

PACE PARENT GROUP (PPG) NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

10.24.23: All PACE Counseling Night

Parents are invited to hear from teachers and counselors. Begins at 6 PM in the Poly Library.

10.26.23: Fall Orchestra & Symphonic Winds Concert

6:30 - 9 PM

Andrew Osman Performing Arts Center

11.2.23: Fall Jazz Concert

6:30 - 9 PM

Andrew Osman Performing Arts Center

11.8.23: CIC and PACE Info Night

For 8th grade families preparing for the School of Choice process. Hosted at Urban Americana. Invite your friends!



Top: PACE Taco Tailgate at the Poly Homecoming game.

Bottom: PACE booth at Back to School Night.

Note From a Board Member

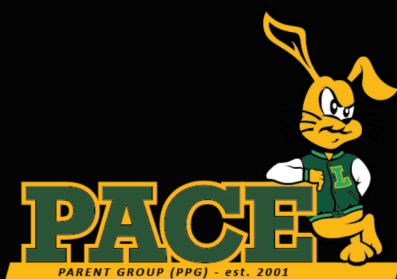
I'll never forget the first time I encountered PACE students. My daughter was in eighth grade, and we were at the PACE Parent Group's (PPG) annual fall Info Night at Urban Americana. The students speaking on the panel that evening were confident, intelligent, and self-possessed in a way I didn't think teenagers could be. But they were also friendly and approachable, and they clearly liked and supported each other. They were everything I wanted my daughter to be.

Now, four years later, my daughter is a senior in PACE, and amid the stress and excitement of applying to colleges, I often find myself flooded with gratitude that she chose PACE. Right from the start, she found her classes challenging and interesting, her teachers devoted and deeply knowledgeable, and her classmates intelligent and supportive. Throughout her time in the program, she has been encouraged to develop her passions (shoutout to the best English teachers in the world) and conquer the subjects that scared her. I can't imagine a better preparation for college.

I joined the PPG board a year ago because I believe wholeheartedly in PACE, and I want to make sure that kids from across the district have the opportunity to experience what my daughter did. We'll be hosting this year's Info Night at Urban Americana on November 8 at 6:30 p.m. I hope you'll spread the word to any middle schoolers who might be interested in learning more about PACE.

Please let us know if you have any ideas about how to support PACE and spread the word about this special program. Thank you for supporting the PPG, and I look forward to hearing from you!

Robin Jones
Vice President, PACE Parent Group
Long Beach Polytechnic High School



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GET YOUR PACE MERCH!

We have sold out of
PACE sweatshirts but
have more on the way!

Pre-order now to
ensure you get your
size. Visit our PACE
store at

[PolyPPGStore.com!](https://polyppgstore.com)



YOU CAN HELP

PPG runs entirely on donations from PACE families, friends, and alums. Your tax-deductible contributions help ensure this worthwhile program will be around for many generations to come. Visit paceparent.org to learn more about where your donations go or how to donate.

PACE Parent Meeting

TUESDAY, OCT. 24, 2023
6 PM IN THE POLY LIBRARY

PACE teachers Mr. Montooth and Ms. Lawrence, and ninth-grade counselor Ms. Webber will lead a meeting for all PACE parents. This is an important opportunity to review steps and essential deadlines as students progress toward college.

Meet others who face unique challenges as the parents of students in an advanced academic program. Knowing others who are facing similar challenges and celebrating similar victories provides a sense of community that we in PACE feel is essential to the continued success of the program and our students.

PACE MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

After a hiatus of two years, the PACE mentorship program returned this fall. Organized by the PACE Club, the program matches freshmen and sophomores with juniors and seniors who provide advice and support throughout the academic year.

Mentors meet twice a month at lunch with their mentees to give them tips for succeeding in the PACE program, including time management and organization skills. They also talk about managing stress and anxiety and provide general advice about classes and clubs on campus.

Each meeting features different discussion topics, but also includes plenty of free time so that mentees can ask their mentors questions or just talk about whatever's on their minds. Mentors also provide support outside of meetings; it's not uncommon to see mentees chatting with their mentors in the halls between classes.

It's never too late to join the mentorship program! Meetings are held every other Wednesday at lunch in Mr. Montooth's classroom, Room 310. If your student is interested in joining, they can email PACE Club president Natalie Canalis at nataliecanalis3@gmail.com or simply show up to a meeting and ask for Natalie.



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10.12.23: ALL PACE Counseling Night @ Poly HS

Parents are invited to hear from counselors. Begins at 5:45 PM; more info to come.

11.8.23: CIC and PACE Info Night

For 8th grade families preparing for the School of Choice process. Hosted at Urban Americana. Invite your friends!

December 2023: Thank You Lunch

Lunch for PACE teachers and counselors, hosted on campus before the holiday.

Dear Poly PACE Families,

On behalf of the all-volunteer PACE Parent Group (PPG) Board members, I am excited to welcome our new families to Poly and welcome back returning families for another wonderful year. As we begin the school year, we want to reintroduce ourselves and look ahead to some exciting events. PPG is composed of parents of PACE students involved in all types of activities and sports at Poly. We are here to be a resource for you.

Our goals this year are to continue to:

- Support our teachers, counselors, and staff with funding for programming, AP reviews, and training.
- Sustain a healthy PACE community among our students, families, teachers, counselors, and staff through activities and events.
- Provide merit scholarships to graduating PACE students.
- Hold information sessions to inform middle school families of the strengths of our program.
- Grow community support for PACE.
- Fundraise to sustain support for PACE.

We are looking forward to another terrific year! Thank you in advance for your support of PACE and PPG. If you have any ideas about how PPG can support PACE students or want to volunteer with us, please visit our website, paceparent.org. Please consider buying some of our PACE merchandise; all proceeds directly support our program.

On behalf of the entire PPG Board, we wish you and yours an amazing year and thank you for being part of our beloved community!

Warmly,

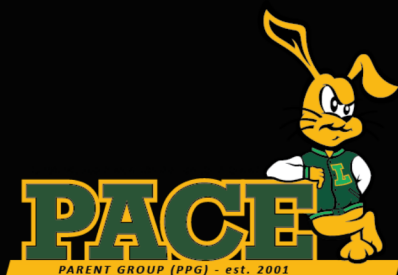
Jyoti Nanda

President, PACE Parent Group

Long Beach Polytechnic High School



PACE parent mixer on August 27 at the Beer Lab.



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Taco TAILGATE



VETERANS MEMORIAL STADIUM
BY THE FENCE ON FACULTY WAY

5:00 PM • FRIDAY • SEPTEMBER 29

2023-2024 PPG BOARD

Position	Name	Grade	Ask Me About
President	Jyoti Nanda	Freshman, Senior	Jazz Music, Symphonic Winds, Tennis, Soccer, 562.org Internship, LBUSD Advisory Committee
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PACE Teacher Lead	Jeff Montooth	Sophomore	Cross Country