

2007-2008 Vashon High School PTSA News

With your help, we can make Vashon High School a better place.

Greetings! Diane Stoffer, Laura Hansen and I would like to let all of you know that we will be the PTSA vice presidents for Vashon High School for the 2008-2009 school year! It is our responsibility to run PTSA events and help coordinate volunteers. We also represent you at the monthly VHS site council meetings and the PTSA board meetings. If you have issues or ideas you would like to discuss, please contact us and we will happily put your items on the agenda.

This year, Diane, Laura and I have a several goals: the first of which is to continue the Walkie Talkie teams at lunch time. We would like to ensure the safety of our High School students by keeping them on campus during school hours. Please help us to do this. Also, each year VHS teachers and staff fill out requests for help they need. Please step forward to fill those requests. Below you will find a description of volunteer positions which need to be filled.

- **Grade Level Volunteer Contact:** To better serve the volunteer needs of teachers and staff, we are looking for a volunteer contact for each grade level. These people will contact potential volunteers when needed for a specific class event, and they will also work with the other class contact when more volunteers are needed for a large event. The time commitment is modest but the importance of this position is huge. If you know a lot of parents in your student's class, this would be a great job for you.
- **Teacher Volunteers:** This is something generated by each specific teacher; however, I believe their intent is to have assistance with grading, photocopying and perhaps reading rough drafts of papers and projects. This could be a yearlong relationship or a one time hit.
- **Readers for American Studies Papers:** Helping teachers and students by giving written feedback on student papers to help improve students writing.
- **Dance/Activity Chaperones:** Chaperones do not necessarily have to be on the dance floor. And, they are not responsible for disciplining students as the principal and assistance principal are available for that. We also have a King County police officer present. The chaperones are given specific assignments; they meet as a group with the principal prior to the event, and the time commitment is one half hour prior to the event until the conclusion of the event.
- **Office Assistance:** 1) filing for one-two hours one day each week; 2) be at the counter from 11am-1pm each day (could assist with photocopying as well); and, 3) daily phone calls in the morning to check on absences. Help with graduation – fold programs, etc. Ideally, if we could get a volunteer in the office each day from 10am-1pm who could do any of these tasks it would be a huge help!!!
- **Staff Appreciation Helpers:** Volunteer a few times a year to prepare special treats for our wonderful staff. The staff enjoys this so much that you will receive as much appreciation as you give.
- **Walkie Talkie Teams:** 11:15-12noon each day. Walking the perimeter of the campus with walkie talkie sets for the purpose of contacting the principal and vice principal if students are seen leaving campus on foot.

- Film Festival helpers: One time evening event in January. Works with Mr. Walters and his video production students to host an evening of viewing of student videos.
- VHS Site Council: Meets on the first Thursday of each month during the school year from 2:35 until 4pm. The Site Council is made up of principal, vice principal, two teachers, one ASB executive officer, a cabinet member from each class, a PTSA representative and interested parents that represent each grade. The meeting minutes will be posted on the PTSA and VHS web sites.
- Career Center Assistance: Work with new career specialist, MJ Hartwell, on keeping the Career Center materials updated. This may be a onetime commitment or perhaps weekly or monthly. You should check with MJ once the school year begins.
- Bus Ridership Week: In Oct. will need morning riders and a coordinator needed.
- PTSA Auction: Numerous jobs available. A PTSA representative will call to talk about options. Also visit vashonptsa.org.
- Personal Tutors: Individuals are paired with a particular student who needs ongoing help with homework in one or more subject areas.

If all VHS parents chose just one thing to help out with over the course of the year, we would make a huge difference in the quality of our children's high school experience. There are so many things that need to be done at VHS that everyone will be able to find one to fit their schedule and interests. Please look for the Volunteer Form in Forms and Docs on the VHS web site, at the office or pick one up and fill it out at Open House on Sept. 23. Please fill it out and return it to the school office or by mail.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to representing you this coming year!

Sincerely,

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Laura Hansen –(206) 463-9844: islewise@comcast.net. Laura and her husband, Mark, moved to Vashon in 1991. She has three daughters: Chelsea (Senior), Allie (sophomore) and Rachel (6th grade). She has served for three years previously on PTSA as VP Chautauqua and president. Last spring she organized the Parent Forum and is currently planning another one for this school year.

Carol Jones – (206) 463-2907: cbanzoo4@msn.com. Carol and her husband Brad moved to Vashon in 1989. They have 2 children, Anna, a junior and Nathan, a seventh grader. She has volunteered in the schools since Anna was in kindergarten. Carol has been a PTSA board member for the past 6 years.