



# Steinbrenner PTSA Newsletter

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Visit our Website [steinbrennerptsa.org](http://steinbrennerptsa.org)

## Calendar

### December

Dec 1-29:

Honey Baked Ham Fundraiser  
More info page 2.

- 12 5:00 PTSA Executive Board Meeting-media center
- 12 Senior NHS Photo Day
- 21 End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Grading Period/End of 1<sup>st</sup> Semester

Dec 24-Jan 7

Winter Break

### January

- 8 Students return to school
- 10 5:00 PTSA Executive Board Meeting-media center  
5:30 General Meeting-media center
- 13 Reflections Art Gallery and Celebration-Jefferson HS
- 15 Final day to order Yearbook

**SEE PAGES 2 & 6 FOR MORE IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

#### Calendar Links:

[Student Calendar](#)

[School Calendar](#)

[Steinbrenner Athletics Calendar](#)

## PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Dear Steinbrenner Family

Something about this month brings out the best in all of us! We spend Thanksgiving celebrating our gratitude and the holidays through the end of the year giving gifts and spending time with those we love. During this holiday season, it is my wish that we reflect on the gifts in the children that we share. As we experience the hustle and bustle of the holidays, remember to make time to cherish the friends and families that make Steinbrenner High School such a wonderful school year-round!

We continue to support our students and families in need through the HoneyBaked Ham/Turkey Fundraiser. See page 2 for more information and to purchase your gift card. Steinbrenner Cares also supports our families through the Giving Tree. See page 3 for more info and to donate online. 100% of Giving Tree donations benefits our Steinbrenner Cares students and families.

Mark your calendar! **January 10<sup>th</sup>**. Join us in the new year at our **General PTSA Meeting. 5:30 in the media center**. We will be voting to approve changes to Steinbrenner PTSA bylaws. **All PTSA members are invited to attend and vote.**

On behalf of Steinbrenner PTSA, thanks for your continued support. Have a safe, happy and healthy holiday season.

Questions about PTSA? Please contact me at [gshsptsapresident@gmail.com](mailto:gshsptsapresident@gmail.com)

[Heather Ceresoli](#)

Steinbrenner PTSA President

## Exam Schedule 1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2018

Tuesday, Dec. 18:

8:30-10:30 1<sup>st</sup> Period Exam  
10:40-12:40 2<sup>nd</sup> Period Exam  
12:40-12:50 Lunch  
12:50 Buses Depart

Wednesday, Dec. 19:

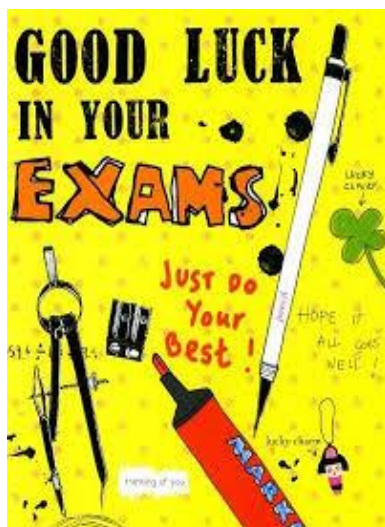
8:30-10:30 3<sup>rd</sup> Period Exam  
10:40-12:40 4<sup>th</sup> Period Exam  
12:40-12:50 Lunch  
12:50 Buses Depart

Thursday, Dec. 20:

8:30-10:30 7<sup>th</sup> Period Exam  
10:40-12:40 8<sup>th</sup> Period Exam  
12:40-12:50 Lunch  
12:50 Buses Depart

Friday, Dec 21:

8:30-10:30 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Period  
Exams  
10:35 Buses Depart



Looking for a holiday gift?

Mascot Universe donates back to Steinbrenner PTSA on every purchase. [Shop here](#) for all your Steinbrenner Spirit Wear needs.

