

August 2025

Dear Providence Academy Parents:

The Providence Academy Parent Association (PAPA) extends a warm welcome to you and your family as we prepare to start the 2025-2026 school year! We would like to extend a very special welcome to the students and families who are new to the school. PAPA exists to support Providence Academy's philosophy, mission, and curriculum. Other purposes of PAPA are to support, organize, and develop events and activities; to coordinate parent volunteerism, to assist in fundraising activities in cooperation with the Development Office, and to facilitate communication between the school and parents.

Speaking of volunteer opportunities, please go to the Providence Academy website to review the options and sign up to volunteer! Here is a quick preview of near-term volunteer needs:

- Lower School Picture Day: September 5th
- Admissions Event: September 25th
- Fall Fun Fair: November 15th
- Parent Parties: Friday/Saturday nights during the fall

We invite you and welcome you to get involved and volunteer in one of the many options available. It's a great way to meet others in our community. Last year, PAPA supported many events and activities. Here is a quick recap of some of the highlights:

Gala	Volunteer Coordination	Grandparents'/Special Persons' Day
Used Uniform Sales & Flash Sales	Fall Fun Fair	Faculty & Staff Appreciation Events
New Family Events	Divisional Event Support	Hosted Annual Meeting
Admission Events	Event Coordinators	Election of Executive Board
Meal & Snack Support for Faculty Events	Added Credit Card Options for Uniform Sale, etc.	

As you can see from last year's highlights, there are a wide range of volunteer opportunities. Our biggest event is the annual Gala. This year, it will be held on April 25th, 2026. **Last year's Gala was a record smashing good time!** Put this on your calendar now as you won't want to miss it!

Regarding communication, the PAPA Executive Committee communicates with families through the weekly e-Bulletin. Please check there each week for the latest information from PAPA. The weekly e-bulletin is an excellent tool to stay abreast of all school and divisional news. For important school news, don't forget to follow PA on Facebook and Instagram; these are great ways to stay up to date on school news and events.

Before closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our PAPA Board President **Debbie Dove Larson** who completed her term in June. It was a pleasure to serve with her. Her dedication and support of our school was palpable and contagious, a tribute to the spirit of Providence. The PAPA Executive Committee Board Members for 2025-2026 are:

President: Lauren O'Neil
Vice President: Misty Laney
Secretary: Sara McCabe
Treasurer: Peter Schnobrich

Upper School Representative: Gina Illies
Middle School Representative: Nichole Schelitzche
Lower School Representative (PK-2): Brittany Lada
Lower School Representative (3-5): Jessie Bollig

On behalf of the entire PAPA board, we hope you and your families enjoy the final days of summer. We look forward to a spectacular school year.

Blessings,

Lauren O'Neil
PAPA President

2025-2026 Providence Academy Volunteer Opportunities

It takes ALL of us to support a “school like no other”!

To learn more about opportunities listed below and to sign-up, please visit the Providence Academy website, <https://www.providenceacademy.org/> find and click on 'Resources' (upper right-hand corner), then click on the drop-down 'For Parents', then click on the 'Volunteer' button.

All School Volunteer Opportunities:

