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Seminole County Council PTA  
*Growing Together*



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2023  
JULY 13-16

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## HAVE YOU UPDATED YOUR UNIT'S OFFICERS WITH FLORIDA PTA FOR 2023-2024?

- Even if the same people are returning, THIS FORM must be filled out every year.
- Make sure to use personal emails as these will be used for MemberHub.
- Make sure all phone numbers and addresses are correct.
- Once you get confirmation, be sure to log into MemberHub and add any additional board members and verify admin accesses are updated.

### Message from the President

Welcome to the 2023-2024 School Year!!

Thank you for taking the time to support all of our babies in Seminole County. As you meet with your board and prepare for this upcoming year remember to keep the PTA's mission in mind. PTA's mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for **all children**. It is okay to switch things up and try something new! Support each other and keep an open mind to new ideas.

If you need anything please reach out to SCCPTA. This year is going to be a year of learning, trying new things, and Growing... Together.

*Shelly Pedraza*

[president@sccpta.com](mailto:president@sccpta.com)

### How did we do?

Surveys are important to let us know how we're doing! SCCPTA is committed to growing and developing just like you! Click the image to the left to take the annual survey. Let us know what we can continue doing, what is not as important, or what you would like to see added.

- Your Seminole County Council PTA Team

WE WANT  
**YOUR**  
FEEDBACK

- JULY

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5:00 PM

Last day to register for the Florida PTA Convention.
- JULY

11

6:00 PM

Auditpalooza at the Casselberry Library.
- JULY

13-16

MULTI-DAY EVENT

Florida PTA Leadership Convention
- AUGUST

26

TIME TBD

First SCCPTA general meeting and training.
- AUGUST

31

AUDITS DUE TO FL PTA

Send completed forms to [audit@floridapta.org](mailto:audit@floridapta.org).
- AUGUST

31

MEMBERSHIPS TO FL PTA

Memberships must be paid to state monthly via MemberHub.
- DATE

TBD

PRINCIPALS & PRESIDENTS

Waiting on the date and time from SCPS. Stay tuned!
- SEPTEMBER

30

LOCAL UNIT DUES

\$70 annual dues to be paid to SCCPTA by Sep 20, 2023.
- OCTOBER

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GOLDEN EARLY BIRD

Did you hit your membership goals? Submit for an award!



*Want a free ticket to convention?*

FREE

FLORIDA PTA IS  
 LOOKING FOR  
 VOLUNTEERS TO HELP  
 OUT. IF YOU CAN  
 VOLUNTEER, YOU CAN  
 EARN A FREE  
 REGISTRATION! CLICK  
 HERE TO LEARN MORE!

## WHY COMPLIANCE?

Have no fear, SCCPTA is here! Did you know that a lot of PTA rules are rules from other places? This includes the IRS, Florida Department of Education, Seminole County Public Schools, and more. Staying in compliance makes you eligible for grants and awards, but also keeps your PTA from any issues with authorities.

# ADVOCACY MATTERS

The latest information on legislative issues impacting Seminole County Children.

NEWS ZONE

## Advocacy

Advocacy refers in a broad sense to efforts to promote, in the domain of humanitarian aid, respect for humanitarian principles and law with a view to influencing the relevant political authorities.

“We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented.” — Elie Wiesel

### **Gov. Ron DeSantis signed a number of education bills into law that will be effective July 1, 2023**

- [HB 1035](#) provides for a teacher apprenticeship program, and authorizes the Office of Inspector General to investigate allegations and reports of suspected violations of rights
- [SB 256](#) bans the teachers union from automatically taking union dues out of their paycheck
- [HB 379](#) gives teachers more power about how students use devices and social media at school
- [HB 477](#), will put stricter term limits on school members. Eight years will now be the maximum
- [CS/HB 1537](#) allows students to take a different test than the SAT or ACT to qualify for Bright Futures scholarships





