



Dear Hope Families,

The PTH Board would like to welcome everyone back to school! We hope you all had a wonderful summer!

We hope you are excited for the new school year and are ready to get involved! We need you! Our PTH is an organization of parents, guardians, and teachers whose mission is to provide and support activities which enhance the spiritual, social and academic experience of our students, families and educators. To fulfill this mission, we host community building events and fundraise.

Hope PTH works in partnership with the school to fund many of the programs that extend our children's learning beyond the classroom and allow kids to explore their strengths, develop new skills and enrich their lives.

The annual budget for regular PTH programs and administrative costs, like the school bus insurance, is approximately **\$40,000.00**. In order to meet our budget we fundraise. The fundraisers PTH sponsor throughout each year are vitally important to our vibrant school. Your participation is *critical* to the success of the PTH in funding programs, resources and services that will enrich and maximize the education of every child and to benefit our school.

Additional funds for enhancements like the new playground or Science Foss Kits happen via our Bi-Annual Auction and this year is our big Auction year! It is also the 60th anniversary of Hope school!

Why should you get involved? We need your help, and so do your child(ren). A Harvard Study concluded that **parental involvement** is associated with higher **student achievement**. Students with engaged parents are more likely to enroll in higher-level programs, pass their classes, attend school regularly and have better social skills and move onto post-secondary education. It has also been shown that parental involvement makes the schools themselves better. And what's more, when you're involved you have better access to information about opportunities for your children, allowing you to be a stronger advocate for their education.

So how can you get involved and reap all these benefits? The PTH can help.

- Attend PTH meetings! . Find out what's happening and meet other parents. You get PIP for attending!
- We still need Room Parents and some of our room parents need another set of hands.
- The President and Vice President positions will need to be filled next year (no experience necessary and you receive ALL required PIP hours). Current President and Vice president will provide coaching and support.
- We have three Member at Large board positions open (no experience necessary and you receive half of PIP hours).
- You can help with fundraising! It's an AUCTION year!! Meetings will be held on Tuesdays at 6:30 in the Commons. We raise money for class parties, middle school electives, 8th grade graduation, classroom enhancements, teacher educational development and even gas for the school bus. But we also organize great family events!

The PTH is a team effort in which we cannot succeed on our own. Volunteering doesn't have to mean a huge time commitment- even an hour helps! Many tasks that can be performed in the evenings from home. Please check out our current volunteer needs at www.signupgenius.com and search by pth@hopeseattle.org or contact the PTH Board at: pth@hopeseattle.org.

PTH has is governed by an executive board of officers, who are elected by the general PTH assembly. The Executive Board meets monthly and works with the principal, school administration, faculty and various sub-committees to oversee and direct the activities of the PTH. The current board consists of: President Heather Leaman, Vice President Ashli Brown, Secretary Jennifer Rice Treasurer, Kathryn Johnson and Member at Large: Tashena Shelland. Mrs. Mary Norton is our Faculty Liaison.

On behalf of the Parents and Teachers of Hope, we would once again like to extend a warm welcome and best wishes for a successful school year! Please contact any of us with questions or comments

Kind regards,
PTH Board

Heather Leaman, President:

PTH Board General Email Address: pth@hopeseattle.org

The **PTH funds** the following (annually unless noted otherwise):

