Faculty/Staff Appreciation Luncheon (overview for web site)

The Faculty/Staff Appreciation Luncheon is an opportunity for our parent body to recognize and express our appreciation to the Upper School faculty and staff for the time and dedication they show to our students. Using contributions from the parent body, the USPA plans and hosts a delicious catered lunch at the end of the 2nd goal marking period. The Student Center is transformed with flowers and linen table settings. Musical entertainment, usually provided by our students, and a fun game or two make this a very special thank you to our US faculty and staff.

If you are interested in making a donation or volunteering to assist at the luncheon, please contact one of the following USPA committee members.

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Senior All Night Party (overview for web site)

This event is organized and hosted by the USPA for the graduating seniors. It occurs immediately following the graduation ceremony. The students are bused to a venue for an all-night party. This is a lock-in event that does not end until the following morning. This year, the party will take place at Lucky’s in Novi. All students are encouraged to attend. The USPA organizes this event to provide our students with a safe and fun way to celebrate their achievement.

There is a cost associated with this event. The ticket price includes free use of all the arcade games in the venue as well as a late dinner, continuous snacks and drinks and breakfast in the morning. This year’s event will feature bowling and pool contest, casino games, DJ and photo booth. Students receive a gift bag and a video of photos and video clips of their Upper School years.

Parent donations are needed in addition to the monies generated from the ticket price and are essential to putting on a successful event and making it a night the student will remember forever. The attached forms provide additional information regarding how you can help make this event a success with financial or material donations.

If your student has not returned the permission form needed to attend the party, clicking on the permission form link can attain it. The SANP letter link is where you will find detailed information regarding how to make sure your student is included in the video. Receiving your photos is essential to our video production. The “conditions of attendance” explains all the ins-and-outs of the party.

If you have any additional questions, please contact one of the SANP committee members.
Jr/Sr Mother/Daughter Breakfast (overview for web site)

This USPA hosted event occurs the morning of prom. Junior and senior girls and their mothers/significant other are hosted to a special breakfast. The breakfast is usually held in a beautiful setting of one of the local country clubs. At the breakfast, the mothers and daughters will take and receive a commemorative photograph and view a previously compiled video of themselves and their female classmates. This event also includes a short presentation given by one of the graduating seniors and her mother.

This event is a much “looked-forward-to” tradition amongst the US students and their mothers. Invitations will be sent in the early spring and reminders are announced via the Buzz. This is a ticketed event.

Please address questions regarding this event to one of the board chairs.
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Holiday Baking (overview for web site)

This USPA activity involves providing the US faculty and staff with delicious treats during the holiday season. Our parent body donates the baked items. A group of volunteers assemble the trays and delivers them to the US faculty and staff before the holiday break. This has become a wonderful holiday tradition that is very much appreciated by the recipients.

Volunteers are essential to making this activity successful. To donate baked goods or a few hours of your time, contact one of the board chairs

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Holiday Decorating (overview for web site)

The USPA works along with the US student diversity council to erect displays exhibiting of various cultural holiday celebrations that occur during the winter months. The displays include Christmas, Diwali, Hanukkah, Chinese New Year, Kwanza and Ramadan. The displays are set up in the Student Center enabling exposure to the entire US student body. All students have the opportunity to read them and develop a better understanding of the different cultural celebrations. The displays are available for viewing the entire month of December.
If you would like to assist with this activity or make a donation to the displays, please contact one of the board committee chairs.
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All School Ladies Event (overview for web site)

This event planned and hosted by the USPA is a social opportunity specifically designed for the purpose of bringing female parents together from all school campuses. The structure and location of the event may change from year to year. Past events have been in the form of a luncheon with a fashion show at various country clubs. Most recently, the event has taken place in a local department store and included hors d’oeuvres, mimosas, a presentation of current fashion trends, beauty tips and treatments and door prizes provided by the hosting store.

This is a ticketed event and usually takes place in the fall of the school year. The event is announced in the Buzz and one email invitation is sent to all parents. Please be on the lookout for this event in the 2013-2014 school year. It has been a fun experience and an opportunity to spend time with parents from other campuses that you might not otherwise have a chance to meet.

For questions regarding this event, please contact board committee chairs:

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Used Uniform Sales (overview for web site)

Used uniform sales are held several times throughout the year as a convenience to the US parent body. Parents can obtain gently used uniform items for a fraction of the cost of a new item. The sales are coordinated and run by the USPA with the assistance of parent volunteers. Donations of items are accepted throughout the year. Items must be clean and on hangers. Donations can be left in the US academic office or contact one of the committee members to make drop off arrangements. The funds generated from these sales are used to support other USPA sponsored events and activities for the US students.

Please contact one of the committee members to donate or volunteer to help.
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Earning for Learning (E4L)  (overview for web site)

Earning for Learning is a DCDS fundraising program leveraging local and national retailers’ community rewards and SCRIP programs. The E4L program purchases pre-paid shopping cards at a discount and resells them at face value to DCDS families and works with retailers for more automatic donations tied to their rewards programs.

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Parent volunteers are essential to making this program successful. Volunteers are needed to staff the E4L office, organize and fill SCRIP orders and assist with grocery rewards program enrollment.

For answers to your E4L questions or to volunteer, contact one of the board E4L chairs.
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