



The ACS Athens Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) sends out a warm welcome to our new families. We welcome you to a community of parents, students, faculty, and staff representing approximately 63 nationalities, proudly working together to give our children the best educational experience possible.

### **The ACS Athens PTO Board Elections 2021/2022**

Currently, the PTO Board is made up of [8 members](#), but elections will take place in September, and any of you interested in joining our team are invited to run. All ACS Athens Parents are members of the PTO and are eligible to vote and be on the Board. We welcome everyone and are excited to meet new people, hear your ideas, feel your enthusiasm and have your expertise on the Board. Please click [here](#) to view the PTO Constitution and Bylaws where you can find a description of each position.

We also need people for:

- Coordinating our Social Media accounts
- Helping with the PTO Newsletter
- Helping us connect with the Chinese Parent Community

To put your name up for elections, please fill out this [form](#).

### **Connecting, Supporting, Informing**

The mission of the ACS Athens PTO is Connecting, Supporting, and Informing the ACS Athens Community. Throughout the lockdown, we moved from Campus to Computer and kept everyone informed and connected from their homes. We hope to be back on campus in September. If not, we will continue to act as an online communication bridge between parents, faculty, and students adapting to every possible situation.

### **ACS Athens PTO Welcoming New Families**

#### **Families Supporting New Families/Buddy Mentoring**

During the last year, we reinstated the FSNF/Buddy Mentoring program to great success. If you would like to meet a family in your area or have your kids paired with a Buddy at school, please sign up with the Registration Office.

### **FB Community Share Page**

If you are new to Athens, you may want to join our Facebook [Community Share Page](#), where you can buy and sell items, ask for information, start groups and find friends.

We **Connect** with our community through meetings and events:

**Parent and Principals' Coffee Meetings** - We organize a coffee meeting with principals and parents during the first week of every month. This is a friendly forum where parents can get answers to their questions directly from principals and staff. We had great success with our virtual meetings during the lockdown and hope to continue to link to parents at home who cannot attend on campus.

**Parents' Coffee with the President** – twice a year, we organize an informational coffee meeting with the parent community and the President of ACS Athens.

**PTO Events** - to connect with parents and the community, we organize the following yearly events. **Welcome Back BBQ, Halloween Pumpkin Sales, Christmas Bazaar, Teacher Appreciation Week, Spring Games, Spring Fair.**

**\*Please note that all of our on Campus events planned for 2021/2022 will be determined and defined by Covid-19 government recommendations and/or restrictions.**

We **Support** our parents with professional seminars and [parent excursions](#). PTO contributions to ACS Athens in support of our students have included; classroom starboards, computer labs, mobile laptop units, student lockers, new gymnasium floor, books, and DVDs.

We **Inform** the ACS Community through meetings, seminars, forms, emails, and a monthly newsletter. Please take a look at our [PTO webpage](#) on the ACS Athens website for information about our events, excursions, activities, and charity drives within our Athens community. We also publish on the [PTO internal website](#) the minutes from all our PTO General Meetings and the Parent and Principals' Coffee Meetings, which include answers to your questions. Through our [Facebook page](#), we keep our community informed about upcoming events.

**Volunteering** is an essential part of the ACS Athens mission with students as well as parents and families. We would like to ask you to become involved this year in the PTO. We think most parents would agree that serving on the PTO is a great way to not only support your student's journey through school but to have the opportunity to work closely with the faculty and administration, forging positive working relationships for the benefit of our children's ACS Athens experience. Please feel free to contact us at any time at [pto@acs.gr](mailto:pto@acs.gr)

Welcome to ACS Athens!