- After School Athletic Program
- Art
- Back to School Night and BBQ
- Bank Charges
- Back to School Breakfast - Boohoo/Yahoo Social;
- Childcare for Events
- Class Parties – Christmas, Valentine’s Day, and End of Year
- Classroom Enhancements as selected by the teachers
- Classroom maintenance and upgrades
- Classroom parties
- Coaching Stipends
- Donuts with Dad
- Eight Grade Reception
- ESC Program
- Extra classroom supplies
- Faculty Recognition/celebration
- Fall Family Frolic
- Family Movie Night
- Graduation Award
- Grandparent’s Day
- Gym Donations (for use of other schools’ gyms during the school year)
- L.E.S.T. Enhancements (Lutheran Elementary Schools Tournament)
- Library
- Middle School Electives: Glee, Robotics, Strategic Board Games, STEM Lego and Yearbook
- Mid-Winter Middle School Dance
- Muffins with Mom
- Music Program, including choir and hand bells
- National Lutheran School Week
- NILD/Resource
- Pacific Science Center Van (every other year)
- Parent Education Talks
- Performing Arts
- Physical Education (K-8)
- Reading Incentives
- School Administration support
- School Bus Gas
- School Bus Support Maintenance/ license tabs
- School Enrichment Program
- School Office Expenses
- School Reach program
- School Technology fees (computers)
- Emergency kits
- Student Planners
- Teacher Appreciation
- Teacher Classroom Enhancements: PK3 through 8th Grade
- Teacher Educational Development

- Teacher Stipend
- Teacher's Appreciation Week
- Teachers' Retreats
- Technology enhancements
- Technology Lab (1-8)
- West Seattle Parade
- Year End Reading Incentive

PTH is YOUR resource to learn what is going on at your child's school. Your ideas and input are always welcome!

The three yearly PTH general meetings are an excellent way to get updated on school activities, learn about PTH programs, and provide input on school related issues. PTH general meetings are open to all Hope parents. Complimentary childcare is provided at all meetings.

PTH meeting minutes are published on the school website at www.hopeseattle.org and may be accessed through a link in the school newsletter, Words of Hope. Don't hesitate to contact the PTH board members if you have questions, ideas, suggestions, or feedback.

PTH – REGULARLY SPONSORED FUNDRAISERS

Our ability to balance the PTH budget is based on our success at fundraising. The PTH regularly sponsors the following fundraising activities. Your participation in these and other fundraisers is critical to the success of the PTH in funding the aforementioned programs and projects for the school and for our children.

AUCTION – March 2020

The annual auction is the biggest fundraiser and funds the majority of the PTH budget. Assisting with the auction is a huge benefit to the school and a great way to fulfill your PIP hours!

FUN RUN

This fun event aims to not only inspire students to support their school, but also to work as a team to achieve a common goal, believe in themselves, and staying active.

SCRIP PROGRAM

Scrip turns everyday shopping into cash for your organization when families use retail gift cards to pay for everyday purchases (like gas and groceries) instead of the usual credit/debit card or other money. Buy Scrip gift cards, dollar for dollar, for your favorite store. The school receives a percentage in return for your patronage. Families who purchase \$200 or more of Scrip per month will be credited with one (1) PIP hour (twelve (12) hours maximum per school year). You can also earn PIP fundraising hours by volunteering to sell scrip at school or at church or by chairing.

ESCRIP ONLINE MALL

Do you shop online? eScrip is a hassle-free way for our school to raise funds through everyday purchases made at eScrip merchants. eScrip and merchant partners rewards customer loyalty by contributing a percentage of purchases directly to Hope Lutheran. Upon receipt of registration, a percentage of all purchases made by starting at the eScrip Online Mall will be given back to Hope Lutheran School. You may even enroll in ForgetMeNot and be alerted when offers and earnings on-the-go. If you forget to stop by the Online Mall before you shop, you won't miss out on earnings or coupons while shopping online.

Simple Registration:

Log on to www.eScrip.com and go to "sign up".

Designate Hope Lutheran School to receive contributions.

Our eScrip ID is: 500001630

Start shopping!

AMAZONSMILE

You shop. Amazon gives. Make all of your Amazon purchase through www.smile.amazon.com. This program offers all of the brands and services and options that you are used to accessing through Amazon, except by going through AmazonSmile, Amazon will donate a 0.5% of your purchase to Hope Lutheran Church and School. It is a great way to make school shopping easy and help the school and church raise some extra money.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM (PIP)

When you enroll your child at Hope Lutheran School in grades K - 8, you commit to being involved in PIP, which is a program of parent volunteer hours. PIP information is included in this handbook, because of the close link between the purpose of the PTH and the purpose of PIP. The School Board and PIP Committee administer the PIP program, which is a blessing to our school.

