

SOUTH HIGH



2019-2020 PTA Program Directory *"Make a Difference"*



South High School
A 2017 Gold Ribbon School
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Torrance, California 90505
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Website: www.tusd.org/schools/shs

South High School



[South High School PTA](#)

Founded in 1957

Message from the South High Principal

Dear South High Parents,

We hope the 2019-2020 school year is off to a fantastic start for your students, and they are developing good academic routines and work-play schedules. At South High, the partnership between the parents and school is particularly strong, and I would like to extend my appreciation to everyone involved in the South High PTA.

Thanks to the generous support of our PTA, we are able to refurbish the South High Library to provide greater support and community for all of our students. With new workspaces and furniture coming soon, we are redesigning a welcoming space for our students to access information, get creative, collaborate and connect with each other. More details to come on this exciting project!

Our parents, teachers and students are committed to working together to put on amazing activities for our entire school. Students consistently report that they love the opportunities afforded them in the variety of classes, clubs and activities offered here, and I encourage everyone to get involved in our school community in some way. The [South High website](#) is a great resource for valuable information to assist you with your Spartan's education.

Once again, thank you for your support and involvement as we work together to continue the traditions of achievement and excellence at South High.

With much appreciation,
Michelle Fournier, Your Proud Principal

Message from the South High PTA President

Welcome back, returning Spartans! And a big WELCOME to our incoming class of freshmen, the Class of 2023!

My name is Deanna Diederich and I am honored to serve as this year's South High PTA President. This is my family's seventh year at South High, and each year reinforces my appreciation for our awesome school community. We are a community that supports one another in good times and bad, speaks out on important issues, looks out for friends and classmates, and gives back to those in need. We take pride in our school and our students, cheering them on in their academic, athletic, musical, philanthropic, and extracurricular endeavors year-round! We are Spartans!

Your PTA is already hard at work, planning for a fantastic 2019-2020 school year, and we encourage you to stay connected and informed. This can be done in the following ways:

- Visit the SHS website and click on the PTA link regularly: <https://www.tusd.org/schools/shs>
- Enjoy our quarterly newsletter, The Spartan Scribe, sent through email.
- Follow us on Facebook: South High School PTA
- Attend Association Meetings: September 18th (Back to School Night), November 13th (Parent Ed Night), February 19th (PTA Awards Night), April 22nd (College Night)

We are excited for this year's PTA programs, including our annual Reflections Art Contest, a Study Skills Seminar for freshmen (9/25), ACT and SAT full length practice tests (9/14 & 2/22), Parent Ed Night (11/13), our annual College Fair (2/29), GRAD Night 2020, and more! We hope you will take advantage of these wonderful opportunities for your students.

Feel free to contact me or any member of the South High PTA should you have any questions, suggestions, or are interested in volunteering at one of our events. One of the most important ways to support South High is to stay informed and become a PTA member for just \$10 per membership: <https://jointotem.com/ca/torrance/south-high-pta/join/register>. We thank you for your support and look forward to a great school year! Go Spartans!

Deanna Diederich, PTA President
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South High Website

The [South High website](#) is regularly updated to provide families a convenient, mobile-friendly way to keep current with important information such as:

Daily Bulletins	Student/Parent PowerSchool
Bell Schedules	Honors and AP Announcements
School and PTA Calendar	South High PTA and Membership Info
Athletics Calendar	SHS Web Store
Policies and Procedures	Student Clubs
Faculty and Staff Directory	School Library
College and Career Counseling	Campus Map

[Click here to subscribe to the South High School Calendar](#) and receive automatic school updates on your mobile devices and computers.

California State PTA Mission and Purpose

California State PTA Mission Statement

The mission of the California State PTA is to positively impact the lives of all children and families.

California State PTA Purpose

- To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, places of worship, and throughout the community;
- To raise the standards of home life;
- To advocate for laws that further the education, physical and mental health, welfare, and safety of children and youth;
- To promote the collaboration and engagement of families and educators in the education of children and youth;
- To engage the public in united efforts to secure the physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, and social well-being of all children and youth; and
- To advocate for fiscal responsibility regarding public tax dollars in public education funding.

Council, District, State and National PTA Contact Information

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Community Resources and Emergency Contacts

City of Torrance	310-328-5310
TorranceAlerts	Click to Get Emergency Alerts Now
Torrance Police Department (non-emergency)	310-328-3456 or 310-618-5641
Community Lead Officers	310-618-6389
Torrance Fire Department (non-emergency)	310-781-7042
Airport Noise Abatement	310-784-7950
Torrance Animal Control Coyote Sightings and Interactive Coyote Map	310-618-3850
Graffiti Hotline	310-781-7149
Public Works (Street/Trees/Trash)	310-781-6900
Torrance Public Library Branches	
Torrance City Parks	
Hospitals/Emergency	
Emergency	911
Poison Control	800-222-1222
Torrance Memorial Hospital	310-325-9110
Little Company of Mary Hospital	310-540-7676

Community Resources and Emergency Contacts

Hotlines	
Child Abuse Hotline	800-540-4000
Teen Hot Line (6-10 p.m.)	800-852-8336
Suicide Prevention	800-273-8255
Torrance Unified School District	
Torrance Unified School District Office	310-972-6500
Torrance Elementary Schools	
Torrance Middle Schools	
Torrance High Schools	
TUSD After Hours Emergency Number	310-530-8780
Utilities	
California Water Service Company	310-257-1400
Torrance Municipal Water Department	855-354-5623
SoCalGas	800-427-2200
Southern California Edison	800-611-1911
Torrance Refining Company	310-505-3158

Torrance Unified School District

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Torrance Unified School District

All Board of Education Meetings begin at 7 p.m. and are held in the Educational Materials Building (EMB), 2336 Plaza Del Amo, 2nd Floor. Meetings are held twice monthly, generally on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month, with a few exceptions, as shown on the Board meeting calendar at www.tusd.org.

Quarterly Construction Update meetings are generally held on the last Monday of the quarter. Recognition Meetings to honor the achievements of teachers, employees, students, and community members are held twice a year in February and June at one of the high schools (TBD).

All regularly scheduled meetings are open to the public. The agendas for the meetings will be available online at www.tusd.org. The meetings are televised live on Time Warner Cable Channel 30 (or as listed in the Time Warner Cable Directory) and on Verizon Cable Channel 37. Meetings can also be viewed at a later date on the [TUSD-TV channel on youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...).

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Unless adjourned to another time or location, the [Torrance City Council](#) meets every Tuesday in the City Hall Council Chamber at 3031 Torrance Blvd., at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session with the regular business commencing no earlier than 7:00 p.m. Council chambers may be dark on holidays falling on a Tuesday, on the 5th Tuesday of the month or on a Tuesday following a Monday holiday.

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