## 2018-19 Steinbrenner PTSA Board

President: Heather Ceresoli  
VP of Membership: Erica Dees  
VP of Programs: Salima Gardner  
VP of Ways & Means: Alicia Felton  
VP of Volunteers: Laura LoPresti  
Treasurer: Robin DiGiorgio  
Recording Secretary: Angela Bydalek  
Corresponding Secretary: Angela Bydalek  
ACT Prep: Melissa Fleet  
Awards: Eva Ebert  
Communications/Technology: Kristen Miller  
Lena Leo

Newsletter: Leslie Nixon  
County Council: Erica Dees  
Dad's Club: Bill Gibbs  
Historian: Latrice Markison  
Hospitality: Deanna Morrow  
Beth Rogers

PE/HOPE Uniforms/Spirit Wear:  
Sunny Garlits  
Moira Schmidt

Reflections: Addy Aviles  
Lynette Mills

Scholarships: Sandy Webster  
Senior Awards Night: Terri Ansel  
Christy Lowe

Senior Day/Senior Banners: Maura Weins  
Steinbrenner Cares: Melinda Sheer  
Jessie Giovenco  
Jennifer Bommarito

Student Ambassadors: Deanna Morrow  
Sally Saunders

Teacher Appreciation: Portia Engman  
Bonnie Garrison

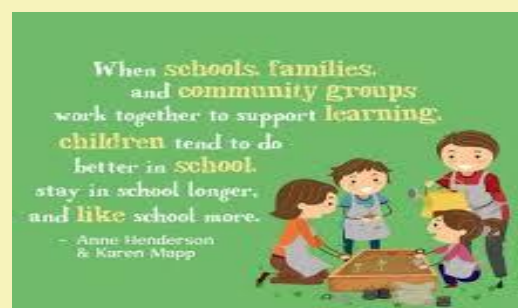
Teacher Grants: Jill Schwitzgebel

Health & Wellness: Erica Rude

Publicity: Available

Advocacy: Available

Steinbrenner Principal: Kelly King



## Hungry for HoneyBaked Ham or Turkey?

### Support our Steinbrenner PTSA Fundraiser

There is still time to help make a difference to students and teachers at Steinbrenner High School! Purchase your HoneyBaked Ham gift card before December 29<sup>th</sup> and the school will receive 20% back on each purchase. Proceeds directly benefit our students in need.

This year there is no waiting. You will receive your gift card immediately.

Purchase a gift card to send a meal to someone you love. Use it for your holiday ham or turkey. Give a gift card as a gift to a teacher, friend, relative, client or employee.

[Click here](#) to purchase your gift card today.

## STAY IN THE KNOW

Steinbrenner PTSA: [www.steinbrennerptsa.org](http://www.steinbrennerptsa.org)

**Newsletter:** The Steinbrenner PTSA newsletter will be sent to all registered families the first week of each month.

**Facebook:** Join the Steinbrenner PTSA Facebook page for the latest school news.  
<https://www.facebook.com/steinbrennerptsa/>

**Twitter:** @SteinbrennerPTA

**School news:** Steinbrenner High website:  
<http://steinbrenner.mysdhc.org/>

**District news:** Hillsborough County School District Web site: <https://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/>

[Florida PTA](#)

[National PTA](#)

<https://www.edsby.com/>

## THE GIVING TREE

Have you heard about Steinbrenner Cares? We work with Mr. Strickland, our school social worker to assist students and their families in need. The process maintains the student's anonymity. This fall we have provided school supplies, spirit shirts and help with homecoming costs.

As we all know the holidays will be here in just a couple weeks. We will be assisting several families this season. If you would like to make a donation or donate a food/store gift card in any amount, your contribution will very helpful and greatly appreciated. Please [click here](#) to donate online or drop off you donation at the main office.

If you have any questions about how to help, please contact Melinda Sheer at 813-230-9679.

Thank you for showing that Steinbrenner Cares!

## It's Not Too Late! Get Your PTSA Membership Now

Thank you to those who have joined the Steinbrenner PTSA this year! Your membership dues directly support Steinbrenner students and teachers by providing amazing programs. Some of these programs include Freshman Camp/Orientation, Student Ambassadors, Senior events & scholarships, student incentives, and teacher grants. Please help your Steinbrenner PTSA continue these great programs by joining online through the Steinbrenner PTSA website at:

<https://steinbrennertampaf1.ptapta.org/membership>

OR

[Download the form.](#) Download link is at the bottom of the page. Make your *tax deductible* check payable to: Steinbrenner PTSA.

