



Wheeler Family Association

Welcome to the Wheeler Family Association!

Our purpose is to foster and build an inclusive and collaborative community among students, families, faculty and staff.

Our mission is to build a strong sense of school spirit, facilitate community-wide dialogue, and organize events that enrich the experiences of students and families. We strive to encourage active family involvement and volunteerism, support our faculty and staff, and proudly advocate for the mission of The Wheeler School.

Membership: All current parents and guardians of Wheeler students are members of the Family Association. Any other family member (i.e. grandparents, relatives) is welcome to be involved in all aspects of the organization. We are entirely a volunteer organization, and rely on the participation and support of our family volunteers to make all of our meetings and events a success.

Meetings: We hold regularly scheduled meetings, both all-school and division-specific. Attending these meetings is a wonderful way to stay informed, learn more about our events, and meet other families in our community. Meeting dates, times and locations can be found on the Wheeler Master Calendar as well as on the Wheeler Family Association portal page.

Involvement: We are always looking for involvement and fresh ideas from our community. There are a variety of volunteer opportunities to suit your unique interests and talents: from design, organization, and communication, to marketing and fundraising. We value your time and contribution! When you are ready to get involved, meet other families, and support our school community - let us know.

Communication:

- A monthly e-newsletter is sent via email (from the Wheeler Family Association co-presidents) on the first Monday of the month to all parents/guardians
- Weekly updates on Family Association events can be found in the school e-newsletter "This Week at Wheeler"
- Division-specific information will periodically come from your division co-chairs
- Email WheelerFamilyAssociation@wheelergmail.org for any questions, comments, or input!

Resources (all available on the [Wheeler Parent Portal](#))

- Check out the Wheeler Family Association portal page, under "Groups," for a wide variety of information, including:
 - Master Calendar for dates, times, and locations
 - Wheeler Family Association slate of volunteers with contact information
 - Details on how to add mMaster calendar dates to your personal calendar

Wheeler Family Association Events and Committees

Athletics Spirit Committee and Team Parent Reps

Work with the Athletics director to create engagement opportunities for families around Middle and Upper School sporting events. This is a school-wide committee that meets throughout the year.

Clothing Sale Committee

Help organize the Famous Wheeler Clothing Sale that is held every spring. Volunteer opportunities include assisting on donation days, set up for sale, staffing the sale, public relations and marketing. This is a school-wide committee that meets in the fall and then meets more regularly in the spring, primarily in April.

This tradition of more than 70 years provides an opportunity for Wheeler and local community members to hunt for special bargains with proceeds supporting The Wheeler School and our community. This year we will be collecting clothing, shoes, and accessories for men, women, and children, as well as sporting goods. If you would like to join our email contact list for volunteer opportunities, please reach out to: clothingsale@wheelergmail.org. This is a great way to meet other families! You can dedicate as little or as much time as you would like. Please feel free to reach out anytime.

Enrollment and Welcoming Committee

In partnership with the Enrollment Office, this committee assists new families who are considering and entering the Wheeler community (help during fall Open House; chat with families during the spring decision season; and/or participate in the summer New Family Mentor Program). This is a school-wide committee that meets throughout the year.

Faculty and Staff Appreciation Committee

Help organize a mid-winter luncheon for our faculty and staff. This is a school-wide committee that meets in the fall and winter.

Holiday Drive for Amos House

Annual donation drive to support Amos House families during the winter holiday season. This is a school-wide committee that meets in the winter.

Homecoming Committee

Support the school's homecoming events in mid-October, including Family Fall Fest, Fun Run, sporting events, etc. This is a school-wide committee that meets in the fall.

Lost & Found Captains

Help organize the lost and found items and facilitate days to reunite them with their owners. This is a school-wide committee that meets throughout the year.

Mind your p's and q's Committee

The Hamilton School Life Achievement Award is presented to a recipient for success in overcoming challenges of learning differences. In collaboration with the Hamilton School, help organize the event and cocktail reception. This event is open to the entire community, and the committee meets in the winter and early spring.

Diversity Committee

In collaboration with the Equity, Community, and Belonging Office, help organize the Multicultural Showcase that takes place in November; the Coffee, Cupcakes and Conversation events that take place throughout the year, and other initiatives. This is a school-wide committee that meets throughout the year.

Wheeler Fund Committee

In collaboration with the Advancement Office, help raise funds to enhance the student experience (through the Wheeler Fund) by assisting with fundraising events and parent outreach. Being goal-oriented is a plus and a love for Wheeler is a must! This is a school-wide committee that meets intermittently throughout the school year.