Program Purpose

- To foster closer identification of all families with the school through parent involvement.
- To capitalize on the values of working together and getting to know each other.
- To tap community, parent, and family resources in order to enrich the school program.
- To support and encourage teachers.
- To provide real assistance to the school coupled with monetary savings.

Program Guidelines

- Each family with children in grades K - 8 is required to contribute thirty (30) volunteer hours per year (per family, not per child). Single parent families are required to contribute fifteen (15) hours per year.
- The program year runs from June 1st through May 31st of each year in order to allow time for any shortfall in required hours to be billed and paid before the end of the school year. Hours must be worked before May 31st to be credited toward the current school year and hours worked after June 1st will be credited to the following school year.
- Unfulfilled hours at the end of the program year will be billed at \$20 each, based on ¼ hour increments.
- Statements showing hours volunteered and the remaining balance of unfulfilled hours will be sent home at the end of each school quarter.
- Parents have the option of paying off their PIP balance at any time during the year. Once paid, amounts will not be refunded.

Volunteer or “PIP” hours:

- May be worked in many ways, including working on fundraisers, helping teachers in the classroom, chaperoning field trips, working in the school office and maintaining the school grounds.
- Are be recorded on the PIP forms found inside the school office or electronically via the school website (click on “Parents,” then “PIP Form”). Hours should be submitted by the 10th of the following month to receive credit and should be rounded to the nearest ¼ hour.

- May be worked by parents, grandparents, or other extended family. Volunteer hours worked by Hope students may not be counted towards PIP hours.
- May not be fulfilled by working on fundraisers that benefit a limited group of students (i.e. Washington D.C. trip, Cheerleading and Dance/Drill fundraisers).
- Will be credited by one (1) hour for each month that a family purchases \$200 or more of Scrip. There is a twelve (12) hour maximum per family per school year for these credits.
- Are automatically fulfilled in full each year for any person serving on the PTH Board for a complete two-year term in the positions of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Member-at-Large automatically receive half of their annual PIP requirement for serving on the PTH Board.
- May not be exchanged for tangible goods or donations to the school (as this would negate the purpose of the program).

If you have questions about the PIP Program, please contact Shari Wallace, Office Manager at 206-935-8500 or swallace@hopeseattle.org

HOW TO SIGN UP

PTH has moved towards a more streamlined approach to organizing volunteers through the usage of Signup Genius. Families may see available opportunities by accessing the Parents page on www.hopeseattle.org, or you may search for opportunities on the Signup Genius website.

Visit the Parents PIP page on the Hope Lutheran School website at <http://hls.hopeseattle.org/home/parents/pip/>. Click the “Signup Genius” link anywhere it is listed under Current PIP Opportunities

You may also go directly to www.signupgenius.com and select “Find a Sign Up” from the top right. You may then search by email by entering pth@hopeseattle.org in the email address box

HOPE LUTHERAN SCHOOL IS A GREAT PLACE TO VOLUNTEER!

Below is a list of some, but not all, of the school activities that count toward PIP hours.

PTH Program	Library
PTH Board Member	Library Assistance
Attend PTH General Assembly Meetings	Reading Program
Special Events:	
Parents Night Out	School Clubs
Grandparent's Day	Art Club
Teacher Appreciation	Chess Club
West Seattle Parade	Drama Club
Middle School Dance	Lego Club
Fall Fest	Math Club
Other Family Events	Yearbook
Fundraisers	Athletics Program (fundraising excluded)
Auction Chair or co-Chair	Basketball Team
Chair or Participate in Auction Subcommittees	Cheerleading
Auction Help	Cross-Country and/or Track Team
Fun Run	Flag football
Fall/Spring PTH Fundraisers	Eagle Classic Golf Tournament
Scholastic Book Fair	Hope Sponsored Track Meet
	Referees
	Team Transportation
School Functions	Campus Maintenance
Lunch Supervision	Cleaning
Playground Supervision	Facility Repairs
Book Exchange	Window washing
Assist with National Lutheran Schools Week	Painting
Assist with Assemblies	Plumbing
LEST Preparations	Carpentry
Assist with Open House/School Tours	Electrical
Graduation Reception	Equipment Assembly/Installation
	School Bus Maintenance
Arts Programs	Office Assistance
Artist in Residence	Photocopying
Musical Program Assistance	Bulk Mailings
Costumes	Graphics/Printing
Props	Advertising
Hand Bells – Assistance and Maintenance	
Classroom Assistance	Special Talents and Skills
Room Parent	Arts and Crafts
Field Trips – Chaperone, Driver	Baking
Parent Helper	Catering
Photocopying	Childcare
Cleaning	Photography or videography

