

# STEINBRENNER PTSA NEWSLETTER

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*A Hillsborough County School*



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## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual HONEYBAKED HAM FUNDRAISER NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>- DECEMBER 31

Purchase a HoneyBaked Ham gift card and the school will receive **20%** back from each purchase. With this fundraiser, you will help us continue our efforts to support the Steinbrenner Cares program.

**E-gift cards are available immediately!**

Purchase a gift card to send a meal to someone you love. Use it for your holiday ham or turkey. Give a HBH gift card as a gift to a friend, relative, client, or employee. Gift cards also make great teacher gifts. Get all your birthday and holiday shopping done right here and support Steinbrenner High School students in the process!

[CLICK HERE](#) to purchase your HoneyBaked Ham gift card.

### HURRICANE: Full Days

Due to the school closure for Hurricane Ian, the following Mondays are now full days. Dismissal will be at 3:25pm.

December 5, 12, 19

Due to the school closure for Hurricane Nicole, the following Monday is now a full day and will be the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> grading period. Dismissal will be at 3:25pm.

January 9

## Calendar

November 1-December 31  
**HoneyBaked Ham Fundraiser** (pg. 1)

### December:

- 7 Meet during 6<sup>th</sup> Period—\*New Club\* Student Leadership Advisory Council; for more information contact [gshsptsatreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:gshsptsatreasurer@gmail.com)
- 15 6-8pm—College Fair; cafeteria (pg. 8)
- 19-23 Semester 1 Exams (pg. 2)
- 20-23 12:40pm School Dismissal
- 31 **Last day to purchase your HoneyBaked Ham gift card** (pg. 1)
- 31 **Steinbrenner Scholarship PTSA Membership deadline for Seniors** (pg. 3)
- 31 **Last day to purchase Senior Banners at discounted price** (pg. 2)

### December 26-January 6

No School--Winter Break

### January:

- 9 Students return to school (full day, see pg. 1)
- 9 End of second grading period
- 16 No School—Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
- 27 High School Report Cards released

\*Dates and times are subject to change

[PTSA Calendar](#)

[Steinbrenner HS Calendar](#)

[District Calendar](#)

## 2022-2023 Board Members

**President:** Alison Newman  
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**Senior Events:** Marty Sheehan  
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Melissa Siebels  
Monica Young

**Teacher Grants and School Improvements:** Jennifer Harbour

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Michelle St. John  
Dawn Hoskins

**World of a Teen:** Francine Phillips  
Jennifer Labadie-Waldhauser

**Awards:** Cheryl Michel  
**Newsletter:** Leslie Nixon  
**Reflections:** Melissa Siebels  
**School of Excellence:** Amy Pardo  
**Senior Scholarships:** Kristen Miller  
Bethany Mis

**Faculty Representative:** Heather Prokop  
**Member at Large:** Jonilyn Maglott  
Monica Young

**Principal:** Tiffany Ewell



## Semester 1 Exam Schedule

**Monday, December 19:**  
8:30-10:30 1<sup>st</sup> Period Exam  
10:35-3:25 Modified bell schedule for Periods 2-7.

**Tuesday, December 20:**  
8:30-10:30 2<sup>nd</sup> Period Exam  
10:40-12:40 3<sup>rd</sup> Period Exam

**Wednesday, December 21:**  
8:30-10:30 4<sup>th</sup> Period Exam  
10:40-12:40 5<sup>th</sup> Period Exam

**Thursday, December 22:**  
8:30-10:30 6<sup>th</sup> Period Exam  
10:40-12:40 7<sup>th</sup> Period Exam

**Friday, December 23:**  
8:30-12:40 Modified bell schedule for Periods 1-7.

## Senior Banners

Be sure to order your senior banner(s) by December 31, 2022, to get the lowest price!

[CLICK HERE](#) to order at our current discounted price:

- \$35 for small
- \$70 for large

Prices go up January 1:

- \$40 for small
- \$75 for large

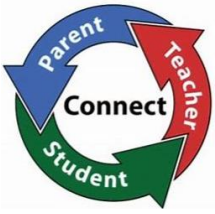
Your banner will hang in a school hallway or the cafeteria during the fourth quarter of the 2023 school year. The banner will be given to your Senior at Senior Send Off. Anyone who orders before December 31 will have their choice of location (hallway or cafeteria) to display your banner. Banners are also great for hanging at home or using as a decoration at graduation parties!

If you want to purchase your banner but are not sure which picture to use or your quote, place the order now while it's discounted. We will follow up with you for the necessary information before the banner goes into production. Just fill out as much as you can on the form and make your payment.

High resolution pictures for the large banners must be sent to [gshsseniorbanners@gmail.com](mailto:gshsseniorbanners@gmail.com).

