# SEAFORD MANOR PTA WELGOMEK

Hello Manor School Families,

Welcome back to school! We hope you had an unforgettable summer filled with sunshine, fun, and friends.

This PTA Welcome Kit includes key information to kick off our new year. Inside you will find: • Manor PTA Membership Invitation

- Character Counts T-Shirt Order Information
- PTA Meeting Dates & Overview
- How We Communicate
- Volunteer Opportunities (including our popular Class Parent Program!)
- Calendar of Events



Scan this QR code or visit **seafordmanorpta.com/welcome** to access the forms for each section. **All forms must be completed by Friday, September 8, 2023.** 

If you have any questions regarding this packet, please reach out to:

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We look forward to creating awesome school memories with you this year!

Sincerely,

The Seaford Manor PTA



## We Are a School of Excellence

The Seaford Manor School and the Seaford Manor PTA have been named a 2022-2024 National PTA School of Excellence, celebrating our work and commitment to enrich the educational experience and overall wellbeing of our students, increase family engagement, encourage effective communication, and strengthen the family-school partnership.

A first for our school, we are extremely proud to be one of only 368 PTAs and schools nationwide to receive this designation. To celebrate our achievements, the Seaford Manor PTA and Seaford Manor School will be unveiling an exciting new addition to our school! **We invite you to join us as we kick off the Manor Family Picnic on Friday**, **September 29th at 5pm with a special celebration and ribbon cutting ceremony!** 

## **Become a PTA Member**

The easiest and most important way to support our school is by joining the PTA. Being a Seaford Manor PTA member means believing in the students, staff, and families at the Seaford Manor School.

By becoming an active member, volunteering, and participating in our fundraising programs throughout the year, you play an important part in bringing all of our exciting events and programs to life for our students and school community. Some of our favorites include:















Dances



Welcome Back Picnic

Character Counts T-Shirts



- FIRST ACCESS to sign-ups for PTA events and programs
- Opportunities to volunteer at school and in the community •
- An advocacy and voting voice in the Seaford Manor PTA •

Last year we reached a new record of 400 members. This year we believe we can hit our BIG goal of 500! We encourage every parent, grandparent, caregiver, and staff member to join us.

回标题 To become a member takes just a few minutes. We offer an individual membership for \$10 as well as a discounted family membership for \$18. Scan the QR code or visit seafordmanorpta.com/welcome to become a 2023-24 PTA member.

## **Order Your Free T-Shirt!**

In keeping with tradition, every Manor student will receive a Character Counts T-shirt as a gift from the Seaford Manor PTA.

Submit your order form by Friday, September 8, 2023 at seafordmanorpta.com/welcome If we do not receive your order form, the PTA will order your child the average size ordered for his/her class.

#### **Faculty and Family Members**

T-shirts are available to purchase for \$8-\$10. Orders must be placed by Friday, September 8, 2023.

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## **PTA Meetings**

PTA meetings are a great place to come together and get informed! The principals and teacher reps share the latest from the school and classrooms, and we jam-pack the rest of the meeting with the latest updates, guest speakers, Q&A opportunities, recognition, refreshments, and raffle prizes. Agendas are released at the beginning of each month so you know what topics and information will be shared.

Our family-friendly meetings run for 60 minutes. No need for a sitter, children are always welcome to attend. We have designated tables available with activities and chaperones so that parents can actively participate in the meeting.

Please mark your calendars and join us in the Manor AP Room at 7pm on the following Thursday Nights:

> September 14 October 12 **November 16 December 14** January 11

February 15 March 14 April 11 May 9 June 13

## **Our Favorite Ways to Communicate**

#### **Email Newsletter**

Our member-exclusive weekly email newsletter is packed with information on school schedules, upcoming events, shopping and fundraising opportunities, and more. We share content here first before we post it on our other channels or send it home as a flyer. **Joining the PTA gives you FIRST ACCESS** to these updates, event registration and merchandise sales before we release them anywhere else.

#### <u>Remind</u>

NEW this year, each grade has its own Remind group. Sign up to receive useful app and text notifications. Visit <u>seafordmanorpta.com/remind</u> for a direct link or enter your grade's group code:

Kindergarten - @manorpta0k First - @manorpta1 Second - @manorpta2 Third - @manorpta3 Fourth - @manorpta04 Fifth - @manorpta05

#### <u>Social Media</u>

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for regular photos, stories, and conversation. Each grade has its own private Facebook group for parents to connect with each other, which can be found by searching "Seaford Manor Elementary Class of [HS graduation year]."

#### SeafordManorPTA.com

Our website is your one-stop shop for all of the latest announcements, event sign-ups, volunteer opportunities, general information, and resources. If you're looking for something and not sure where to find it, this is a great place to start.

### **We Love Volunteers**

#### **Program and Event Committees**

Volunteering is a great way to meet other families and build a strong connection to our community. With more than 50 programs scheduled this year, we need all hands on deck to bring these events to life for our children. **For a complete list of volunteer opportunities, visit seafordmanorpta.com/volunteer.** 

#### **Class Parent Program**

Class Parents play a vital role in our school community. These helpers are planners and coordinators for their classrooms. They work regularly with the PTA Executive Board to spread the word on important programs, events, and initiatives happening throughout the year.

Each class has two Class Parents who work together and share the following responsibilities:

- Sending consistent communications to inform their parents of school and PTA-related activities, make announcements, and encourage parent participation
- Planning and hosting class parties with their classroom teachers
- Taking and collecting pictures of their class throughout the school year
- Coordinating gift collections for their classroom teachers and aides
- Attending and encouraging families to attend PTA meetings each month

**To apply, please visit seafordmanorpta.com/welcome by Friday, September 8, 2023.** All candidates must be paid members of the PTA in good standing. If you have more than one child and would like to volunteer for each of their classrooms, please submit one form for each child.

Class Parents will be officially announced at our first PTA meeting on Thursday, September 14, 2023. Class parents must stay after the meeting to review their role and information needed to begin the school year.

