



Patrons of the Arts and Activities (PAA)

Supporting Students in the Arts and Non-Athletic Activities in Prior Lake-Savage

In 2006, a small group of passionate parents and community members started a group called the Patrons of the Arts & Activities (PAA) with a mission to support, promote and encourage students in the arts and activities within our school district. PAA was formed as the official booster organization and important source of funding and volunteer hours supporting the Arts & Non-Athletic Activities within the Prior Lake Savage School District. These activities include Choir, Band, Robotics, Theater, Mock Trial, Knowledge Bowl, Speech, Chess and other activities. Eric Rodine, Activities Director at PLHS said *"The PAA is a vital organization in keeping our Activities among the best in Minnesota. With the budget reductions in the past four years, PAA has helped financially and put in countless hours of volunteering. The PAA does an outstanding job of making Prior Lake High School the best school for students to attend."*

PAA plays an important role in recruiting and organizing volunteers who contribute their valuable time supporting our students and their many events, performances and competitions throughout the year. PAA also raises funds from families, alliances with local businesses and other members of the community to provide much needed funding for these programs. With these donations, PAA is able to help provide supplies, equipment and resources beyond what can be covered by the district's budget and activity fees. In recent years, funds raised through the PAA and the related activity booster clubs have been used to provide band instruments and equipment, coaches for activities such as theater, knowledge bowl and mock trial, judges for speech and the Festival of the Oaks Middle School Band festival, materials and equipment for robotics, sound equipment in the PLHS auditorium to support theater and choir performances, scholarships for students to attend competitions and events, and many other supplies and needs for all activities. PAA holds an annual fundraising drive each spring and welcomes donations or involvement from any member of the community interested in supporting and encouraging our students' involvement in these activities. PAA recognizes donors by placing a nameplate on the "Wall of Fame" located just outside the auditorium at Prior Lake High School. The monthly PAA meetings are open to the public and we encourage anyone to support our amazing students through a donation or involvement as a volunteer. Be a supporter of our students in the Arts and Activities within our community! To learn more about the Patrons of the Arts and Activities visit www.plhsactivities.org and click on the "PAA" page or send an email to www.plhspaa@gmail.com.