



Now that your child is in High School, do you find yourself wondering, "Where do I fit in this picture"; How active should I be in my child's activities"; Can I even be involved at this level"? For many of us, it's easy to find places to be involved, as our children decide the extracurricular activities (sports, music, clubs, etc.) in which to participate. For others, the opportunities for parental involvement just aren't as obvious and this can make us hesitant to jump into the High School scene eagerly.

As Parental Involvement VP for the Arlington High School PTSA, I have challenged myself, the PTSA and the AHS staff to continue to develop an atmosphere that lets ALL parents know they have a place at our school and that their involvement is not only welcomed, but necessary in supporting the development of our teenagers. The AHS PTSA is here to support, encourage, educate and be advocates for our students, parents and teachers, regardless of extra-curricular preference, club affiliation, or other specialized interests. We want to make a difference in the lives of each and every student that walks the halls of Arlington High. When you register, or any time during the school year, please take the time to become a PTSA member, look over our volunteer needs list and see what interests you. If you aren't sure what you'd like to do, just call me and we'll figure out a way to successfully incorporate your talents into the school's needs.

This year we hope to bring more informative programs to our school that will empower our children with the information they need to make good decisions in the future. We will also be touching topics that will help parents navigate the murky waters of adolescence and prepare our students for college. So, my challenge to you, as parents, is to see the PTSA through new eyes, find ways to be actively involved at AHS, and daily connect with your teenager in hopes of maybe understanding a little about what's happening in their lives. ☺

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions, concerns, ideas or suggestions. I look forward to hearing from you.

See ya around!

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