



# Washington Latin Public Charter Schools Parent-Faculty Association (PFA) at 2nd Street

## ***What does the PFA do?***

The PFA supports the school, students, faculty, and parents in a variety of ways:

- Hosts events to bring parents, families, and faculty together
- Funds extra instructional materials for teachers
- Communicates information to parents
- Supports families with services - online directory, planners for new 5th graders, graduation signs for seniors, used uniform sale, emergency assistance

## ***Where does the PFA get its money? Are there dues?***

- Our funding comes from the parents of Washington Latin through our Latin Pride annual campaign each Fall, which also provides important funding to the school to sustain the most important elements of Latin - small classes, excellent faculty, and a warm community.

## ***Who is my PFA representative for my child's grade?***

- There are two representatives for each grade at each Latin campus. PFA grade representative and officer (president, VP, treasurer, secretary) names, photos, and emails are listed on the PFA page: <https://latinpcs.org/parents/parent-faculty-association/>

## ***How can I help? And what if I can only help sometimes or a little bit?***

- Volunteer to help with a PFA activity, such as a social gathering for families in your child's grade or a teacher appreciation event. You can help with just one or several events, as your interests and time permit. There are different events over the course of the year - one should be right for your interests and talents!
- Share your questions, concerns, or good ideas with your grade's representatives.
- Share intel with your grade representative about what you and your fellow parents are talking about or asking about.
- Try serving as a grade representative. You're not alone - there are two per grade!

**Contact your [grade representative](#) or email the [PFA president](#) to volunteer or share your ideas!**

# Parent-Faculty Association

## Supported Events

| Event                                | Typical Timing               | Description  |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Back-to School                       | Weekend before school starts | All-Latin get-together and used uniform sale. <a href="#">PFA staffs</a> the sale table and helps with setup/takedown.   |
| Latin planners                       | September                    | PFA pays for Latin planners for 5th and 6th grade students.  |
| Online directory                     | September                    | PFA pays for online directory software, <a href="#">one volunteer</a> formats names/addresses for directory.   |
| Parent social                        | September                    | Adults-only potluck + drinks, with parents, some faculty, and school leaders. <a href="#">1-2 PFA volunteers</a> organize.   |
| Fall festival                        | October                      | All-Latin <a href="#">PFA-led</a> event - games, activities, food and drink, used uniform sale. Draws more middle schoolers/parents.   |
| Department grants                    | October                      | PFA pays for extra student-facing supplies/materials for teachers. Led by PFA VP.  |
| Latin Pride                          | October<br>November          | Latin's big annual fundraiser (and source of PFA funding). <a href="#">PFA helps make calls</a> to parents in their children's grade.  |
| Holiday gifts to faculty             | December                     | Cash gifts to faculty and staff. Organized by PFA treasurer. <a href="#">PFA members help</a> hand-write cards, stuff envelopes.   |
| Parent social                        | January or February          | Adults-only potluck + drinks, with parents, some faculty, and school leaders. <a href="#">1-2 PFA volunteers</a> organize. This second social happens only occasionally.   |
| Teacher appreciation week            | May                          | <a href="#">PFA-led event(s)</a> to show some love for Latin teachers. Often involves catered or potluck food. In 2023, also included teacher lounge refresh.  |
| 8th grade moving-up reception        | June                         | <a href="#">PFA-led event</a> to celebrate 8th grade valediction. Usually involves some food/drink for students and parents. Organized by 7th grade PFA reps.  |
| Graduation signs                     | June                         | PFA pays for graduation signs for graduating seniors. <a href="#">A few PFA volunteers</a> help distribute the signs to seniors' homes.  |
| Graduating senior event/prom support | June                         | <a href="#">PFA-led event</a> to celebrate graduating seniors. In 2022-23, was a catered party for parents and students that was a big hit. Organized by 11th and 12 grade PFA reps. Also - PFA funds to offset prom ticket prices and to pay for prom extras (e.g., photo booth, favors). |
| Speakers                             | All year                     | PFA pays for, schedules speakers on topics of interest to parents.   |