

The Half Moon Bay High School Parent Advisory Council is a non-profit parent organization dedicated to supporting academic and enrichment programs at Half Moon Bay High School. PAC's primary function is to raise and distribute funds that support activities designated to enhance HMBHS students' educational experience. All PAC proceeds go directly to improving the students' academic experience.

### ABOUT PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

PAC was established in 2000 by a group of parents committed to enhance the academic experience at Half Moon Bay High School (HMBHS). Since that time, with funding of public schools declining, PAC's role at HMBHS has become even more critical. We exist to provide needed support for programs and services that have traditionally been funded in public schools, but are no longer. Today, PAC works not just to enhance student experiences, but to sustain academic and enrichment opportunities available to HMBHS students. We do this because we want more than a good education for our students. We want them to have access to an excellent education. And an excellent public education isn't free anymore.

**PAC funds are raised** primarily through membership fees, donations, fundraising events and eScrip.

**PAC funds a wide variety of needs.** The following are some of the programs funded by PAC:

- Annual School Loop subscription
- After-school tutoring
- Enrichment opportunities including field trips and guest speakers
- Scholarships for graduating seniors
- Professional development for the faculty to enhance classroom experiences for students.

#### The CSEF (Cougar Scholastic Excellence Fund)

CSEF was founded in 2008 to save elective classes that, due to a lack of funding, were to be cut. In a matter of 6 weeks, a handful of families raised \$106,000 over 2 years, allowing 5 elective sections to be saved for each year. With the funding of public education in a free fall, CSEF has become a requirement, not a luxury. **Our goal is for 100% participation each year.** With greater involvement and investment in this fund, our students will enjoy the benefits of small elective class sizes and a greater breadth of choice in elective offerings.

Recognizing that school spirit and pride in one's community is connected to success, campus beautification is now an effort sponsored and supported by PAC.

In addition to financially supporting a range of academic and enrichment needs, PAC also assists with and sponsors important events like Freshman Orientation, Back-to-School Night and school community celebrations including Scholarship Night, Academic Awards Night, Graduation Reception and Teacher Appreciation Luncheons.

# PAC Membership: Everyone Benefits.

**The evidence is in: Research shows that when schools and families work together to support learning, everyone benefits.** Students do better in school and life. Parents become empowered. Teachers feel supported. Schools get better. Communities grow stronger.

Please join PAC and support your student and the HMBHS community financially and with your time. Make your membership check for \$25 out to HMBHS PAC and provide us with the following information:

#### PARENT INFORMATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

#### STUDENT INFORMATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

I would be interested in volunteering to help with the following committee(s) or activities/events:

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**We welcome any additional donations. Donations to PAC are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.**