**March 10, 2023** is the deadline for ordering your Senior Banner.

Questions? Contact [gshsseniorbanners@gmail.com](mailto:gshsseniorbanners@gmail.com).



## JOIN STEINBRENNER PTSA

[CLICK HERE](#) TO JOIN ONLINE.

[CLICK HERE](#) TO JOIN BY MAIL. Print the membership form. Mail completed form and check payable to "Steinbrenner PTSA" to Steinbrenner High School PTSA, 5575 W. Lutz Lake Fern Rd., Lutz, FL 33558.

**\*\*SENIORS must join by December 31 to be eligible for a Steinbrenner PTSA Scholarship.\*\***

If you have questions, please email [gshsptsamembership@gmail.com](mailto:gshsptsamembership@gmail.com).

### Steinbrenner PTSA Senior Scholarship

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 3:00pm FEBRUARY 3, 2023

Do not forget! To qualify, students must:

- Be a graduating senior from Steinbrenner High School
- Be a Steinbrenner PTSA member by December 31, 2022
- Have a minimum weighted 3.0 GPA
- Obtain 5 PTSA approved volunteer hours
- Submit an essay, completed application, and 2 teacher recommendations

The completed application with essay and teacher recommendations must be dropped off to the PTSA mailbox at the front office no later than 3:00pm February 3, 2023. [CLICK HERE](#) for additional information.

Contact our PTSA Volunteer Coordinator at [gshsptsavolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:gshsptsavolunteers@gmail.com) to find out about upcoming volunteer opportunities. Opportunities will also be posted on our social media accounts: Facebook @steinbrennerptsa, Twitter @steinbrennerpta, Instagram @gshspts.

[CLICK HERE](#) to purchase your PTSA membership.

\*\*The number of scholarships awarded, and dollar amount of each scholarship is determined by the PTSA budget.\*\*

Questions? Email [gshsptsascholarship@gmail.com](mailto:gshsptsascholarship@gmail.com)

## STAY IN THE KNOW

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

The PTSA website can be translated into a variety of languages. Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on "Select Language." From there, choose your preferred language.

Steinbrenner PTSA online store: <https://gshsptsamemberhub.store/>

**PTSA Newsletter:** The Steinbrenner PTSA newsletter will be sent monthly to all registered families. [shsptsanews@gmail.com](mailto:shsptsanews@gmail.com)

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

PTSA Twitter: <https://twitter.com/SteinbrennerPTA>

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

**District News:** Hillsborough County School District Website <https://www.hillsboroughschools.org>

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### Seniors: Want Volunteer Hours Toward the PTSA Scholarship?

Submit an article and at least one picture to the Newsletter and start earning required PTSA volunteer hours toward the Senior Scholarship.

- Article can be about anything school/education related or a topic that is important to you and others your age.
- **Must include at least one picture.** Student is not required to be in the picture.

**Deadline to submit an article for the next newsletter is December 24.** Submitted articles must be well written, are subject to editing, and will be forwarded to Ms. Ewell for approval prior to publishing.

Submit your article, picture(s), and/or questions to Leslie Nixon at [shsptsanews@gmail.com](mailto:shsptsanews@gmail.com).



## ALL VOLUNTEERS:

Want to volunteer at Steinbrenner? [CLICK HERE](#) to select the volunteer opportunities that interest you.

If you have not filled out the district's volunteer application, do so by [CLICKING HERE](#). All volunteers are required to have an approved application on file.



## PTSA STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

HCC PTA/PTSA 2022-2023  
GEORGE O'CONNOR VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

**TWO \$500 SCHOLARSHIPS  
WILL BE AWARDED**

All applicants must be current members of a Hillsborough PTSA and must be graduating from a Hillsborough County high school in 2023. Deadline for submission is March 12, 2023, 11:59pm EST.

[CLICK HERE](#) to apply.

Scholarship recipients will be notified by May 1, 2023. Scholarships will be awarded at the HCC PTA/PTSA awards banquet held on May 20, 2023.



## PTSA STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY COUNCIL PTA/PTSA  
SCHOLARSHIP 2022-2023

All applicants must be current members of a Hillsborough PTSA and must be graduating from a Hillsborough County high school in 2023. Deadline for submission is March 12, 2023, 11:59pm EST.

[CLICK HERE](#) to apply.

Scholarship recipients will be selected based on a combination of merit and financial need, with preference for students involved in their PTSA. Scholarship winners will be notified by May 1, 2023. Scholarships will be awarded at the HCC PTA/PTSA awards banquet held on May 20, 2023.

## CREATIVE WRITING



Mr. Vona's Creative Writing students have been working on scripts and plays. They have performed several short plays and skits in class that illustrate the roles of narrator, character, and internal thoughts. Our creative writing students have also had fun with

several improv activities to help learn about dialogue, situation, and tension.



