



UNCSA High School Parent Support Organization Newsletter

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The Parent Support Organization (PSO) is a non-profit organization created in 2009 to support the UNCSA High School Academic Program through volunteering and fundraising, to facilitate communication between parents and the High School Academic Program, and to develop a nationwide social and support network for parents. If you'd like to join the PSO or find out more about the organization, contact one of the PSO officers listed on page 2 of this newsletter.

Fundraising Committee

Thank you to all the parents, faculty, family and friends who participated in our inaugural fund drive. Starting with Family Weekend in October and running through the Nutcracker Performances in December, we raised nearly \$5,000. A big thanks goes out to Mock Orange Bikes (Winston-Salem) for donating a super-sweet bike for our raffle. Congratulations to John French, father of Mikela Nylander-French, for winning the bike. Also, thanks to Rebekah Chisholm, mother of Sarah Chisholm, for providing beautiful beaded metal ornaments for us to sell through her company, Pilgrim Imports.

Look for another exciting fundraiser as we introduce a new line of **"Fighting Pickle" pins and photo frames for sale.** These pins and frames make great gifts for UNCSA students, parents, teachers, and alumni. We have a limited quantity, so place your order early by contacting Donna Moser, Fundraising Committee Chairperson (dmoser527@triad.rr.com). We will also be selling "Fighting Pickle" pins and photo frames at the Winter Dance Performances in February.

We are excited to announce that the **PSO will be taking over concession sales at the Stevens Center**, UNCSA's theater in downtown Winston Salem. We are looking for volunteers to help out with this fundraiser. Interested volunteers should contact Kristina Nakagawa (nakagawa4@aol.com).

Remember to **support UNCSA while you do your regular shopping.** Go to <http://www.uncsa.edu/parents/fundraisers.htm> for a list of passive fundraising opportunities and sign up today.

Hospitality Committee

Teacher Hospitality is a new PSO committee which **provides meals or snacks to the teachers and staff** one day during each final exam period and during the planning time prior to the beginning of the school year. This is a wonderful opportunity to show our appreciation for the dedication that our teachers and staff give to our students.

There are many ways parents can be involved. We need volunteers to setup/clean up, provide food items, and send money donations or food gift cards. In November, Teacher Hospitality hosted a breakfast for the teachers consisting of bagels, fruit, cheese, coffee cakes, donuts, Starbucks coffee and juice. The High School Academic Program staff was so appreciative. Thank you to the parents who contributed! This event couldn't have taken place without your help and donations.

Our next event will be a Sandwich/Salad bar lunch for high school staff on Thursday March 11th from 11:00am-1:00pm. If you would like to be involved with Teacher Hospitality please contact Colette Griffin, Hospitality, Social and Facebook Chairperson at colette@triad.rr.com.

Upcoming Events

PSO Meeting
Fri. Feb. 19
4:00–6:00 PM
303 Gray Bldg.

**Teacher
Appreciation
Luncheon**
Thur., Mar. 11
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM



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Membership Committee

The **PSO member directory** was distributed by e-mail recently to all PSO members for whom we have an e-mail address. If you are a PSO member and did not receive your directory or if you have changes to your directory information, contact Karen Hines, Membership Chairperson, at hineskarenm@aol.com. To date, 71 high school families have joined the PSO. If you haven't already, please consider joining the PSO on-line by going to <http://www.uncsa.edu/parents/hspso.htm> and clicking on "Join the PSO".

Welcome Committee

The Welcome Committee's mission is to help make new UNCSA high school parents feel welcome and to provide them with personal resources should they have any questions about sending their child to UNCSA. Welcome committee members will be assigned new parents to connect with in the summer and then to follow up with after school starts in the fall. Jane Murphy, mother of Caroline, has agreed to oversee the Welcome Committee for out-of-state parents. Jane is looking for parents representing all arts disciplines to work with her to make this program a success. **We are looking for someone to lead Welcome Committee volunteers in NC.** If you want to join the Welcome Committee, contact Jane at ellewyn@comcast.net. In April, **PSO members will be hosting receptions in the Asheville, Charlotte, and Raleigh areas for newly-admitted high school students and their parents.** The PSO is teaming up with UNCSA's Offices of Advancement and Admissions to help prospective students and their parents make an informed decision about attending UNCSA's high school starting in the fall of 2010. If you would like to help with one of these events, contact Andrea Haritan at aharitan@mi-connection.com.

Elections

It's not too early to think about running for a PSO office for the 2010-11 school year. Elections will be held in the spring; read upcoming meeting agendas for more details. Think you can't be a PSO officer or committee chairperson because you don't live near the school and/or you work? Consider this: all of the current PSO officers work outside the home and three live over an hour away from Winston Salem. Please consider running for an office or becoming a committee chairperson for the upcoming school year.

Upcoming Events

The **next PSO meeting** is scheduled for **Friday, Feb. 19, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at UNCSA in room 303 Gray Building.** A meeting agenda, minutes from the previous meeting, and teleconferencing instructions will be e-mailed to all PSO members one week prior to the meeting. Contact Alix Hitchcock, PSO Secretary, at hitchcac@wfu.edu for more information.

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We are on
the web!

<http://uncsa.edu/parents/hspso.htm>

* Please read the following important information from Health Services, Residence Life and the Hand Sanitizer Project. Contact the individuals listed with any questions.

Health Services

Health Services would like to remind all parents to send in copies of their current insurance and pharmacy cards. Many will receive new insurance and pharmacy cards for 2010. To avoid delays and assure your student receives timely care and medication, we ask that you fax a copy of your 2010 health and pharmacy cards to 336-770-1492. It is often necessary to enlarge the photocopy before Faxing so that all the numbers are fully legible.

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Dorm Life

Please read the attached letter from Jennifer Wells, Associate Director of High School Residence Life, as it contains important information about spring break and upcoming events, among other topics.

Hand Sanitizer Dispensers

Participants in the **Hand Sanitizer Project** wish to express their appreciation to those parents who have contributed \$810 to date to purchase and install 18 hand sanitizer dispensers in Moore and Sanford High School Residence Halls. A special thank you goes to Michael Karaman, father of Lauren, who installed the dispensers. We are pleased to announce that all dispensers are filled with antibacterial gel and are being used by the high school students. Please encourage your child to use the dispensers on their floor and in the connector building.

We are prepared to take the \$450.57 remaining in the account to fill the dispensers when they empty. However, additional funds will be needed to continue to fill the dispensers with sanitizing gel for the rest of 2010. Please consider contributing to this worthy project. Donors may make checks payable to "UNCSA Foundation" and be sure to put "PSO H.S. Hand Sanitizers" on the memo line. Send check to UNCSA Office of Advancement, 1533 S. Main Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27127-2188. Alternatively, if someone would like to make their donation online, they should go to www.uncsa.edu, click the "Giving" bar, then the "Make a Donation" sidebar, then make a gift to the "PSO" designation and again indicate in the note box that your donation is for "PSO H.S. Hand Sanitizers". **I am looking for a parent to take over this project next year** as my daughter is graduating in May. Contact me if you are interested in overseeing this important project. Thank you for your consideration.

For the Good of our Children,

Leo Lawson, Hand Sanitizer Project Coordinator

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