Flowers for Mary	Help us honor Mary with weekly flowers by her statue. Please find the sign up on the school website under the volunteering page. Contact Kelly Roles at kelly.roles@providenceacademy.org if you have questions.
Parent Party Hosts	Parent Parties are held annually to allow parents to get to know other parents of children in the same grade. A parent or a group of parents may join to host a party. They can be held at a host's home, or at a venue of their choice. Parties are held on a Friday or Saturday evening. If you have questions about hosting, please contact the board secretary, Sara McCabe at Saramccabe82@yahoo.com
Grandparents/Special Persons Day	Grandparents'/Special Persons' Day is a wonderful opportunity for PA students to share their school with loved ones. PA will host Middle and Upper School guests on Thursday, October 9th . Lower School guests will be hosted on Friday, October 10th . Reach out to Jennifer Newman at jennifer.newman@providenceacademy.org with questions.
Faculty Meeting Snacks	Serve our fabulous faculty by providing a snack for one of their meetings throughout the year.
Faculty Meals for Parent Teacher Conferences	Organize meals for PA faculty during Parent Teacher Conferences. Meals are purchased by PAPA and served to the teachers and staff during conferences.. Contact Misty Lainey at misty.tiller@hotmail.com if you have questions.
Admissions Events	Serve as a PA Ambassador at admission events. There are events during the school day as well as in the evenings. Contact Jenny Bruce at jenny.bruce@providenceacademy.org for more information on how you can share your love of our school with new parents considering Providence for their children.
Eucharistic Adoration	Providence is blessed to be able to offer all-day Eucharistic Adoration every Friday at PA. Adoration begins following Friday's 7:40 am Mass and ends with a Benediction at 3:20 following the final bell. We invite parents to sign up for a weekly Holy Hour in gratitude to God who has blessed us so abundantly. If you would like to commit to spending an hour each week in Eucharist Adoration, please look for a signup in the eBulletin or contact Fr. McGinnis
Faculty Christmas Breakfast	Spread the spirit of Christmas by helping to organize and/or serve at the annual breakfast for our fabulous faculty members on December 17th . Contact Debbie Dove Larson at debbie.dove@cdw.com for more information.
Used Uniform Sales	Used Uniform responsibilities include preparation for and assistance during used uniform sale events. Katherine Stephens is the current chair. Contact her at Kapstephens@yahoo.com for more information.
New Family Ambassadors	Help welcome our new families into the Providence Academy community. This connection helps our new families by answering questions and providing insight. The goal is to match current PA families with new families that have similar characteristics – kids in the same grade, kids active in the same sports, etc. Contact Misty Lainey at misty.tiller@hotmail.com if you have questions.
Providence Academy Gala	The committee for this year's Gala is starting early! The Gala is scheduled for April 25, 2026 . Please consider making a donation and/or volunteering. Questions can be directed to Anne Jewison at majewison@hotmail.com .

Lower School Volunteer Opportunities:

Classroom Representatives	Classroom Representatives assist the teacher with coordinating classroom volunteers and events in each Lower School Classroom. Your child's classroom teacher will discuss the needs of their specific classroom during the first weeks of the school year. Anne Jewison and Sadar Lingam will host a Room Kick-Off meeting in mid-September to ensure all reps have the information they need to support their classroom.
Lower School Picture Day	Assist teachers and photographers with the Lower School student picture process on September 5th .
Homecoming Ice Cream Social	Help the Lower School celebrate Homecoming with the annual Homecoming Ice Cream Social on September 24th .
Fall Fun Fair	This year's Fun Fair will be November 15th . Please help make this fun event a success by volunteering for set-up, clean-up, donations, or by working at a station during the carnival. Volunteers can be Middle School age or older. Contact Lauren O'Neil at Lbshep27@yahoo.com
Lower School Sock Hop	One of the favorite nights in Lower School is the Sock Hop. Help is needed to plan the event, as well as setting up the afternoon of the Sock Hop, and during the event to replenish food/drinks. This is scheduled for February 7, 2026 .
Lower School Family Service Project	Sign up your family to join the Lower School Family Service Project that will be in March 7, 2026 . This is a great opportunity for younger students to serve a variety of charities and organizations.

Middle School Volunteer Opportunities:

Middle School Homecoming Party	The Middle School Party takes place the Saturday before Homecoming week, which is September 20, 2026 . Parent volunteers are needed to help make this event a success.
Middle School Fall Service Day	Middle School students have a school sponsored Day of Service typically in October. Please consider signing up to chaperone one of the activities. Service project details will be provided closer to the event.
Middle School Root Beer Floats:	As a part of Catholic Schools Week, PAPA sponsors Root Beer Floats during the day for Middle School students. Bring a smile to a middle schooler by volunteering to scoop ice cream during this fun event.
8 th Grade Transition Banquet	Volunteer opportunity for 7 th grade parents. The 8 th grade transition banquet will take place on May 20, 2026 . We need volunteers to help set up tables and assist with general decorating.

Upper School Volunteer Opportunities:

College Day	Approximately 120 colleges and universities will attend Providence Academy's College Day. All students in Grades 9-11 will participate in this wonderful event in the spring. The College and Guidance Counseling office is in need of parent volunteers to assist throughout the day. This year's event will be April 15th 2026 . Contact Sarah Hogan sarah.hogan@providenceacademy.org for more information.
US Pop up events	Participate in events to bring fun to the halls of our Upper School students at various times during the school year. Email Glna Illies at ginab103@hotmail.com if you would like to be notified when an event is scheduled so that you can participate.