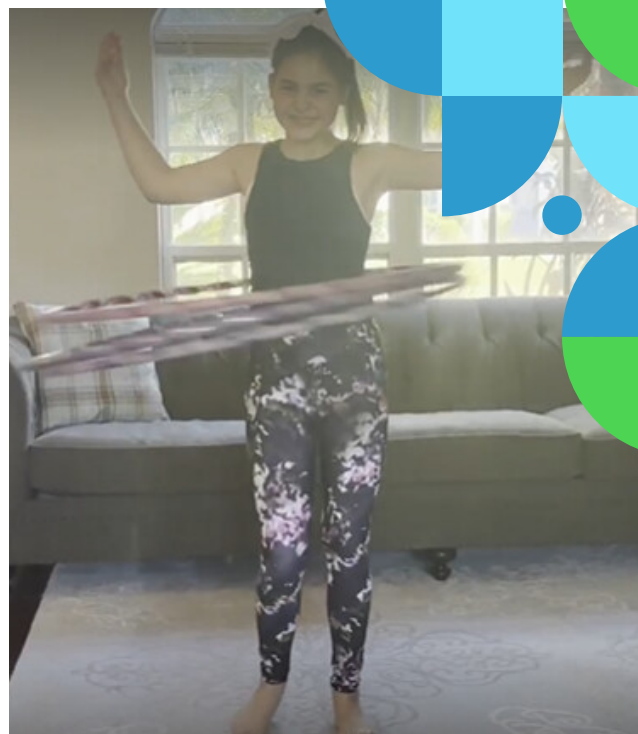
REFLECTIONS: IT'S ALL ABOUT THE ARTS

- DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY
- FILM PRODUCTION
- LITERATURE
- MUSIC COMPOSITION
- PHOTOGRAPHY
- VISUAL ARTS

Congratulations to National PTA Reflections, Award of Merit winner **Cecilia Rice** for their Dance Choreography entry "Hoop It Off." Carillon Elementary School PTA →

Reminder, students can go ahead and start working on their entries for this year. Submission details will be coming soon. This year's theme is "I am Hopeful Because."

Also, join us in welcoming Jen D'Ortona as the 2023-2024 SCCPTA Reflections Chair!



Are you one of our amazing Reflections Chairs for 2023-2024? Be sure to join the Seminole County Reflections Group on Facebook for ongoing tips and support.

You can find and update your fillable Student Entry Reflections forms here. \*Note we still have not received any updates from National / Florida PTA. Let's try to use the digital entry process using Google. If you are not familiar, please plan to attend one of the sessions of Revolutionize Reflections.

Plan ahead: Local Unit Winners are Due to county on Tuesday November 28th by 8pm. More details to come!







## Hagerty High School PTSA 2022-23 School Year By the Numbers

*Every Child. One Voice.*



**965**

members joined the HHS PTSA, which was a state HS record again!

**100%**

of Hagerty staff and faculty joined HHS PTSA



**603**

PTSA social media posts this year - with over 1,700 followers



**13**

teachers and administrators received Wishing Well grants including 8 human skull models, 25 studio headphones, fitness equip., class sets of books, 10 storage bins & more

**\$9000**

in Senior Scholarships awarded to 11 HHS Seniors - one for \$2,000, four for \$1,000, and six for \$500



**EIGHT**

students in need sponsored for all senior activities including prom tickets, grad night, caps & gowns, and yearbooks



**60+**

formalwear outfits given to students from the Haute Husky Boutique



**19**

students were HHS winners for their PTA Reflections entries, 14 county winners, and FOUR state winners



**\$1000**

to create "The Igloo" - a student wellness room for students to visit when feeling overwhelmed



**17**

teacher and staff events hosted, including several appreciation days and 2 appreciation weeks

**ONE**

Avalanche the Mascot costume got a complete \$3,000 makeover ready for the 2023 school year!



**20**

cultural appreciation month signs and banners purchased for campus display



**260**

students participated in Living on My Own, as HHS became the first high school in the state to host this program. These students got a hands-on, real-life simulation that focused on financial literacy decisions in a fun way!

**1062**

bright pink plastic flamingos were "flocked" in families' yards to brighten their day and raise money for PTSA Senior Scholarships and our PTSA Wellness programs in the brightest, pinkest, most hilarious fundraiser of the year!



# PTA/PTSA OF THE MONTH

Hagerty High School PTSA was nominated by LHHS PTSA for all of their wonderful support in mentoring and supporting them over the past few years. They helped them launch their own wellness initiatives and have always been willing to go the extra mile. They are a fantastic example of how a small group of people can make a difference.



## HAGERTY HIGH SCHOOL PTSA

Hagerty High School PTSA was chartered on April 20, 2025. Since that time, they have grown into an award-winning PTA at the county, state, and national levels, including their students work in the Reflections program. Their principal is a great supporter of PTA, winning administrator of the year several times.

Join Today!



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