

# LINTON HALL SCHOOL PARENT SCHOOL GUILD WELCOME PACKET 2023/24

## What is the Parent School Guild?

The Linton Hall School Parent School Guild (PSG) is the equivalent of the PTA you find at many other schools. Each year, the Guild organizes fundraising efforts and hosts community events. Some examples are the Back-to-School Picnic, Spirit Nights at local restaurants and the annual Gala, to name a few.

All parents of Linton Hall students are part of the PSG! As an LHS parent, you are an integral part of what makes Linton Hall such a special place, which is why your involvement in school events is so important. We ask only for a small amount of your time, whatever you can spare. The Guild's Executive Committee has the time-consuming jobs covered, but we are hoping to find extra hands to help us make our events fun and inclusive for all who attend.

Please fill out the form at the link below if you are interested in volunteering! We want to work together to enrich the school environment for our children. Studies show that parents who are engaged in their children's education help make a huge difference in their success. We hope that you will become involved!

Scan here for the Volunteer Form:



## FUNDRAISING PROGRAMS

When you link your Harris Teeter VIC card to LHS, a percentage of your purchases are donated to the school. Last year we raised over \$1,000.00 from this alone! This program resets every August 1st, so please check that your Harris Teeter rewards are linked to LHS!



Box Tops for Education has an app that makes earning money for your school even easier! Simply download the app and you can scan both your digital and physical receipts. These small donations add up quickly and are easy money for LHS!

Mabel's Labels Fundraising Program gives 20% commission of all purchases to LHS! Click "Support a Fundraiser" on their website, search Linton Hall School, and then shop for your labelling needs.





## PSG Executive Committee Members

### Ginni Arzadam – President

Ginni has one child in Kindergarten and this is their second year at Linton Hall School. Her family has lived in Gainesville for the last three years and has been a business financial manager for the DoD for the last 14 years. Ginni's favorite LHS event from last year to help volunteer for and attend was the LHS 100 Year Gala, and she can't wait to see what we can put together this coming year!

### Amanda Bartoszek – Vice President

Amanda has a daughter in first grade and a daughter in the Little Sprouts preschool program. Her family has lived in Bristow, VA for 14 years. Amanda has worked full-time in higher education financial management for over 15 years and is currently a director in university research administration. This is their family's second year being a part of the LHS community, and we absolutely love it! She enjoys volunteering at all of the fun LHS events and is really looking forward to all of the wonderful activities planned for this year!

### Christina Hanna – Secretary

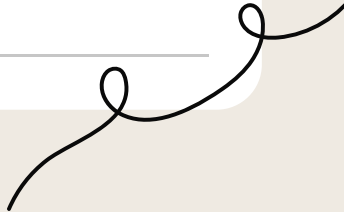




Christina has two children that attend LHS and her family loves this community! She and her husband have lived in Gainesville for 14 years now. She is a retired dental hygienist who recently joined her husband's real estate team to help his business grow while having the flexibility to be involved with her children. Christina is looking forward to spending lots of time at LHS and working together to put on some amazing events!

### Katherine Havenver – Treasurer

Katherine's family is excited to be joining Linton Hall School this year! She has a daughter who will be at Linton Hall and a son who will be in 1st grade. Their family has lived in the Gainesville area for the last 10+ years and moved to the area to be closer to family when her oldest was born. Katherine works for a large financial services company and is a Chief of Staff responsible for strategy and business operations. She is looking forward to being part of the PSG and getting to learn all the fun school traditions and participating in school events.

### Jane Thom – Communications Coordinator

Jane lives in Haymarket with her husband, Lance, and their four children who attend LHS. Jane is a stay-at-home mother who enjoys volunteering when not driving kids to a sporting event. In her spare time, she manages her family's vacation rental properties and volunteers on her neighborhood's Architectural Committee. She loves LHS's sense of community and fellowship and is excited to participate on the Guild.





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### Mark Gedris – Volunteer Coordinator

Mark has two children at Linton Hall, 6th and 2nd grades, and his family has been an LHS family for six years. The Gedris family lives in the Bristow/Nokesville area and Mark is an executive for an international trade association. One of the things Mark loves the most about Linton Hall School is the amazing community of families and faculty.

### Jill Colangelo – Non-Officer Special Contributor to the Guild; Box Tops & Rewards Programs/Spirit Night Coordinator

Jill has two daughters, Natalie (7th grade) and Emily, who graduated from Linton Hall School as part of the Class of 2023. She and her husband have lived in Bristow for the last 16 years and have been part of the LHS community since 2015. Jill has participated on the PSG for the last 6 years. She enjoys coordinating Spirit Nights at local establishments for the whole LHS community to enjoy. She works full-time as a Software Development Manager for a DOD contractor. When not working and helping out at the school, Jill enjoys spending time with her family at Disney and loves watching her daughters at dance competitions.

The PSG Executive Committee now has an LHS email address! You can reach out to us by emailing [LHSPSG@Lintonhall.edu](mailto:LHSPSG@Lintonhall.edu)

## Why is volunteering at LHS important?

- You are your child's most important role model. Showing them that you value their education will teach them to value it as well.
- Research has shown that children whose parents are involved in their school get better results and have fewer disciplinary problems.
- At Guild meetings you can raise concerns and suggest new ideas.
- You will meet like-minded people and make new friends. It's not all hard work—there is a social side too!
- Whether you want to organize an event or just help out on the day of an event, you can utilize your existing skills and most likely acquire some new ones.
- You will be in the know! You will find out what is going on in school and get to know teachers, administrators, and staff better.





## Signature PSG Sponsored Events



With a new year and new ideas, the PSG is hoping to provide the teachers and staff, and students and parents with fun and exciting opportunities to come together as a community! We are excited to provide the students with Kona Ice at Supply Drop Off Day, and are brainstorming ideas for parent parking lot mixers, fun raffles and prizes for families at various events, Parents Night Out, holiday cookie exchanges, school wide movie nights and more!

Take a look at some of the exciting events that the Guild offers and think about where you might be able to help! We are looking for new faces and ideas in any capacity or time commitment!

### First Day of School Receptions

A light breakfast fare for parents on the first days of school (Pre-K and K-8). Parents will be able to sign up for various volunteer opportunities and learn more about the LHS PSG.

### Back to School Picnic

A fun, non-fundraising event for families to catch up with friends and kick off the start of a new school year! As a convenience to families, pizza will be available for purchase.

### Annual Thanksgiving & Christmas Sales

Get into the holiday spirit by participating in our pie, poinsettia and greenery sale! A holiday gift shop will provide students with the opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts for loved ones.

### Variety Show

A fun opportunity for our students to showcase their talents. Fun for everyone!

### Teacher Appreciation

Monthly and end of the year events to show our teachers and staff how much we truly appreciate them. Presents, refreshments, lunch and other surprises will be provided for the LHS teachers and staff who work hard all year long!

### Spring Gala

Enjoy a glamorous evening out with your spouse, featuring dinner, drinks and a silent auction!

