

38th Annual Spaghetti Supper

The 38th Annual Spaghetti Supper sponsored by the Music Department will be Tuesday, October 27, 2009. This supper is the big fund raising project of the year, and features continuous entertainment by all of the students in the music department. The parents organize and operate the supper, and our past suppers owe their success to the hard work of those parents who so graciously donated their time and efforts. As has been done in past years, the spaghetti will be prepared in the school kitchen. This year's preparation date is Saturday, October 24 - 9:00-1:00. We will need many volunteers!

Several committees work together to make the supper a success. The committees and their functions are listed below. If you can volunteer to chair or co-chair or serve on one or more committees, please return the lower portion to Ms. Bonner, Mr. Seible or Mr. Crawford as soon as possible--preferably before the Sept. 8th open house/spaghetti supper planning meeting.

We will greatly appreciate it if you chaired or co-chaired a committee last year and would like to continue in that capacity.

Volunteers on most of the committees will work in one-hour shifts at the supper.

- Desserts: several members need to be available at noon on 10/27. Organize platters of desserts and the dessert area by the stairwell in the commons to begin sales as soon as school dismisses. Chair/co-chair will call for donations and set up the hour work shifts.
- Drinks: chair and several members need to be available at 2:00 on 10/27 to set up for iced tea and coffee. We must borrow additional ice chests. Chair/co-chair will call & set up hour work shifts.
- Transportation of goods: members available at times during the day, Oct. 22 - Oct. 27 to pick up donated or purchased items or food. Will need a vehicle with extra space,
- Set Up: chair and several members need to be available at 2:00 on 10/27. Set up condiment/utensil tables and organize the area around the tables. Keep area supplied during the supper. Chair will call to set up hour work shifts.
- Tickets: sell tickets at supper on 10/27. Usually work in pairs in one-hour shifts beginning at 4:00. Chair will call to set up hour work shifts.
- Clean-up: work in hour shifts at the supper. Chair will call to set up hour work shifts.
- Telephone: members call families to remind them to donate \$7.00 and a dessert, and to sign up for a committee. Chair will distribute list of names/phone numbers for contact in the evenings.
- Serving Line: chair and some members are to be available at 2:00 on 10/27 to organize serving areas. Begin serving dinners at 5:00. Chair organizes the serving teams in hourly shifts.
- Line control: chair and some members available at 3:00 to set up ropes and organize lines. Members work hour shifts to keep lines moving and to keep a passageway clear in the hall.
- Kitchen: chair and several members needed at 1:00 on 10/27 to begin warming spaghetti & sauce, fixing salad. Members will work one-hour shifts during the evening to continue this.
- Donations: several members needed to call or write businesses/individuals for donations of food products or cash or printing services. Stationery and stamps are in music office.
- Drive-thru: members work in hour shifts at back of kitchen (on Stanford) to prepare take- out orders and deliver to cars on night of supper

Cooking spaghetti and meat on Saturday, October 24--at HSPVA

Many volunteers needed--9:00-1:00.

Spaghetti and meat are cooked and refrigerated. We are always in need of big crawfish pots and big serving spoons. Workers are provided lunch. Students may volunteer for this committee and receive honor society and parliament service points.

Again, this year we ask all families to donate what it costs to make a batch of spaghetti. We will purchase and deliver to the school the ingredients. A batch (which serves 20+ people) costs approximately \$7.00 to make. You may send your donations for one or more batches (checks payable to HSPVA Music Dept.) to the music office. Put Spag. donation on the memo line. You also may bring your donation to the meeting on Sept. 8.

We need people or companies to donate or sell at a discount the spaghetti, meat, salad, desserts, ice, coffee, and paper/plastic goods. We will purchase, using the \$7.00 donation from each family, any ingredients/goods that are needed and not covered by donations. Let us know if you know of a generous person or company.

The organizational meeting for this year's supper will be Tues., Sept.8, immediately following the HSPVA open house for all parents. We hope to have each family represented at this meeting. If the form below is returned before the 8th, we can have most of the committees and chairs in place and the meeting will last only 40-45 minutes. We invite all parents to serve on a committee. We especially need men for the Sat. Cooking and the serving, kitchen, and clean-up committees.

We are anticipating a great year with our students and we look forward to meeting you at the planning meeting on Sept. 8, after you have visited with the academic and art area teachers.

Sincerely,

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Please list your 1st and 2nd choice of the committee which you would like to chair or co-chair or on which you wish to serve. Detach and return as soon as you can.

I/we will serve on the (1) _____ or (2) _____ committee.

I/we will serve as chair _____ or co-chair _____ of the committee listed below.

(1) _____ or (2) _____

Name _____ phone _____

Cell phone: _____ e-mail _____

Very shortly, we will send home a schedule of performances so that you will know what times your students perform at the supper. We do not want you to schedule to work during their performances.