PTH Events for 2019 – 2020 (subject to change)

August / September	February
8/27 Welcome Back Ice Cream Social and Meet your teacher 6:30-7:30 PM	02/04 Auction Planning 6:30 (PIP)
9/3 - Back to School breakfast and Boohoo/Yahoo Social - 8:15-8:40 am Chapel following	02/11 Auction Planning 6:30 (PIP)
9/24 PTH General Meeting (PIP) 6:30-7:00 Curriculum Night 7:00-8:30 pm	02/13-18 LEST/Mid-Winter Break
9/30-Soaring Eagle Fun Run Fundraising Starts	02/25 Auction Planning 6:30 (PIP)
<i>See all those Auction Planning meetings? Attending meetings and helping with the auction should cover all your PIP Hours! Tuesday's at 6:30!</i>	<i>Volunteering at the Middle School Dance next month is a really fun way to earn PIP!!</i>
October	March
10/01 Auction Kick Off 6:30 (PIP)	03/03 Auction Planning Final 6:30 (PIP)
10/04 Fun Run 1:30 (PIP)	03/06 Middle School Dance (PIP)
10/08 Auction Planning 6:30 (PIP)	03/07 Auction!! (PIP)
10/15 Auction Planning 6:30 (PIP)	
10/18 Family Dance (PIP)	<i>Did you know that If you are an active Room Parent and you attend PTH meetings, and help with one PTH event -you will probably cover all your PIP hours?! Two parents per class is best!</i>
10/22 Auction Planning 6:30 (PIP)	
10/29 Auction Planning 6:30 (PIP)	
November	April
11/05 Auction Planning 6:30 (PIP)	04/22 Muffins in the Morning/Donuts at Drop off 8:00 am (PIP)
11/12 Auction Planning 6:30 (PIP)	<i>Did you know that executive level PTH officers get 100% of their PIP for the Year and Members at large get 50%? Board Meetings are once per month on Wednesdays at 6:30pm.</i>
11/19 Auction Planning 6:30 (PIP)	
11/26 Auction Planning 6:30 (PIP)	
December	May/June
12/03 Auction Planning 6:30 (PIP)	05/03 Teacher Appreciation Door Decoration Sunday (PIP)
12/10 <u>Christmas Concert Grades 1-5 Student/Family Pictures</u> (PIP)	05/04-08 Teacher Appreciation Week (PIP)
12/13 <u>Christmas Concert Grades Preschool and Kindergarten Student/Family Pictures</u> (PIP)	05/12 – Final PTH General Meeting (PIP)
12/17 <u>Sounds of Winter Concert Student/Family Pictures</u> (PIP)	06/11 Last Day of School – 10:30 Dismissal
January	PIP Notes
01/07 Auction Planning 6:30 (PIP)	<p>You have to turn in PIP Hours to get credit!! To record PIP visit: https://hls.hopeseattle.org/home/parents/pip/ or fill out paper form in the office. To sign up for activities and events that earn PIP in visit: www.signupgenius.com and search pth@hopeseattle.org</p>
01/14 PTH General Meeting 2 (PIP)	
01/21 Auction Planning 6:30 (PIP)	
01/28 Auction Planning 6:30 (PIP)	