A photograph of the exterior of Great Neck South Middle School. The building is constructed of red brick and features a large set of grey stone steps leading to a glass-paned entrance. To the right, the school's name is inscribed on the brick wall above a series of windows. A small clock face is mounted on the brickwork above the name. The scene is set against a clear blue sky with some trees visible in the background.

Overview of Great Neck South Middle School

New Family Breakfast
September 25, 2020

Central Administration



Board of Education
Barbara Berkowitz, Donald Ashkenase, Donna Peirez,
Rebecca Sassouni, Jeffrey Shi

Develops policies which govern the schools.
Has the authority and the duty to appoint a
Superintendent of Schools.



Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Teresa Prendergast

Directly responsible to the Board of Trustees,
serves as chief executive of the Board, and
supervises all District operations in
accordance with Board policies



**Assistant Superintendent
for Business**
John Powell

Provides financial
management and
administration
services to the schools



**Assistant Superintendent
for Elementary Education**
Kelly Newman

Oversees curriculum for 5
Elementary Schools



**Assistant Superintendent
for Secondary Education**
Dr. Stephen Lando

Oversees curriculum for 2
Middle Schools
and 3 High Schools



**Assistant Superintendent
for Special Education &
Pupil Services**
Dr. Joseph Hickey

Oversees curriculum for
all Special Ed students in
the district

South Middle School Administration



Dr. Gina Cartolano
Principal
(6th grade liaison)
516-441-4600



Mr. Leonard DiBiase
Assistant Principal
(7th grade liaison)
516-441-4600



Mr. Ryan Nadherny
Assistant Principal
(8th grade liaison)
516-441-4600



Ms. Krupala
Dean
516-441-4604

Guidance Counselors

Ms. Jecelyn Scauzillo 6th grade counselor
Ms. Jeniffer Hill 7th grade counselor
Ms. Jessica Chase 8th grade counselor
516-441-4620



Ms. Roofeh
Nurse
516-441-4610

Contact Information

- Teacher / Department Head
 - Questions about homework, curriculum, extra help
- Guidance Counselor
 - To schedule a Parent-Teacher conference with your child's team
 - Social, emotional and academic issues
- Nurse
 - Medical issues (asthma, food allergies, other medical conditions); Medications
- Dean
 - Behavioral issues
- Special Education Department
 - If your child has been identified by the Committee on Special Education (CSE), and has an IEP

Central Office Departments

Phipps Building: 345 Lakeville Rd, Great Neck

Attendance, Registration & Census

Tel: **441-4080**

- Register a new child
- Change in telephone number, address, any other household information and status

Food & Nutrition Services

Tel: **441-4090**

- Pay for school lunch
- Obtain lunch pin#

Information Systems

Tel: **441-4030**

- Register ParentLink information, username or password
- Change in email, emergency contact & school messages / notifications

