



Greetings Future Volunteer!

Many research studies have shown that when parents/guardians are involved in their child's education, these students achieve more regardless of their socioeconomic status/ethnic/racial background or their own parent's education level. High school students have a sense of self and independence that is separate from their families making parents and guardians unsure how much to be involved or how to be involved. We have many opportunities for parents who want to be visible or invisible!

- **Join the CSCA.** Your membership fees help support our school and education in Seattle.
- **Read The Blast online newsletter** and educate yourself on what is going on at The Center School. (To sign up send an email to [centerschoolcsc@gmail.com](mailto:centerschoolcsc@gmail.com) or complete your volunteer form).
- **Keep the lines of communication open.** Log onto The Source and check your student's grades and email their teachers as needed.
- **Keep talking with your kids** about issues that are important to you.
- **Respond to requests for volunteers**, whether it be a one time project or on a weekly basis. CSCA can not be as effective at supporting your student without your help! Volunteering helps you get to know other parents through attending school events and build community too!

As you can see, continuing or becoming active in your student's school is easy and can pay big dividends in staying connected to your student and their school!

**For more info on volunteer opportunities, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Audrey Kaplan, at [centerschoolvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:centerschoolvolunteers@gmail.com) or 206.932.5560.**

## **CSCA Volunteer Opportunities – Let us know what's right for you!**

### **CSCA Board Support**

- PTA/CSCA Membership Coordinator
- Thank you note writer - Need a job you can do at home? This might be the 'write' one for you.
- Legislative Action representative – connecting our community to greater education issues throughout the city, state and nation.

### **Communication**

From school to families to the greater community, there are many aspects of communication that need attention to maintain our high student standards and keep our community informed.

#### **The Blast Weekly Email Newsletter**

- Support our editor by submitting events and reporting on activities – find your inner reporter!

#### **CSCA Web Support**

- On line Reporters and Photographers - submit photos, articles and events to help everyone know of the great things happening (or have already happened) at TCS
- Site maintenance support (including helping maintain a master calendar)
- See Departmental Liaison description

#### **CSCA Directory**

- A directory of staff and students made in the fall to promote family communication and involvement.

#### **School District and City Outreach**

- Help identify events and activities to share with the SPS e-newsletter and/or outside media.

#### **Middle school outreach**

- Update Promotional Materials – Oct/Nov
- Open Houses – Dec/Jan, evenings
- School Tours – Dec/Jan/Feb, mornings
- Represent TCS at HS Fairs throughout the city

#### **Departmental Liaison**

- A liaison between teacher teams, the CSCA and the community; help teachers identify needs and accomplishments in the classroom and share them with the CSCA board, The Blast & website editors.

## **Community Building Committee (CBC)**

This group of volunteers provides additional support for staff as well as organization for school events. This is an important committee that helps with so many different school functions. A great way to get to connect with TCS families while making a difference for our community!

- Hospitality
- Curriculum Night Support
- Teacher Appreciation – see more below
- Night out at The Rep - Fall
- House Parties
- Arts Showcase
- Film Fest
- Parent education nights

## **Fundraising**

A vital part of CSCA's ability to enrich programming at TCS.

- Direct Giving Campaign - Fall
- Development committee
- Grant Writing - see working with staff below
- Other/outside programs management – we don't have it but you could start it! (BoxTops, Labels, etc)

## **Senior Events**

From the Alumni Brunch in the winter, to the Prom in May and the celebrations of June (Senior Celebration Day, Senior Lunch, Graduation and Grad Night), you can help make this time one to remember!

## **Staff appreciation team**

Our staff is always delighted with the talents shared, from baking treats, bringing flowers, assisting with our winter staff luncheon or our week-long celebration in May. Coordinate an event, help for a day or provide a treat!

## **VIP (Volunteer in a pinch)**

Help with a variety of activities and events. On call, so to speak.

## **Volunteer Coordinator for Community Volunteers**

Help us manage our at school volunteers, to keep our student safe while learning from a variety of adults.

## **Working with Center School Staff**

### **Grant Writing**

Help us identify which programs are suited to please donors, identify grants and work with staff to compile a compelling presentation.

### **Developing Arts Partnerships**

Work with our parent Arts Liaison to expand and enrich our arts partnerships throughout the Seattle Center and greater Seattle community. Scope may be a one-time connection for a workshop, a recurring visiting artist in the classroom or school-wide program development.

- Artists for Workshops
- Partnership Development
- SSIA/Arts Camps – Need 11 Center Kids to do it. – 27 Service Learning Hours!

### **School Celebrations**

Work with TCS staff to spread the word and share the joy of our student's hard work and accomplishments.

- HSPE/Sophomore/PSAT Testing
- Arts Showcase
- End of Year Field Day
- School Community Building (student-staff) Activities
- Yearbook support

## **Working with Center School Students**

### **Ski Bus**

Work with our Ski Bus Coordinator to chaperone trips throughout the winter.

### **MUN (Model United Nations)**

Work with Teacher Andy Bell to support this exciting program.

\*\*A special "Thank You!" to the Whitman School Community for sharing their systems.\*\*