

# IRVINGTON NY PTSA

The Irvington NY PTSA is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization that works to improve the educational experience, connect our community, ensure equal access to education, and advocate for change.

## >>> GRANTS

Every year, we give up to \$70,000 in grant funding to support field trips, clubs, guest speakers, visiting authors and resources our schools need that fall outside the district budget. Here are highlights of the grants the Irvington NY PTSA funded last year:

- Dows Lane Playground (construction in Summer 2024)
- Main Street School Writer's Workshop, Geography Club, Innovation Suite and 5th Grade Dance
- Irvington Middle School Grade-wide Field Trip to Philadelphia and Tracing Our Roots (Social Studies assembly)
- Irvington High School Field Trips to Philadelphia and Met Museum, Visiting Artist, Irvington Choice Awards Ceremony, and School Events to celebrate Juneteenth and Puerto Rican culture

## >>> PROGRAMS & EVENTS

In addition to funding grants, we directly run programs and events that bring our school community together and enrich our student experience. Our annual signature Irvington NY PTSA programs include:

### Dows Lane

- Preschool Carnival
- K Popsicles with the Principal
- 3rd Grade Grad T-Shirts & Class Gift
- Birthday Book Club
- Family Bingo Night & Movie Night
- Yearbooks & Photo Days
- Class Parent Program

### Main Street School

- Parent/Child Book Club & PARP
- Talent Show
- Spelling Bee & Geography Bee
- Yearbooks & Photo Days
- Class Parent Program

### Irvington Middle School

- 6th Grade BBQ
- 8th Grade Graduation Breakfast

### Irvington High School

- 9 - 12th Grade Welcome Back BBQ
- Pre-Prom Check-in & Prom Decor
- Graduation Parade
- Senior Scholarships

### District-Wide

- New Families Welcome Breakfasts and Mixers
- Book Fairs and Science Fair
- Teacher and Staff Appreciation
- Rivertown Parents

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## >>> ADVOCACY

The Irvington NY PTSA advocates for families and students through our school-specific Parent Advisory Council (PAC) and our advocacy committees.

- **PAC:** Each month, PTSA school VPs and grade parents meet with the leadership team of their school to bring forward anonymous concerns from the community. Responses are documented via monthly published PAC meetings.
- **Advocacy Committees:** We have three volunteer-led committees which advocate for issues important to our school community. Click to learn more and get involved.
  - [Diversity Equity and Inclusion \(DEI\) Committee](#)
  - [Supporting Children and Families with Learning Differences \(SCALFD\) Committee](#)
  - [Green Committee](#)

## >>> HOW TO SUPPORT THE IRVINGTON NY PTSA <<<

### Become a Member

Becoming a PTSA member or renewing your annual membership, is the first and easiest step to support the PTSA. Memberships start at \$50, and each membership level includes a donation that helps the PTSA continue funding over \$100,000 in programming to enrich the student experience and ensure that our schools strive for educational excellence.

Visit [www.irvingtonnyptsa.org/support-us](http://www.irvingtonnyptsa.org/support-us) to join the PTSA!

### Become a Sponsor

We are grateful to local businesses who support our schools through corporate sponsorships. Sponsor benefits vary based on levels, but at every level we thank our sponsors through email and social promotions.

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### Become a Volunteer

We rely on community members donating their time to help us run the organization, advocate for our members, lead our advocacy committees and support our programs and events. Whether you have time to be in the schools or prefer to work behind the scenes on your schedule, we can use your help!

Visit [www.irvingtonnyptsa.org/volunteers](http://www.irvingtonnyptsa.org/volunteers) to join our volunteer database!

# 2024-25 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Irvington NY PTSA is led by a team of community volunteers appointed by our general membership through an election each spring.

## >>> LEADERSHIP TEAM <<<



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# Support the IRVINGTON PTSA

...because we support our schools and students.

...because we amplify your voice.

...because we create connections and build community.

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# Support the **BULLDOG FAMILY FUND**



The Irvington PTSA established the Bulldog Family Fund (BFF) to ensure that every student in our District has access to the same opportunities and experiences as their peers. The BFF provides financial support to students whose families are income eligible for free or reduced lunch (FRL), or in temporary financial need.



**One in 12 students in our school district** are income eligible for FRL. In New York State, eligibility for FRL translates to an annual income of between \$39,000 and \$55,000 for a family of four.

**Every year, the BFF spends up to \$50,000 to fulfill requests from families. Here's a snapshot of what the BFF covers:**

Food/Groceries | Clothing (Back-to-School, Winter Wear, Concert Attire) | School Supplies | Fees for Extracurricular Activities | Field Trip Fees | Sports Equipment | Musical Instrument Rentals | Holiday Gifts | Summer Camp Fees | Summer School Tuition | Prom Rentals and Tickets | Yearbooks | Senior Photos | and more!

The Bulldog Family Fund/BFF is solely funded by generous donations from the Irvington community and operates independently from the PTSA. Every dollar donated to the BFF is directed to meet the needs of students and families in financial need.



**DONATE NOW: [www.irvingtonnyptsa.org/BFF](http://www.irvingtonnyptsa.org/BFF)**

*Thank You!*

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