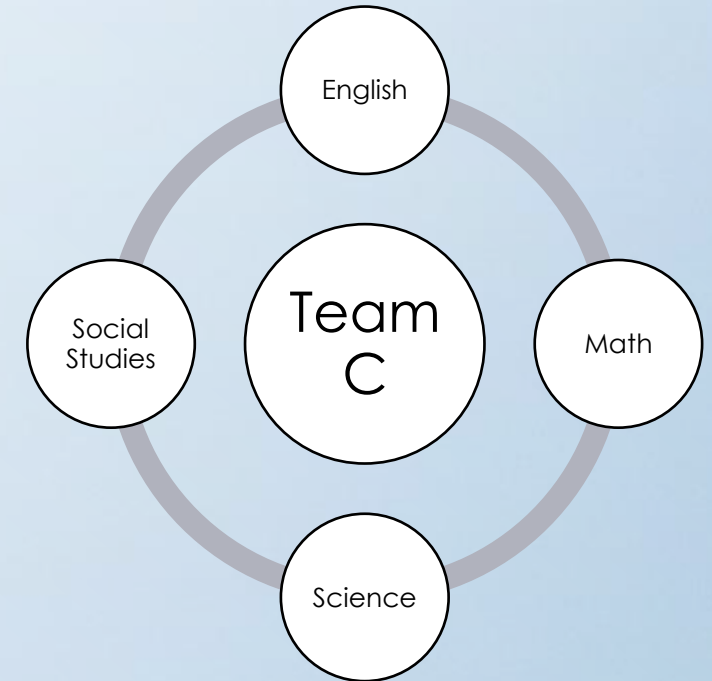
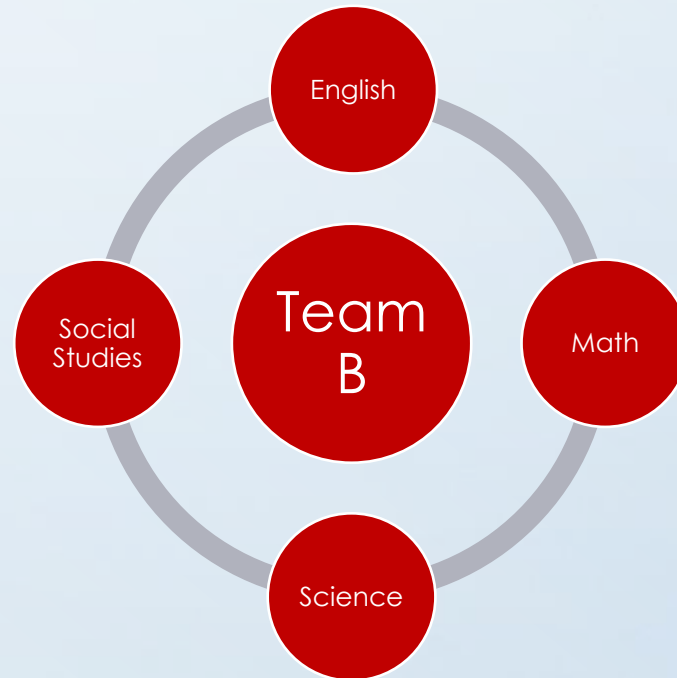
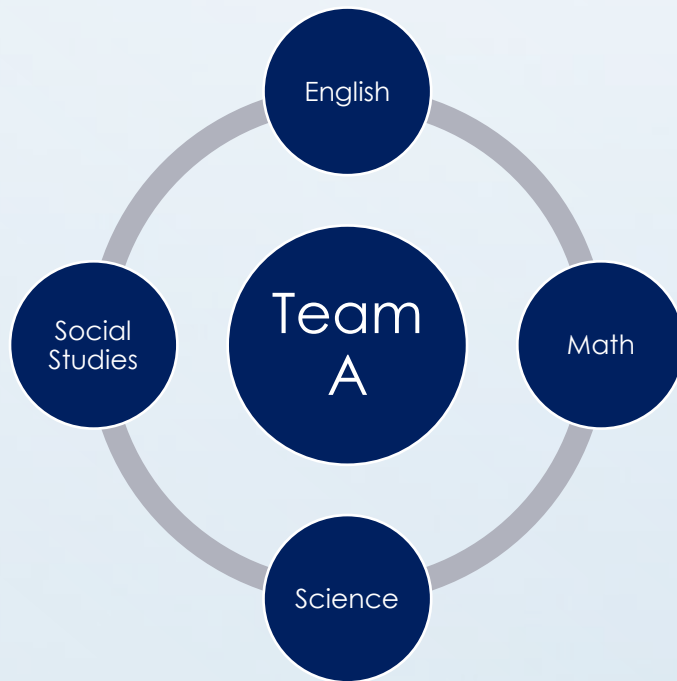
Transportation

Tel: **441-4060**

- Obtain your child's bus pass
- Questions about bus route

Team Structure

- Each grade has 3 teams
- 4 Core Teachers on each team work together



Transition from Elementary to Middle School

- 4 terms & report cards
- 9 periods: 36-39 minutes each
- 5 daily core subjects:
 - English
 - Language/Reading/TESL
 - Math
 - Science
 - Social Studies
- 3 additional subjects:
 - Flex
 - Gym or Orchestra/Band
 - Art / Music / Technology (simple machines) / Family & Consumer Science (cooking, sewing)
- Lunch
 - 6th grade: 10:41am Mon/Wed/Thu 10:50am Tue/Fri
 - 7th grade: 12:05pm Mon/Wed/Thu 12:10pm Tue/Fri
 - 8th grade: 11:23am Mon/Wed/Thu 11:30am Tue/Fri