You may drop off your form and payment in the Main Office or mail it to:

Steinbrenner HS PTSA  
5575 W. Lutz Lake Fern Road  
Lutz, FL 33558

For Membership Card delivery, make sure to include your student's 2<sup>nd</sup> period teacher on your form. If your student doesn't have a 2<sup>nd</sup> period teacher, please indicate which teacher you would like the cards sent to.

***\*\*\*Seniors who are interested in applying for a PTSA scholarship must join the PTSA by December 31 to be eligible for consideration.\*\*\****

Forms are also available in the front office.

If you have questions, please contact [Erica Dees](#).

## SENIORS: PTSA Scholarship Information

Are you graduating in 2019 with plans to continue your education in some way? Do you have a 3.0 weighted GPA or higher? Are you a member of the PTSA? You may be eligible to apply for a PTSA scholarship!

[Click here](#) to learn more & print your application form.

*Application Deadline is 3:00p Thursday, February 7, 2019.*

## Beat the Senior Banner Price Increase Don't Wait Order NOW!

With the end of the first semester also comes the next deadline for Senior Banners. Prices for the banners will go up at the end of the first semester. The small banners will increase in price to \$40 and the large banners will be \$75. Get your orders placed now at the discounted price!!

If you are considering the purchase of a banner and are not sure of what picture to use or your quote, place the order anyway. I will follow up with you for the necessary information needed before the banner goes into production. Just fill out as much as you can on the form and make your payment.

Orders can be placed online at <https://steinbrennertampafll.ptaptsa.org/senior-banners>.

You can also print the order form from the website and turn it in at the Main Office of the school. Order forms are also available at the Student Affairs Office.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact Maura Weins at [gshssenioractivities@gmail.com](mailto:gshssenioractivities@gmail.com).



Shop [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). Choose Steinbrenner High PTSA. A portion of the \$ you spend will be donated back to our PTSA.



### Join Mascot Universe's LOYALTY PROGRAM

[CLICK HERE](#) to sign up and start earning rewards.



### Practice Princeton ACT Scores

The students who took the practice ACT test on Oct 13 should have received an email on Oct 19 from Princeton Review. This email, **which went to the email address supplied by the student on test day**, explained the process of obtaining their scores from Princeton (not Steinbrenner). If your student did not receive an email regarding scores, please check the spam filter, then contact Princeton Review directly:

Tristan Muncy: 321-445-9081 or [tristan.muncy@review.com](mailto:tristan.muncy@review.com).

Thank you for making this annual PTSA practice ACT event a success!

[Melissa Fleet](#)

### Steinbrenner Summer Travel Options

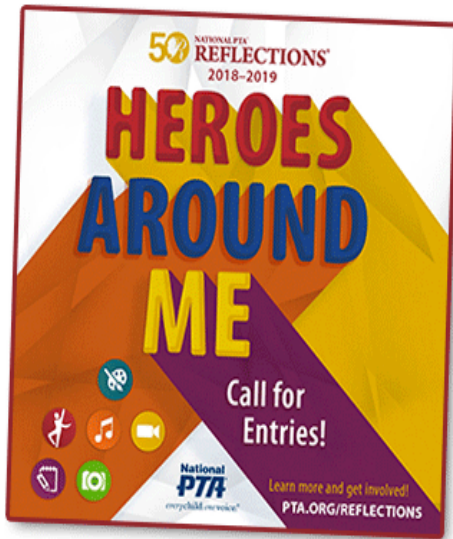
OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS AND FAMILIES OF  
STEINBRENNER

Click on each for more information:

[2019 ITALY](#) Dr. Barton Room 316  
Ms. Jones Room 275

[2019 SPAIN](#) Chef Goldstein Room 303

[2020 FRANCE](#) Dr. Barton Room 316  
Mr. Anthenor Room 227



We'd like to extend many thanks to our Hillsborough County Ben Hill MS Principal and Teachers who assisted GSHS PTSA Reflections Program. On October 26, GSHS PTSA Reflections Chair and Co-Chair hosted judging day at Ben Hill MS. Up to 3 students per Art Category were selected to compete in the Hillsborough County PTA/PTSA Reflections contest. Out of 28 entries (17 Photography, 8 Literature, 1 Dance Choreography, 1 Film Production, 1 Visual Art), 9 GSHS student art pieces went on to compete at the County level.

