Union Middle School Home and School Club

Welcome to the 2023-24 school year! The Union Middle School Home and School Club (UMS HSC) is a nonprofit organization committed to raising and distributing funds for programs that directly benefit UMS students. We support our school through teacher and staff funds, grants, student programs, as well as technology and facility improvements. This year, our primary way to fundraise will be through the Annual Membership Drive. **We rely on your generous donations to hit our fundraising goals. If your employer provides Corporate Matching, this is another way for you to double your donation and help support Union Middle School students, teachers, and school programs.** Please follow the steps below and donate online today!

☑ STEP 1: DONATE TO THE HSC MEMBERSHIP DRIVE CAMPAIGN

Donate online now: www.umsstore.org

Your HSC Membership donations support:

- HSC donates approximately $175 per student each year
- Art Vistas, Athletics, Music, Drama, Technology, and Cheer programs
- All of our teachers, who receive $500 each for teaching and classroom supplies, resources, and online education subscriptions
- Grants made available to faculty to fund one-time expenses
- A wide range of student resources and support programs including orientation for new 6th graders (WEB), mentoring, UMS Games, UMS Reads, and leadership training.

☑ STEP 2: DONATE TO THE BRIDGE THE GAP CAMPAIGN

Donate online now: www.umsstore.org

Bridge the Gap is a principal discretionary fund that enables the principal and staff to provide the best possible educational experience for the students at Union Middle School. Your Bridge the Gap donations support:

- Teacher development and teacher recognition events
- Existing programs that may have been drastically cut or risk cancellation
- Student clubs and student recognition events.

Please note: If you wish to donate via check, checks should be made payable to UMS HSC and sent to:
Union Middle School
Attention: UMS HSC Treasurer
2130 Los Gatos Almaden Rd.
San Jose, CA 95124

☑ STEP 3: DOUBLE YOUR DONATION

You can easily double your donation via Corporate Matching. Find more information here: www.unionhsc.org/corporate-matching.html

☑ STEP 4: PURCHASE A COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

We offer sponsorship opportunities for businesses and organizations to support Union Middle School. Community sponsors are invited to donate ONCE, and in exchange, receive visibility to the Union Middle School community through the website! Go to www.unionhsc.org/community-sponsorships.html for more information.

☑ STEP 5: SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER

There are many ways to get involved at Union Middle School. From leading mPower and/or Art Vistas lessons to participating in fundraisers or supporting music, drama, or athletics, there's definitely an opportunity to fit your schedule and interests. Sign up here: www.unionhsc.org/volunteer.html.

UMS HSC is a 501(c)(3) organization. Our tax ID is 77-0477578.

Other Important HSC Information

THE BLAST

Mark your calendars for the biggest UMS HSC event of the year, on **Friday, October 27, 2023 from 6-8:30pm**! Located on the campus quad, the BLAST is a fun night for the students filled with games, prizes, food, and entertainment. We will need volunteers to help make this event a success. Please consider signing up to volunteer at www.unionhsc.org/volunteer.html. Stay tuned for more information!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Foster your student's love of reading while supporting UMS HSC! The fall book fair will be held in person from **October 24-27th** (including during THE BLAST). More information will be coming soon to www.unionhsc.org/book-fair.html.

EARN FREE MONEY FOR UMS HSC

When you shop at local stores and restaurants or request a company matching donation from your employer, you can earn money for UMS HSC. Go to www.unionhsc.org/earn-free-money-for-ums.html for more information.

MUSIC BOOSTERS

Music Boosters is an active and fun group of parents/guardians who support and promote music education (Band, Jazz Band, Percussion, and Choir), provide financial assistance for musical events, and help purchase and maintain music instruments, gear, and uniforms. The Music program depends upon Music Boosters volunteers to be successful. There are many ways to help to protect and promote our children's music education. Please consider volunteering at www.unionhsc.org/volunteer.html. The music department will also reach out to the parents of music students via emails, with more signups on Charms. Additional information about monthly meetings and fundraising can be found at www.unionhsc.org/music-boosters.html.

SPORTS BOOSTERS

Sports Boosters is a group of parent volunteers who plan and lead fundraisers that provide crucial funding for the after school athletics program. In a typical year, over 300 UMS students participate in basketball, cross country, wrestling, volleyball, soccer, field hockey, and track and field. Money raised helps provide athletes with the best coaches, referees, uniforms, and equipment. Mark your calendars for our main fundraisers and check out our webpage at www.unionhsc.org/sports-boosters.html for other ways to donate.

- **Spirit Wear** – You can share your school spirit by purchasing a variety of Union apparel. Watch for messages about Sports Boosters spirit wear clothing sale in the upcoming weeks.
- **Dodgeball Tournament** – The Annual Dodgeball Tournament is an annual fundraiser that supports UMS Athletics & PE. Students, alumni, and parents can form teams of 6 and dress in themed costumes. There are prizes for the winning teams and costumes. Concessions are sold at the event. Mark your calendar for **Friday, March 8**! If you are interested in joining the Dodgeball Tournament Committee, please consider volunteering at www.unionhsc.org/volunteer.html or email sportsboosters@unionhsc.org.
- **Shopping & Dining Out** Take the night off cooking at a local restaurant or go shopping at local stores like Kendra Scott to raise money for UMS Athletics. Check out the website or ParentSquare updates.
- **Bid & Boogie Auction** – In previous years, Sports Boosters has held an off-site, outdoor parent social and silent auction with dinner, drinks, a live band, and silent auction. We hope to bring back this fun event in the spring. If you are interested in being involved with the planning committee, please sign up at www.unionhsc.org/volunteer.html or email sportsboosters@unionhsc.org if you can lend even just a few hours of your time.

STAY INFORMED

All are welcome at our monthly HSC meetings. Visit the HSC website for updates and information all year long: www.unionhsc.org.

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