Math Placement

- 6th Grade: Math 6R or EP (Enriched Program) Math
 - EP Math placement is determined by 5th Grade Teacher Recommendation and 4th Grade State Assessment Test
 - Historically 40-50% of students are placed in EP Math
 - If a student did not qualify, parents may request an exception and sign a contract with South Middle School:
 - Student must maintain an 85 or higher average for the first 2 quarters
 - If not, student will be placed back in Regular Math
- 7th Grade: Math 7R or Pre-Algebra
- 8th Grade: Pre-Algebra or Algebra
 - To be considered for Honors Geometry in High School, Algebra student must have a teacher recommendation, 90% average and 90% on Regents

Science Placement

- No differentiation in 6th/7th grade
- All 8th graders take Earth Science. Students can opt to complete more challenging Earth Science lab assignments.
- To be considered for Honors Biology in High School, student must have a teacher recommendation and:
 - Self-Select Student: 90%+ 4-quarter average and 90%+ on Regents
 - Non-Self-Select Student: 95%+ 4-quarter average and 90%+ on Regents

English Placement

- No differentiation in 6th/7th grade
- 8th Graders can “self-select” a more advanced curriculum
- To be considered for Honors English in High School, students must have a teacher recommendation and:
 - Self-Select Student: 90%+ 4-quarter average
 - Non-Self-Select Student: 95%+ 4-quarter average

Foreign Language Placement

- Students select a foreign language in 6th grade (same language to be continued in 7th and 8th grades):
 - Chinese, French, Latin or Spanish
- Students requiring extra services (i.e. AIS-Academic Intervention Services) may begin Spanish in 8th grade.
- ENL (English as a New Language) students may begin a foreign language, if ready, in 8th grade.

Extra Help / Test Schedule

Subject	Extra Help Day (2:50pm – 3:20pm)	Primary Test Day	Secondary Test Day
English	Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday
Mathematics	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday
Science	Thursday	Monday	Wednesday
Social Studies	Thursday	Friday	Tuesday
World Languages	Wednesday	Thursday	Monday
Art, Health	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
FACS	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Music, Reading	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Technology	Thursday	Friday	Monday

Extra-Curricular Activities

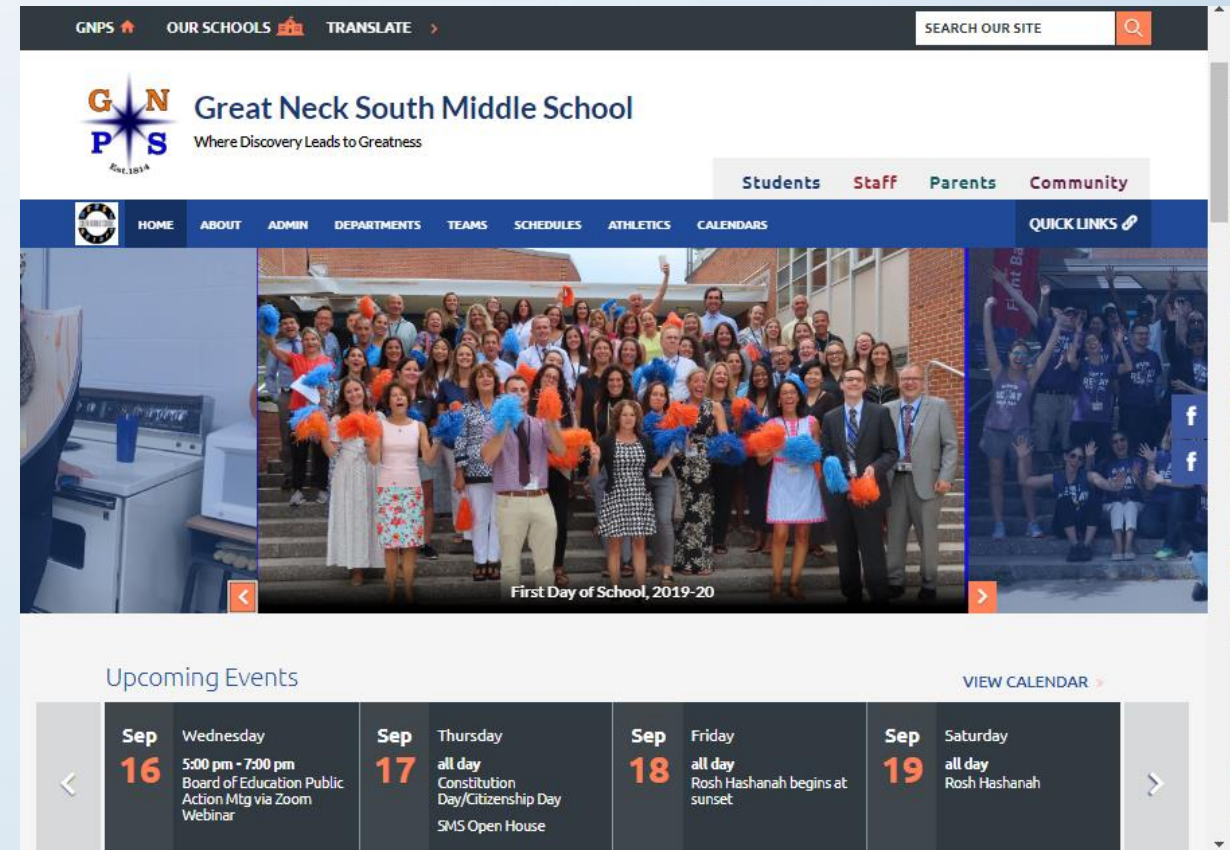
Activity	Open to	Time Commitment
Clubs	All grades	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 hour after school; once a week
Intramurals (on hold)	All grades	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Before and after school
Sports (on hold)	7 th /8 th graders	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4 Seasons: Fall, Winter I, II, Spring• 2 hours after school every day + games/meets• Some sports have try-outs/cuts
School Musical	All grades	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rehearsals Jan-Mar after school and on weekends• Perform in 4 shows in March

