

PASTA Welcomes All Parents to RCHS!

Dear Parents,

Here at RCHS, we believe that actively involved parents are key elements of a successful high school education. Parent engagement is particularly important in charter schools, which must in many ways be self-sustaining. Becoming involved in PASTA is one of your strongest avenues to helping create a vibrant school. We invite you to contribute your time and talents for various opportunities that arise throughout the year.

On the opposite page, you will find a listing of the major categories of volunteering at RCHS. We are always looking for new voices and perspectives in those areas. In some areas, we are seeking even more active engagement in leadership roles. If you are interested in becoming a leadership “apprentice” in any of these areas, then please email the PASTA committee contacts or school leaders listed on the other side of this page.

More difficult to convey through a simple listing is the importance of an active group of parents in creating a sense of community at RCHS. PASTA meets monthly in a designated classroom of RCHS—sometimes in the morning, sometimes the afternoon, and sometimes the evening. **These meetings are not just for Committee Chairmen and Vice Presidents; in fact, each and every parent is invited to attend these meetings and to share their ideas and experiences!** Your presence at school will encourage your student in their academic and extracurricular pursuits, and will demonstrate to them how highly you value their education.

To join PASTA, please complete the form at the bottom of this page. Bring the form with you, along with \$25 (cash or check, payable to “RCHS PASTA”), on Orientation Day on August 13.

Finally, please look for emails, tweets, and other updates regarding specific volunteer opportunities at the beginning of the coming school year. We will be looking for help during Building and Grounds work days, the Coursepack sale on the first day of school, and at the Second Friday Club Fair!

Please feel free to contact us throughout the summer with any questions or thoughts you might have about PASTA, volunteer opportunities, or other aspects of life at RCHS. We look forward to meeting and spending time with you in our special community here at RCHS!

Sincerely,

Cindy Lochbaum
PASTA President, 2013-2014

Carolyn Bell
PASTA President

Hannah Page
RCHS Community Liaison

PASTA Membership Form

The PASTA membership fee is \$25 per family. Please return your completed form with a check made payable to RCHS PASTA to the RCHS office. If a scholarship membership is needed, please contact Diana Parsons at dianaparsons@nc.rr.com.

Parent Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone No. (h) _____ (c) _____ Email _____

Your student's name _____ Grade _____

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If you'd like to be a parent volunteer, please don't forget to complete your volunteer preferences at www.raleighcharterhs.org after logging in.

If you are a new family, you will receive your login information in August.

Contributing to the RCHS Community: Volunteer Opportunities

From driving on Flex and Community Work Days to helping host academic receptions, RCHS thrives on parent support and participation. There's a place for every skill and interest! Below, we have provided a summary of the ways you can get involved this fall.

First, for new families, a special note about logging on to the RCHS website! In late August, you will be sent instructions on how to log on to the school's website. At that time, you will have the opportunity to sign in and set or update your volunteer preferences, as well as update your contact information for the PASTA directory. You will also need to log on to the website to sign up to drive for Flex and Community Work Days...**so, if you are a new family, be sure to look for that login information email towards the end of August!**

Building and Grounds

- Restore and renew the classrooms, halls, and grounds during summers and throughout the year
- Contribute plants and gardening expertise to the landscape surrounding the school
- PASTA contact: Ethan Ontjes (ethan.ontjes@gmail.com)
- School contact: Glenda Atkinson (gatkinson@raleighcharterhs.org)

Communications

- Take pictures and films at school events and submit articles to the Phoenix News
- Send notes of encouragement to families to attend school sports or other events
- Communicate to the school updates from sports events and other school-related activities
- PASTA contacts: Pam Foland (pfoland@nc.rr.com) and Kathy Olson (pkolson@nc.rr.com)
- School contact: Mary Deifer (mdeifer@raleighcharterhs.org)

Flex and Community Work Days

- Drive students to destinations (this is a big one!)
- Organize and prepare food for Flex lunches
- Help with driver and student management on these special days
- PASTA contact: Linda Taylor (linda.taylor2529@gmail.com)
- School contact: Hannah Page (hpage@raleighcharterhs.org)

Hospitality and Teacher Appreciation

- Provide refreshments, decorations, and assistance at various school receptions
- Assist with other evening school events throughout the year
- PASTA contact: Cathy Klinc (cklinc@nc.rr.com) and Lisa Padgett (fourpadgetts@aol.com)
- School contact: Hannah Page

RCHS Service Organization Chaperone

- Help to guide the development of RCHS Service Organization—new this fall, 2014!
- Provide adult supervision at a range of student service events outside of the regular school day
- School contact: Hannah Page

Other areas of need:

- Technology support (School contact: David Ennis (dennis@raleighcharterhs.org), academic support, simple fundraising, Second Friday club fair, coursepack sales, parking duty on event nights, carpool support and logistics

For more information on any of the above (or any other volunteer-related questions), please do not hesitate to contact PASTA Vice Presidents for Volunteers Deb Hurst (debrahurst5@yahoo.com) and Dawn Eberwein (seberwein@nc.rr.com) or RCHS Community Liaison Hannah Page (hpage@raleighcharterhs.org)