## We Want to Hear from YOU

Steinbrenner PTSA is looking for input from our GSHS teachers, parents, and students for new ideas to make our PTSA more meaningful to our Warrior Community. If you have an idea for a new program or something you would like to see from the PTSA, we would love to hear it!

Please email Hanna Curry at [gshsptsastrategicplanning@gmail.com](mailto:gshsptsastrategicplanning@gmail.com) with subject line "New Idea."

## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION OCTOBER 24



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**STEINBRENNER  
SPIRIT WEAR**

**LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT GIFT?**

[Mascot Universe](#) is the place to go for all your spirit wear needs! Their location, in the Publix plaza next to Rice and Roll, has lots of space for all the Steinbrenner spirit wear. Shop there for several of our new designs.

[Mascot Universe](#) donates back to our PTSA for every Steinbrenner item purchased.

Cannot make it to the store? [CLICK HERE](#) to place an order.

**BECOME A STEINBRENNER PTSA  
BUSINESS PARTNER**

We are currently looking for businesses in our community and corporate sponsors to help our school succeed this school year. With your partnership, we will be able to continue offering support to our students and teachers.

- ❖ Donations of funds, products, and/or services are tax deductible.
- ❖ Business Partners will be featured on the PTSA website and in our newsletter that is published to over 2000 Steinbrenner families.

If your business would like to partner with Steinbrenner PTSA and help us provide additional opportunities for our students, teachers, and staff, please contact us at [gshsptsasponsors@gmail.com](mailto:gshsptsasponsors@gmail.com).





**The holiday season is around the corner. Help your family feel their best without sacrificing sweet traditions.**

You may notice your child’s energy levels or mood differ this time of year. With winter break, vacations, and the holidays, children are adapting to changes in their daily routine and diet. The festivities can make it difficult for your child to maintain good eating habits. How can you promote balanced eating habits while still enjoying holiday treats?

**First, it is important for your child to understand that we feel our best when we eat wholesome foods. Many children can name foods that are good for them but may not always know what benefits they have for our bodies.**

Food group	What should I choose?	Benefits to my body
Fruits	Bright and colorful fresh or frozen fruits.	Helps reduce risk of heart disease, stroke and type 2 diabetes.
Vegetables	A mix of veggies, including ones that are dark green, red and orange, as well as beans, peas and more.	Helps reduce risk of heart disease, can help lower cholesterol and may help maintain healthy blood pressure.
Grains	Grains like whole wheat, brown rice, quinoa and oatmeal. Make half the grains you eat whole grains.	Helps reduce risk of type 2 diabetes, improves digestion and can help maintain or lower weight.
Protein foods	Lean proteins like fish and poultry, beans and nuts, soy foods like tofu.	Help form red blood cells, build healthy bones and muscles.
Dairy	Low-fat or fat-free dairy, like milk, yogurt, cheese and fortified soy drinks.	Helps reduce risk of osteoporosis and can lower blood pressure.

### YouTube Series

Check out [Hey! Simply](#) on YouTube. It has episodes on different topics including healthy eating, staying active, being grateful, and more. Your student will have fun learning about these relevant topics from a trustworthy source. In this episode of [Hey! Simply](#), Nikki teaches about the importance of proper nutrition.

### FALL CHORUS CONCERT OCTOBER 27



### STEINBRENNER BETA CLUB



Beta Club’s annual “basket brigade” fed over 250 families in the Tampa Bay Area this year. Each bag included a gift card to help purchase a turkey and food items to prepare a Thanksgiving meal. Students and volunteers hand delivered the meals to the home of each family.

### More Tips to Promote Healthy Habits During the Holidays

- Try sticking to an eating schedule for meals and snacks
- Involve your kids in the kitchen
- Make healthier versions of your favorite holiday meals
- Offer more vegetables
- Take time for family activities. For example, take a walk around the neighborhood after eating a meal.

It is okay to enjoy holiday treats in moderation. It is important for your child to have a healthy relationship with food and balance is key.



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## Improving the Health and Wellness of Families

National PTA is committed to improving the overall health and well-being of families across the country because they know living a healthy lifestyle is a key component to our students' ability to thrive.

The Healthy Lifestyles initiative offers educational resources and engagement opportunities that empower students and families to make better informed health decisions.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information.



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## Tools you can use to support your child's individual learning needs

Get Smarter Balanced family resources at:  
<https://smarterbalanced.org/our-system/students-and-families>



### National PTA

Parents want a bigger picture of their child's education whether it is about the tools available to students or the types of content they are learning. [@SmarterBalanced](#) is committed to equipping both educators and parents with resources that help them clearly understand where students are in their learning and what information can support growth. Learn more by [CLICKING HERE](#).