Late Bus Schedule: 4:00, 4:30, 5:20 and 6:30 (when clubs/sports start up again live)

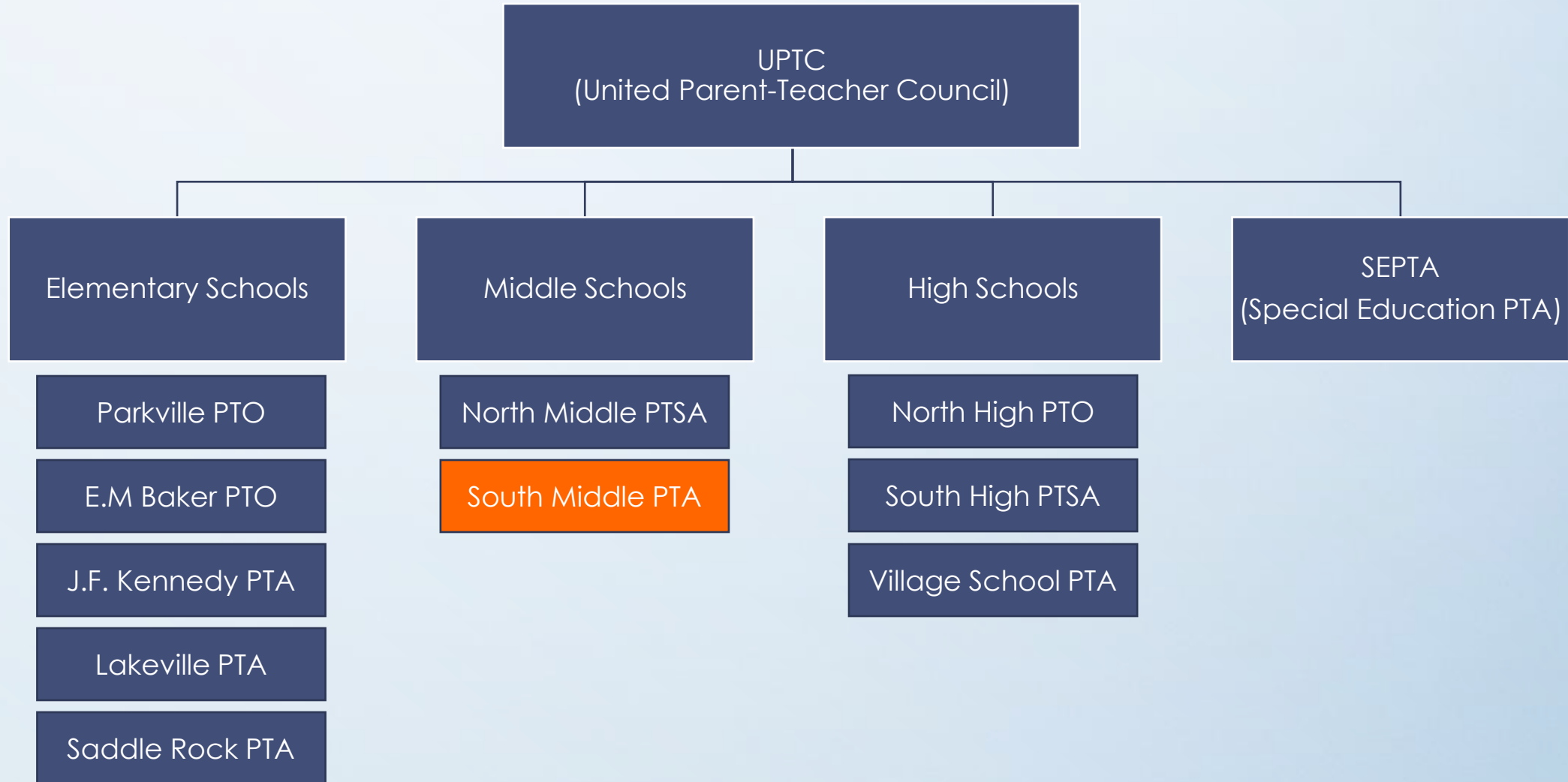
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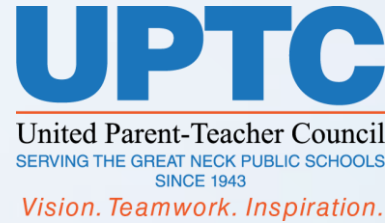
- www.greatneck.k12.ny.us/sms
- School Happenings
- Parent Portal Login
 - Report Cards, Student Schedule, State Scores
- Schedules
 - Late Bus, Extra Help, Athletics, Test Days, Bell Schedule
- Department Websites/Curriculum
- Clubs/Sports
- Staff Directory