**Congratulations!**

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| Film        | Noah Alewel           |
| Dance       | Erika-Alejandra Dugas |
| Photography | Ashley Volkert        |
|             | Vasco Sturtz          |
|             | Gregory K. Griffith   |
| Visual Art  | Alaylah Gardener      |
| Literature  | Matthew Lao           |
|             | Tara Pattilachan      |
|             | Sadie J. Testa-Seca   |

The annual Reflections Award Gallery and Celebration will be held on Sunday, January 13, 2019 at Jefferson HS. Please join us in celebrating our Warrior Artists and show your support for our Steinbrenner High School PTSA.

Reflections Coordinators: [Addy Aviles](#) & [Lynette Mills](#)

# Heroes Around Us



On November 14, we hosted a PTSA Reflections Teacher Appreciation luncheon and debuted some of our students' "Heroes Around Me" art in the media center. We are grateful to those teachers who encouraged their students to participate in this art program and who offered their classroom as a drop off location. Thank you for your support: Mr. John Vona, Mrs. Ellison Miller, Mr. Corey Poole, Mr. Jason Allgair, Mrs. Bethany Forde, and Dr. Dillon.



## Guidance News

The guidance department will provide updates on a regular basis through our emails and entries on the Guidance, College & Career Edsby Group Page and on the Steinbrenner website under “Resources” “Guidance”.

**Dual Enrollment** – Students who currently have an unweighted GPA of 3.0, qualifying test scores, and are currently enrolled in dual enrollment HCC courses **must submit a new form B and cumulative summary** to HCC in order to enroll in classes for the Spring. Registration at HCC for dual enrollment students opened on **Nov 19**. It is our recommendation that students send in their form B and cumulative summary **at least 2 weeks prior** to this date to ensure course selections and receive books in time for the start of the new HCC semester, which is Jan 7, 2019. Students must see their Steinbrenner HS Counselor to obtain a form B and cumulative summary.

**Bright Futures Scholarship Applications** – The application opened for seniors to apply for Bright Futures and other State of Florida Scholarships at [www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org](http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org). All students should apply and turn in community service hours by **Dec 15**, however, may continue to meet the SAT/ACT, and GPA requirements through June. Community service hours must be completed and turned in before graduation. Step by step directions have been posted to the Steinbrenner Guidance Page and to Edsby Guidance Page.

**Financial Aid** – Seniors and parents should now begin the financial aid process to apply for assistance in paying for college. There are several organizations that charge fees for completing the form so be sure to only use the official website – [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). This application allows students to obtain free money through grants, work study, and scholarships. Student may also be offered student loans through this process.

**Community Service** – All Bright Futures scholarships require that students have community service hours approved, logged, and entered on their transcript before graduation. Students should complete a proposal and have their counselor or college counselor approve them before beginning any project. Log sheets are returned to the guidance office for documentation. All forms are available in the guidance office, Success Center, on the school website and on the Edsby Guidance Page. Cheval Cares, McKitrick Elementary and others are looking for volunteers. These and other new community service opportunities are posted as they are received in the Success Center and on the Guidance Edsby Page.

**Job Opportunities** – These are posted on the Guidance Edsby Page as well as in the Success Center.

**Scholarship Bulletin** – Scholarship bulletins are available in the guidance office, on the school website and on the Guidance Group Page. New scholarship information will be posted as it becomes available. There are scholarship opportunities for all grade level students. Check out the local scholarships: Hispanic Heritage Essay, Tony Jannus Essay, and the Steinbrenner PTSA Scholarship.

