

## PTSO PARENT CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

Have you ever said or heard someone say, “My child’s in high school now so there isn’t much parent involvement at school.”? Not true at Saratoga High!! Although parents are rarely needed for classroom help, they are essential for the success of the major class functions and school events. As a **Parent Class Rep**, you will have many opportunities to be actively involved with the students and/or student activities throughout the school year.

**What is a Class Rep?** A Class Rep is responsible for recruiting fellow parents in your child’s class (i.e., Freshmen, Sophomore, Junior, Senior) to help with various class/school activities and assisting or advising the Class Officers with the organization of these events. Vice Principal, Karen Hyde, works closely with the Class Reps and Class Officers. A minimum of three to four Class Reps are needed for each class but more is always better.

**What are the responsibilities of a Class Rep?** Class Reps for each grade level have the following duties:

- ❖ **Fund Raising (all year)**--Help the Class Officers and Class Advisors (assigned faculty members) organize and schedule class fund raising events (e.g. car washes, selling food, etc.) during the school year. This money will stay with the class during their four years. It is used to buy supplies needed for school activities (e.g. Homecoming, spirit posters, etc.) and to help defray some of the cost of their Junior and Senior Proms.
- ❖ **Homecoming activities (October)**—During Homecoming Week, each class is judged and awarded points for student participation in float building, spirit competition, and lunchtime skits, as well as float design and Quad Day decorations. All these activities must follow a theme designated by the Homecoming Commission. In order to make this a successful and fun event, the Class Reps must:
  - Recruit parents to help students (1) design and build a float for the **Homecoming Game** and (2) prepare **Quad Day** decorations (each class is assigned a side of the quad to decorate the day before the Homecoming game). Work begins in early October after school. Students carry the float around the football field during the halftime parade.
  - Get supplies donated or purchase at low cost
  - Find a host house students can use for float building preparations
  - Organize, set-up and clean-up home site
  - Organize parent volunteers to (1) chaperone float building workdays, (2) bring snacks/drinks for workdays, and (3) provide rides for the students to the host house (especially important for freshmen and sophomores)
  - Organize, set-up and clean-up the quad after Quad Day
- ❖ **Establish a phone and email committee** to be used whenever information needs to be given to parents

**In addition to the above, Class Reps have the following responsibilities:**

- **Freshmen Class Reps**—Prepare and serve a meal to the Senior parents who are working at Grad Nite set-up
- **Sophomore Class Reps**—Prepare and host the Graduation Reception (lemonade, water and cookies) on Graduation Day
- **Junior Class Reps**—Host Senior Award Nite, Help Class Officers plan the Junior Prom and help with decorations (April), find chaperones for Grad Nite (April/May), dismantle Grad Nite decorations and store for next year (June)
- **Senior Class Reps**—Help Class Officers plan Senior Prom and help with decorations (May), Beach Day (June), Senior Awards (June), Grad Nite decorations (September-June), and Graduation ceremony (June)

This is the most rewarding, and most fun, way to be involved with the students and the school. Volunteer to be a Class Rep by checking the appropriate box on the “**SHS PTSO Parent Volunteer Opportunities**” form (light green paper) or by contacting the PTSO Volunteer Chairs: **Kristen Gragnola** at 996-2156 or [crunchgrag@aol.com](mailto:crunchgrag@aol.com) or **Pat O’patrny** at 777-9749 or [p.opatrny@earthlink.net](mailto:p.opatrny@earthlink.net)

To see other PTSO volunteer job descriptions, log onto the PTSO website at [www.saratogahighptso.org](http://www.saratogahighptso.org).