

PTA General Meeting

September 12, 2026

AGENDA

- 1 Welcome from PTA President
- 2 Back-2-School Bash Q&A
- 3 Guest Speaker
- 4 Principal's Report
- 5 Summary of LCAP Workshop activity from last PTA Meeting

2026-2027 PTA Board

- **President:** Amina Abraham
- **Vice President:** Selemawit Tessema
- **Treasurer:** Lizbeth Garcia
- **Secretary:** Binnie Vo
- **Membership Committee Chair:** Elsa Leon
- **Volunteer Committee Chair:** Saba Abegaz

Back-2-School- Bash

- Feedback Question and Answer Session
 - What did you like about the Back-2-School-Bash?
 - What would you like to see more of?
 - Do you think that middle school and high school should have two separate events?
 - Does Back-2-School need to be earlier in the year?
 - How does the 5:30pm start time work?

Presentation from Blue Peak

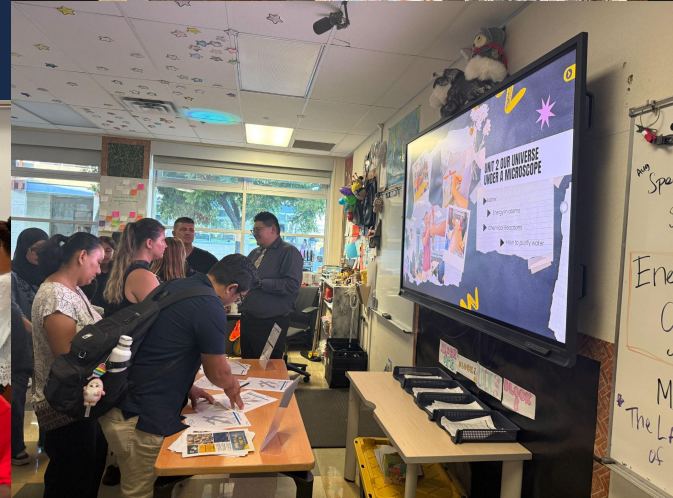
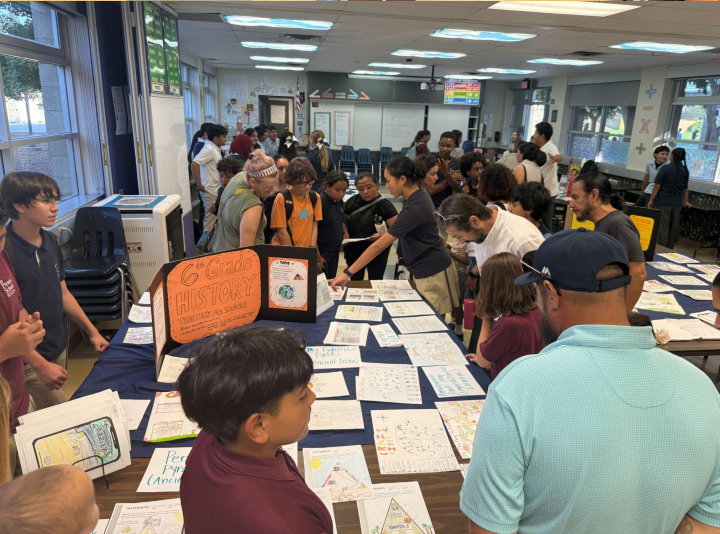


Principal's Report

Dr. Steitz



THE PREUSS SCHOOL UC San Diego



PHONE/DEVICE-FREE PREUSS



PARENT NO PHONE VERIFICATION

- If you scholar does not have a phone
- If you would like your scholar to return their Yondr pouch
- Please scan the QR code below and we will allow your scholar to return their Yondr pouch and receive a NP (no phone) sticker for their ID card.



A quick look ahead

SEP

16-17

ADVISORY

**High School
Club Fair**

SEP

25

ALL DAY

**Makeup
Picture Day +
Food Distribution**

SEP

26

9AM - 12PM

**SEA + 9th/11th
Grade Kickoff**

A quick look ahead

Distribution #2:

Friday, 9/25

*Distributed in front of school
beginning @ 2:30pm

Provided by:



A quick look ahead

september
college rep visits

Take advantage of these opportunities to meet college representatives, ask questions, and learn more about their campuses & programs!

Monday, 9/14 The University of Chicago	Thursday, 9/24 Tufts University
Tuesday, 9/15 ROTC	Friday, 9/25 Davidson College
Wednesday, 9/16 Soka University of America	Tuesday, 9/29 Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
Friday, 9/18 Washington University in St. Louis	

During HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH in the Community Room.
All students welcome!

