

Dear Harbor Families,

Harbor Country Day School's Parent Association extends its warmest welcome to the 2018-2019 School Year! We are excited to reconnect with our returning Harbor Hawks and look forward to getting to know our newly-enrolled families. Harbor's Parent Association ("the PA") returns to kick off the new school year with great enthusiasm, and looks forward to collaborating with you to create and share many memorable events for our School community. We wish to express our sincere thanks to our outgoing PA Co-Chairs, Michele Filosa and Jennifer Tona for all their time and talent in creating events for our community and for working with us to transition into this new role as PA Chairs.

Last year, Harbor celebrated its 60th Anniversary with a momentous Spring Benefit at Flowerfield. The vast generosity of our school families and the community, coupled with the collaboration of the Alumni Committee of the Board of Trustees, the PA and a truly outstanding team of volunteers, created an unforgettable night that raised funds for the School's capital improvement projects, Professional Development and Tuition Assistance. This year kicks off 'the next 60'....

One of the great attributes of Harbor is the sense of tradition upheld by our annual events: Trunk-or-Treat, Book Fair, Gingerbread Extravaganza and the various grade-sponsored events. These traditions are made possible by the time, talent and creativity lent to us by the school community and in cooperation with our faculty and staff. We hope you will join us continue these traditions!

Some dates to be aware of are as follows:

**Sunday September 16th: WELCOME ALL!**

- **New Parent Social 4:00 PM-5:00 PM:** - A reception hosted in honor of our new Harbor families, to say "Welcome New Harbor Families"! This welcome event is being kicked off prior to our All School Barbeque to give new Harbor Families a more exclusive opportunity to meet and greet each other. Your families will not be "new" for long...

- **The All-School BBQ 5:00 PM-7:00 PM-** The traditional “Welcome Back to Harbor” mixer event for all new and returning families.

**Thursday September 20th:**

- **Parent Association Meeting 8:30 AM-9:30 AM:** *2018-2019 School Year Kick Off Event:* Let’s meet over coffee and treats to share and develop ideas for a meaningful year for our School Community. *Please note - plans are in the works to accommodate those who wish to participate in meetings remotely.*

To learn more about the Parent Association or to inquire about Class Parent opportunities for 2018-2019, please contact us at [parentsassociation@hcdsny.org](mailto:parentsassociation@hcdsny.org). We are currently looking to fill the Class Parent role for each grade level. The Parent Association is open to **all members of our School Community** who wish to participate in meetings. We welcome your suggestions, ideas and comments. Please do not hesitate to contact us. We are looking forward to a wonderful school year at Harbor Country Day School.

With best regards,

Your Parent Association Coordinators

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