

CGS-PTO Volunteer Opportunity and Activity Descriptions

Fall/Winter Events

Membership — Fall Activity. This is the only time the PTO asks parents for financial support. Although memberships are accepted throughout the year, the membership shirt drive concludes September 30. After the membership drive concludes, volunteers will ensure all shirt orders are processed, received and distributed. We need at least one contact person for each school.

Throw Me A Parachute — October Activity. This is a stress management workshop for CGS students and parents. The PTO is responsible for securing speakers to address issues students and parents are facing during the CGS years. Each year the committee decides on the format, topics to be covered, and then coordinates the event.

Fall Social — October Activity. On this Saturday evening students (and a guest) from all sites can relax and get to know each other. Last year's activities included volleyball, ping-pong, moonbounce, board/card games, dancing, dodgeball, and tug-of-war. Volunteers are needed to create and send out flyers (paper, electronic or both), distribute parental consent /waiver forms, and chaperone the event! Volunteers can also work on evaluating the success of the event and choosing/setting up an event for Fall 2010.

College Forum — To Be Announced - The Fredericksburg Area College Forum is an annual event that brings together parents, students, and chosen admissions professionals from selective colleges. The panel discussion and question & answer period focus on the process of choosing colleges, applying to colleges, getting acceptances, rejections and offers, working with financial aid, selecting the college you will actually attend, and finally going to college. All this is discussed in a forum appropriate for motivated students applying to selective colleges. It is NOT a college information night discussing any specific school. It is NOT a college recruitment night. The volunteers help distribute programs and assist attendees with seating and answering general administrative questions.

Alumni — November/December activity. The ultimate goal is for alum to spearhead this activity as well as establish an alumni directory. Until then parents coordinate a December Alumni Gathering in the Atrium Room at Rappahannock Regional Library Headquarters. During this social evening, Alumni have a chance to reconnect with fellow CGS alums. Over refreshments, they can reminisce, tell college tales, and relate real world work successes. Volunteers will work to contact past alumni, set up a contact network, organize refreshments, and coordinate with the library staff. This is a fun event to attend if you and your student want to talk with CGS alum. Volunteers will work on making contacts with past alumni and establishing an alumni directory.

Winter/Spring Events

Snow Ball — February Activity. Open to all CGS students and their guests. This semi-formal dance is small enough to be special. With a photographer on site and twinkling lights, the magical evening draws out even the shyest CGS student. Volunteers will use their brains and brawn to brainstorm decorating ideas, set-up/breakdown, collect tickets, serve refreshments, and assist the chairman with the organizing duties. If you are willing to help with any part of this process please volunteer.

Scholarship — February/March activity. The PTO awards scholarships to CGS seniors based on submitted essays. If you're interested in serving on the selection committee, we'd love to have you.

Teacher Appreciation Week —May activity. Although listed as a May activity, TApp is more than just a week's effort for most sites. Every site does this differently. Volunteers brainstorm ideas on how they want to show appreciation for each site's teachers. Then the committee makes it happen by planning and calling on hospitality volunteers and all CGS parents! Traditionally, site parents have been called upon to provide edible treats, breakfast items, lunch items, and assist with putting together goodie bags.

Spring/Summer Events

Family Picnic — Late May activity. This year-end celebration is for CGS students and their families, and welcomes aboard the incoming freshman. Volunteers will search for a picnic site, develop organizational details, spread the word to all current CGS families and rising 9th grade CGS families, and ensure set up/clean up is provided.

Senior Banquet — May/June activity. This event rewards and recognizes the CGS seniors who have worked so hard and grown so much over the last four years. The CGS PTO sponsors a night of food, awards, and entertainment. Volunteers will work to secure a site, develop the program and attend to the details that make a memorable night.

Free Lance Volunteering Opportunities

Hospitality — If at this point in your life it is easier to occasionally donate an item or if baking/cooking is your area of relaxation or expertise, then this is the opportunity for you! This committee constitutes the "go-to pool" when other committees need goodies or extra supplies that have a personal touch.

Friends of Virginia's Governor's Schools Representative — Work with CGS Director, Mrs. VanderPloeg and a student while representing our CGS in regional and state-wide meetings.

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