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<https://hsas-lehman.org/parents/pta/>

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Dear HSAS Families,

Welcome to the 2020—2021 school year! For parents/guardians of incoming students, we are glad to have you as the newest members of the Parent-Teacher Association of the High School of American Studies.

The PTA's mission is to create and maintain a welcoming and supportive atmosphere for the HSAS community. We are committed to providing resources to the school that enrich the education of our outstanding student body. We seek to promote a cooperative relationship between parents/guardians and school staff and to foster parent/guardian participation at all levels.

As a PTA, one of our most important roles is to raise funds to enable the school to achieve its goals and to enhance our children's school experience. Our children are very fortunate to benefit from the excellent education that HSAS provides — supported by dedicated and experienced teachers and staff members, small class sizes, numerous clubs and activities and much more. We are proud to note that HSAS has been ranked as one of the best public high school in New York State by U.S. News and World Report. However, as wonderful as our school is, we cannot rely solely on the school's budget to provide all that is necessary for an extraordinary experience. We will need your support to make this happen.

While this school year is starting out very differently than any other year in our school's short, but illustrious history, we will continue to work hard to support HSAS. To be successful, we need your help! Any way that you can volunteer or donate would be greatly appreciated. One of the most special aspects of HSAS is that even though we are a small school, the level of parent involvement is enormous! We are going to get through these difficult times closer and stronger than we have ever been thanks to you, our wonderful parents.

At one of our early PTA Meetings, we will be holding expedited elections for several positions held for 9th grade families — Member at Large, School Leadership Team (SLT) Member and Class Parent(s). We are also looking for a Fundraising Chairperson and another Member-at-Large. Please consider running for office! Members (unofficially) serving on the Executive Board are:

- Joanna Brody (Will Brody, 10th Grade) — Vice President
- Dan Jacob (Ben Jacob, 12th Grade) & Jorge Ramirez (Alex Ramirez, 11th Grade) — Co-Treasurers
- Nora McCauley (Peregrine Booth, 10th Grade) & Melanie Perlstein (Morgan Perlstein- 10th Grade) — Co-Recording Secretaries
- Stephen Friedgood (Matan Friedgood, 11th Grade) — Communications Secretary
- Eric Weinberg (Peter Weinberg, 12th Grade) — Member-at-Large

We look forward to seeing you at all our other PTA meetings and events throughout the year. Please come to participate and make a difference! Mr. Weiss attends every meeting to provide school updates and to answer parent questions. We plan to have our first official meeting of the school year on either the 3rd or 4th Tuesday in September. Meetings will generally be once a month to keep everyone informed and in-touch. Until further notice, all meetings will be remote. We will let you know when we will be able to meet in person again.

Lastly, please check out the **HSAS and PTA website** for reminders and information, or to donate (www.hsas-lehman.org/parents/pta). You can sign up for our newsletter through **Contact Us** on our pages, or by email at hsaspta.board@gmail.com, or by filling out the form, either online or in paper form. Please include your contact information (name, street and email addresses, telephone/cell numbers) and your child's name and grade.

We look forward to "seeing you" at our pre-school Town Hall Meeting on **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2020 at 6PM.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicole Rothschild".

Nicole Rothschild (Yael DiPietra, 10th Grade)
President, PTA of HSAS