Parent Associations



Role of UPTC



- www.uptc.org
- Offer parents the opportunity to work with school administration on issues affecting the education and welfare of students in the district
- Serve as a coordinating body for all of the PTAs in order to identify common interests and achieve shared goals
- District-Wide Committees:
 - Budget
 - Calendar
 - Computer Technology
 - Educational Enhancement
 - Health Ed
 - Legislative
 - Recreation
 - Safety & Transportation
 - SEPTA
 - Strategic Planning
 - Shared Decision Making
 - Total Community Involvement



UPTC hosting panel to discuss state testing impact on college readiness



UPTC hosting Regent Roger Tilles

Role of PTA



- Help provide programs and resources that enrich our children and South Middle School
- Fundraising: Book Fair, Photo Day
- Facilitate communication between home and school (ex: Newsletter)
- Assist with events: Cultural Heritage Night, Spaghetti Dinner, Staff Luncheon
- Community Outreach (ex: Used Book Collection)
- Invite speakers on topics of interest to parents



Apple Tasting



8th Grade Dance Balloons



Book Fair



Cultural Heritage Night



Staff Luncheon

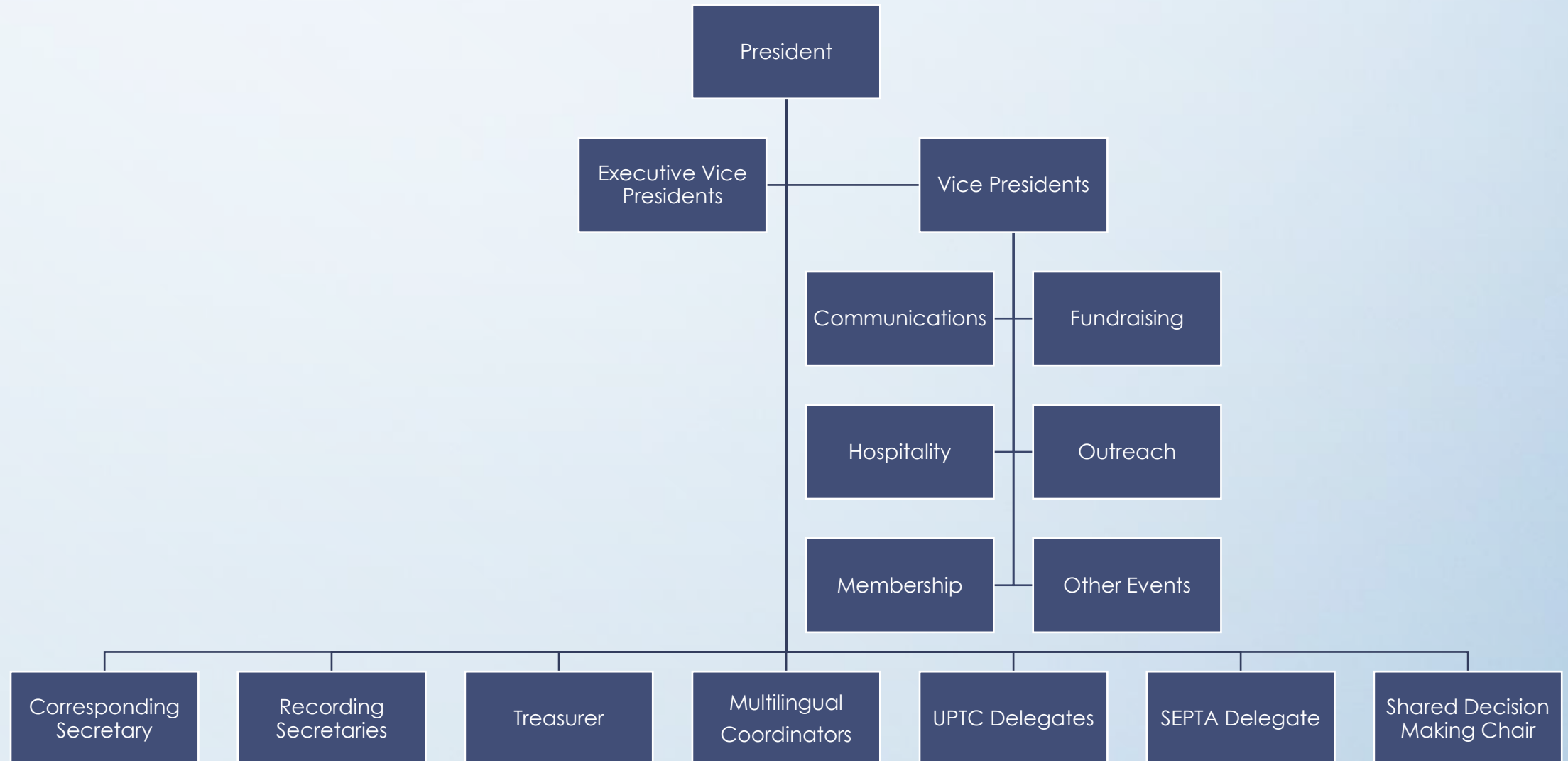


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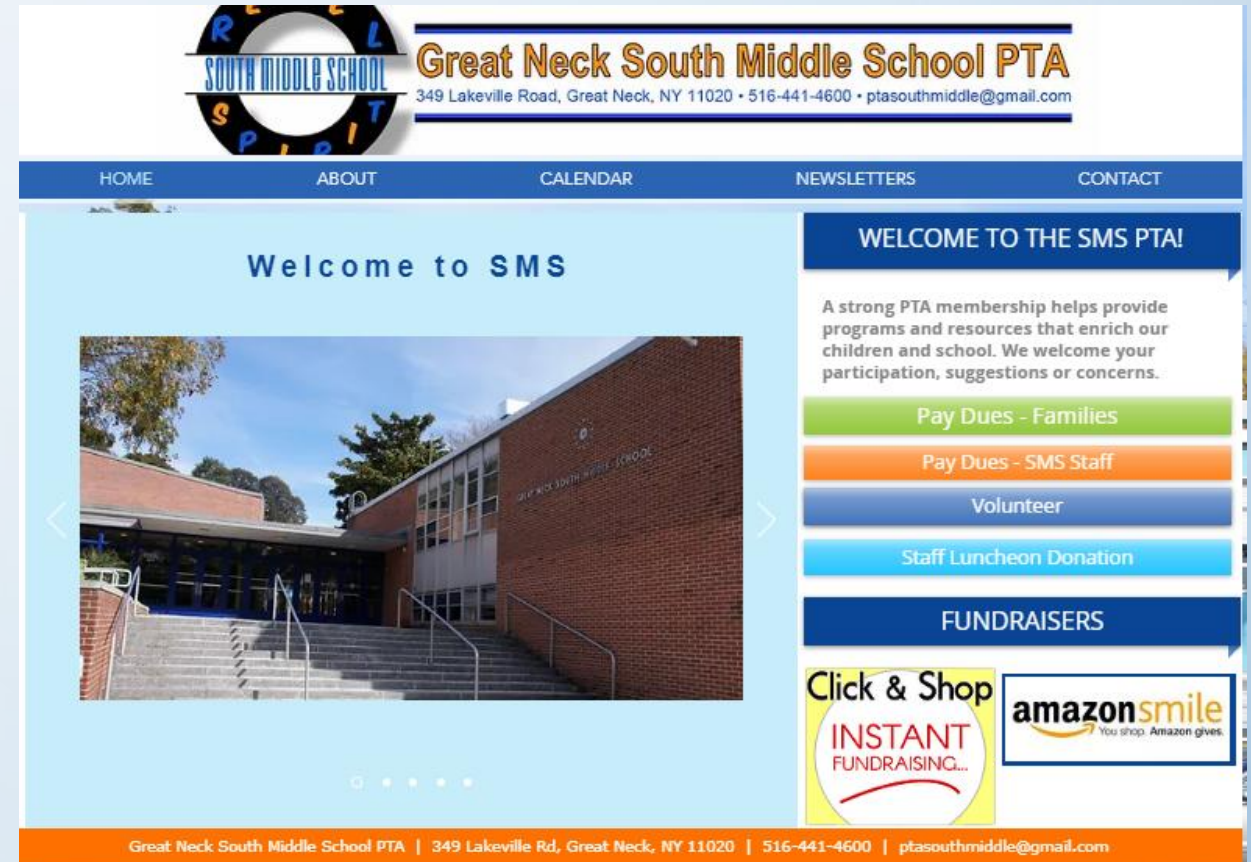
Greenhouse Donations