The Preuss School UC San Diego

Grade Reporting Calendar

2026-2027

First Semester

August 5

August 24-25

September 18

September 22

September 23-24

October 8-9

November 6

November 10

November 12-13

December 3-4

December 14-18

December 18

First Day of Scholar Attendance

Progress Report to Parents for At-Risk Students

1st Mid-Semester Ends

Grades Due to Registrar

1st Mid-Semester Progress Report Cards Distributed

Progress Report to Parents for At-Risk Students

2nd Mid-Semester Ends

Grades Due to Registrar

2nd Mid-Semester Progress Report Cards Distributed

Progress Report to Parents for At-Risk Students

1st Semester Final Exams

First Semester Ends

Summary of LCAP Workshop activity from last PTA Meeting



What were the common concerns parents have about communication?

- Teacher Responsiveness and Communication Frequency
 - Delayed email responses
 - Desire for routine updates
 - Attendance notifications
- Information on Academic Progress
 - Scholastic changes
 - Feedback on testing
 - Online portal support

What were the common concerns parents have about communication?

- Barriers for Multilingual and Underrepresented Families
 - Clarity on legal rights and academic support
 - Language and formats as barriers
- Counselor and advisory outreach
 - Counselor communication
 - stronger beginning of the year orientation for all
- Issues with school communication tools and apps
 - Parent square support
 - Carina App support

Overall themes from the feedback

- *Communication & Responsiveness*: Enhancing the consistency of home-to-school information loops and technical platform accessibility.
- *Student-Centered Enrichment*: Broadening the scope of the "Preuss Way" to include robust mentorship and practical life-skill development, especially middle school clubs and sports.

Overall themes from the feedback

- *Equitable Access for Multilingual Families*: Removing linguistic and procedural barriers to ensure all families can navigate the school's rigorous academic environment.
- *Operational Efficiency*: Optimizing daily logistics, including nutritional inclusivity, transportation reliability, and facility standards.

Thematic Analysis of Parent Feedback by LCAP Goal

Goal 1: Community, Culture, and Communication:

Parents identified a high demand for initiatives that rebuild social connectedness and institutional culture.

- Communication Friction Points: While ParentSquare remains a primary tool, parents noted a need for standardized teacher email responsiveness protocols and targeted technical workshops for the Aeries Parent Portal and ParentSquare (specifically focusing on language translation features).

Thematic Analysis of Parent Feedback by LCAP Goal

Goal 2: High-Quality Teaching and Learning:

Parent feedback emphasized the strategic advantage of the school's unique location on the UC San Diego campus.

- **Mentorship and Career Readiness:** Parents expressed a desire to more deeply leverage the UCSD professional network through peer-to-peer mentoring and dedicated "Career Days." The proximity to the university provides an unparalleled opportunity to connect scholars with first-generation college role models.
- **Academic Support Queries:** Specific concerns were raised regarding the transparency of Advanced Math Placement Test results and a desire for literacy initiatives that motivate scholars beyond the mandated "A-G" curriculum requirements.

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Goal 3: Scholar-Centered Systems and Structures

- Nutrition and Cafeteria Services: A primary request emerged for improved nutritional variety, specifically the inclusion of Halal options and higher-quality fresh food selections.
- Uniform Policy: Parents requested a pragmatic review of the uniform policy, specifically regarding the length of shorts and skirts to accommodate the physical growth of scholars throughout the middle and high school years.

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Goal 4: Supporting the Whole Scholar (MTSS)

- Requested Co-curriculars: Parents identified a need for activities that build specific survival skills, including:
 - a. Piano/Music Theory and Culinary Arts (Cooking).
 - b. "Financial Aid Survival Skills" workshops for both scholars and their families.
- Mental Health Efficacy: While 99% of parents agree the school is a safe environment, feedback suggests a need for more visible, proactive mental health support for middle school scholars who are navigating complex social transitions.

Thematic Analysis of Parent Feedback by LCAP Goal

The "Power of Partnership" remains the defining characteristic of The Preuss School's success. By meticulously aligning the insights of our parent community with our quantitative LCAP targets, we ensure that the "Preuss Way"—Kindness, Respect, and Excellence—remains a lived reality. This strategic alignment serves as our roadmap to a more connected, responsive, and transformative college-preparatory experience for every scholar.

Next PTA General Meeting is on

- **October 17, 2026**

PTA Executive Board Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 4:30 to 5:30 pm in the Community Room unless otherwise specified. Below is the PTA Executive Board Meetings Schedule for the 2026-2027 academic year.

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- **October 14, 2026**

Thank you!