



Report of the Parents' Association
Annual General Meeting, October 29, 2025

It is my honor to deliver to you the Report of the Parents' Association (PA) for the 2024-2025 school year.

I would like to start by summarizing the mission of our PA: "...to provide the opportunity for our Members to have an active role in the School community by promoting partnership between Members and the School; encouraging voluntary contributions of ideas, time, skill; and to create opportunities for Members to meet and interact with each other." To achieve this mission, our PA has a long history of community engagement, and last year was no exception.

September 2024 kicked off the year with an All-Parents Coffee Morning, hosting more than 100 guests on our school rooftop patio. September also saw our traditional Welcome Fair, supported by 20+ student and parent volunteers. Upwards of 350 guests cycled through the afternoon's festivities. I worked the door, giving out tickets, and loved seeing how easily our Senior, Junior, and Middle School girls interact with each other, with parents, teachers, and staff. I also realized that ice cream (+ toppings) is a powerful, unifying force at our School.

In October, we introduced a new format for PA Coffee Mornings, hosting them by division (Junior, Middle, and Senior School) instead of by grade. Parents appreciated being able to connect across grades and everyone was onside with Bring Your Own Mug, which is now a given at our coffee mornings.

In October we also held the first of three Used Uniform Sales. These sales are perfect events: parent shoppers win, it's great for PA profit metrics, and volunteering at the sale is a lot of fun. The October sale also saw two upgrades of sorts; storage bins kindly donated by a parent in our community, and storage space made available in the School, which helped solve the not so fun logistics behind the sale. In October we held our first in person PA meeting, in the school library.

In November we delivered on two seasonal classics: the Jingle Mingle and the Holiday Treats Sale. Again, we introduced some enhancements with capital investments in a beautiful lighting system and seasonal décor that will serve us for years to come. We also opened up for afterschool shopping to allow our girls to participate, and at the Jingle Mingle we launched our spirit item, the crested navy blue vest. Over 100 tickets were sold for the evening portion, and it was a fun and festive community event.

In December the PA once again facilitated staff and teacher gifts. I remind that this generous tradition is not a revenue activity for the PA in any way. We manage the collection, procurement and distribution of digital gift cards, twice per year, in equal amounts to all teachers and staff. Last year we surpassed the prior year and had an overwhelming majority of parents opting in. The cards were individually addressed and made out FROM: SCS PARENTS. And I can say, based on

the so many thank you notes and emails, this tradition is enormously and humbly appreciated by all.

January saw the PA host a new event, much talked about in recent years and finally come to life - the Staff Appreciation Breakfast. On a learning and development day in late January, held at the School, the PA “surprised” teachers and staff, around 103 in attendance, with hot breakfast, floral arrangements, and lovely notes of impact shared by the community. It was an opportunity to extend our parents’ and students’ gratitude to our teachers and staff, and I am thrilled that the event will be delivered again next year.

In February, though not a core event, the Lunar New Year (LNY) was supported by PA promotional activities, PA volunteers and nominal financial contribution. A fun and generous community event organized by 9 core parent and 28 additional volunteers, this year we had upwards of 200 people make their way throughout the afternoon. It was our second year in active partnership with the LNY Committee and I am happy to note we will continue our partnership into this school year.

In April, we held our second Used Uniform Sale and our second in person meeting, again in the school library.

In May we hosted our spring installment of our All-Parents Coffee Morning.

And finally in June, which was surprisingly busy, we had our third Used Uniform Sale, and we delivered on two new initiatives: a pop-up ice cream event, held in the side yard, with parent and student volunteers; and the launch of a new digital format for the Used Textbook Sale.

In summary, the year was a continuation of traditions but also an evolution. For example, refining our PA meetings to four virtual, two in person; expanding the executive functions to include a dedicated communications role and an additional officer for volunteer coordinator; and diversifying the composition of parents (meaning the mix of dads and moms, parents who work full-time outside the home, parents who work part time, parents who are founders and entrepreneurs, parents who are SCS alumni and parents whose first language is other than English). I am so proud of our interested and interesting parents.

Nothing that I have described would have been possible without my executive team (Alissa Crean, Melissa Pugsley, Nadim (Deemsy) Abdo, Kurt MacWilliam, Andrea Jong) – thank you to them, thank you to convenors and volunteers, thank you to grade parents for keeping the spirit and communication alive in each of our grades, and thank you to parents who simply attend all meetings and events – their attendance is support and validation that we stay true to our mission and that our mission is a good one.

Julietta Lynch, President