## Inspire PTA Leaders Be a Presenter for our 2023 Virtual Meetings



Apply Today

[PTA.org/CallforPresenters](https://PTA.org/CallforPresenters)



Share your ideas and experiences as a presenter during our virtual meetings in 2023! Submit a proposal at <https://PTA.org/CallforPresenters>. The deadline for proposal submissions is 11:59pm EST, December 9, 2022.



### A Podcast for Parents, by Parents

PTA is working to ensure our public schools provide a high-quality education for every child to reach their full potential. [Notes from the Backpack](#) is a PTA podcast designed for millions of parents and the decisionmakers they influence.

Through the unique combination of expert, parent, and educator guests, each episode features engaging conversations that offer real life advice and ideas on how to support children's learning and development.

**Real Experts. Real Parents.  
Real Conversations.**

## STUDENT SERVICES UPDATES

### Bright Futures Evaluations

During the week of November 14, seniors were given the opportunity to stop by the guidance office and pick up their Bright Futures evaluations. The evaluation is current only up to the date listed on the paper. Seniors should use this information as a tool. It gives them an idea of what tasks they need to complete to qualify for a Bright Futures scholarship.

Many students noticed that their evaluations indicated that they had not applied for the scholarship. **EVERY STUDENT, regardless of their post-secondary plans, should complete the [Florida Financial Aid Application \(FFAA\)](#).** The application is **REQUIRED** for Bright Futures scholarships and considers them for multiple state scholarships. Students are encouraged to apply by December 1 regardless of whether they have completed the requirements. Applying now holds their spot to be officially evaluated over the summer. There is no penalty for applying before completing the requirements. Your student should not wait to submit their FFAA.

### RESCHEDULED--[Tampa Bay Higher Education Alliance College Fair](#); Steinbrenner Cafeteria

Due to Hurricane Nicole, the college fair that was originally scheduled for November 9 has been rescheduled for **December 15, 6-8pm**. This exciting event will feature colleges and universities from our area as well as from across the state.

### Programming

November 18 was the deadline for students to submit their course selection sheets to their English teacher. If a student did not have an English teacher on campus, it was their responsibility to pick up a course selection sheet and submit it to the guidance office by the deadline.

Counselors will begin meeting with Freshmen in December and then Sophomores and Juniors after the winter break. Each English class will be assigned a meeting day. Your student will take advantage of the opportunity to meet with their counselor on this day. If your student is absent on the assigned day or does not have an English class, a counselor will meet with them at a separate time. In this case, their counselor will reach out to them individually for a meeting.

March 10, 2023 is the deadline to make a schedule change request for the 2023-2024 school year. Directions to request changes will be posted on canvas. Schedule change requests should only be submitted if a change is needed **AFTER** the meeting with their counselor. Otherwise, the change can be discussed during the in-person meeting on their assigned day. Most reasonable and approved requests for changes can be made.

The 2023-2024 class schedules will be created during the summer break. No group or person has priority over another.

### FLVS/HVS Co-Enrolled Students

If your student is planning early dismissal for a 2<sup>nd</sup> semester virtual class, they must register for their course now and set the start date for January 10.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester 2023

With the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester just around the corner, we want to remind families that all students will receive a newly printed schedule sheet when they return from winter break. Even if your student's semester 2 classes have not changed, they will still receive a newly printed schedule.

The only change requests that will be considered are for students that:

- have a duplicate class on their schedule
- are assigned a class they have already taken and passed
- were placed in a class that was not one of their first choice or alternate elective choices

The process for these change requests will be posted in the Guidance section on canvas.



## STUDENT SERVICES UPDATES CONTINUED...

### Important Dates

**December 1**—We encourage ALL seniors to complete their application for Bright Futures (FFAA). [CLICK HERE](#) for the Florida Student Scholarship and Grant Programs application.

**December 1**—We encourage ALL seniors to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). [CLICK HERE](#) for the application.

**December 15—6-8pm;** [Tampa Bay Higher Education Alliance](#) College Fair, Steinbrenner cafeteria

**December 19-23**—Semester 1 Exam week. See exam schedule on page 2.

**December 23**—Deadline for co-enrolled students to complete FLVS/HVS classes.

**December 26-January 6**—Winter Break (No School)

**January 9**—Regular school day. Dismissal is at 3:25pm. Makeup day for Hurricane Nicole.

**January 17**—Semester 1 classes must be completed and grades received to be counted toward class rank.

**January 31**—Deadline to complete the Hillsborough Education Foundation Scholarship application. [CLICK HERE](#) for application.

### Scholarship Opportunity--Florida Eastern Star Grant Tuition Assistance Program

Deadline is January 1, 2023. This is a one-year scholarship that goes toward tuition. The award amount is determined by the funds available. This scholarship is for seniors that have already been accepted to a university, college, community college, or vocational institution. An essay is required. More information as well as the application can be found by [CLICKING HERE](#).

On behalf of Steinbrenner PTSA, have a  
safe and happy holiday season and a  
Happy New Year!