SMS PTA Executive Board Structure



PTA Website

- <http://ptasouthmiddle.wixsite.com/sms-pta>
- Upcoming General PTA Meetings
 - October 1st @ 7:00 pm and
 - March 10th @ 7:45 pm
- Online Dues Payment
- Downloadable Online Calendar
- Volunteer Forms
- Parent Resources
- Newsletters



Shared Decision Making Committee

- www.greatneck.k12.ny.us/Page/3834
- A forum for the home-school community of administrators, teachers, parents and students
- Improve the educational performance of all students in the school (regardless of such factors as socioeconomic status, race, sex, language background or disability)
- With an equal voice of all constituent groups, a list of meaningful, measurable, and doable goals are proposed and prioritized
- Meets once a month from 3pm-4pm

Shared Decision Making

Shared Decision FAQs:

- **How do I become a member of South Middle's SDMC?**
 - Parents can volunteer at the beginning of the school year.
 - Student representatives on the committee come from Student Government.
- **Why do we have a Shared Decision Making Committee?**
 - Participation of parents and teachers in school-based planning and shared decision making is mandated by the New York State Education Department as of February 1, 1994. Click to read [Shared Decision regulations](#).
- **What is Great Neck's plan for Shared Decision Making?**
 - The purpose of school-based planning and

Students **Staff** **Parents** **Community**

*We are always looking for new members. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Shared Decision Making committee for the 2019-20 school year, please contact:

Teacher chairs:

- Mrs. Carroll
- Mrs. Sandrowicz

Parent chairs:

- Olga Kagan, Parent Chair
- Julie Agris, Parent Member
- John Castro-Tie, Parent Member
- Ding Li, Parent Member
- Jessica Lin, Parent Member
- Dora Wu, Parent Member

Meeting Dates

Thursday, 9/26

Thursday, 10/24

Thursday, 11/14

Thursday, 12/12

Get Involved!

- Support your Child: Come to your child's concerts, shows, games
- Support your School: Pay PTA dues
- Volunteer
 - Bi-lingual Translator, Book Fair, Cultural Heritage, Photo Day, Spaghetti Night
 - Join PTA Executive Board (positions open for nominations in the Spring)
 - Join Shared Decision Making Committee
 - Join a UPTC Committee
- Come to PTA and School Meetings

Important Resources

- School Emails
 - Important information is emailed
 - Your email address in Parentlink must be up to date!
- School Website: www.greatneck.k12.ny.us/sms
- District Website: www.greatneck.k12.ny.us
- District Calendar
- PTA Multilingual Coordinators
 - Yan Zhang: email: zhang_yan_99@yahoo.com