congratulations that anyone can write for graduating seniors. They are compiled, printed, and bound into a personalized booklet for each graduate to treasure. This program is coordinated by PGA staff and 12th-grade parent volunteers.

Logowear (Lakeside classic crest)

The PGA sells Lakeside classic crest Logowear including hats, sweatshirts, athletic bags, scarves, t-shirts, pajama pants, and stadium cushions. This is a PGA fundraiser. Logowear is sold online and at events like the All School Picnic and Tailgates.

Parent education and lecture committee

This program offers two to three lectures each year to discuss parenting-related topics. Lectures may be in-person or virtual.

Raising Our Allocation Resources (ROAR) dinner and auction

This is the PGA's primary fundraiser. It is an annual community celebration and fundraiser. In addition to attending the event or shopping at the online auction, parents can help by volunteering or donating an auction item.

Tailgates

Tailgates are all-school parties produced jointly with the athletics department and are held two or three times per year, depending on the athletic season. All Upper School and Middle School students, parents, guardians, faculty, and staff are invited to cheer on the teams, wear maroon and gold, and enjoy food before the game.

Virtual Meeting Support

Virtual meetings provide more parents and guardians the opportunity to attend or watch a recording. We need several volunteers to run our Zoom calls with a Lakeside PGA Zoom account. This is a great job if you want to volunteer remotely.

School programs - PGA volunteers support the following Lakeside School programs and events.

Admission Office open house, newly admitted student receptions

Friends of Lakeside Athletics (FOLA) – concessions, team support

Grand Day

School activities (May Day, US and MS dances, US last day of school snack)

The Parents and Guardians Association places a high priority on ensuring that every family can participate in the events it hosts. Confidential financial assistance is available for PGA events regardless of financial aid status. If your family needs an interpreter, transportation support, or other important accommodations, for confidential assistance, please contact Jamie Asaka, director of family and student support services, at (206) 440-2901, jamie.asaka@lakesideschool.org or Latasia Lanier, family support liaison at (206) 440-2887, latasia.lanier@lakesideschool.org.