Parent Engagement at The Athenian School

Your Involvement + Your Investment = Unbelievable Results
Our Vision

The Athenian School believes the best way to master academic subjects is to experience their application first hand. In our rigorous academic program, talented students from the East Bay and around the world immerse deeply in coursework, inspiring each other to think critically, problem solve, and collaborate as global citizens. Athenian graduates will thrive in any of the nation’s best colleges, and be poised for a life of intellectual exploration and meaningful contribution.

At Athenian, we value connection and believe in creating an inclusive school community that involves the whole family. We invite you to participate, whether through volunteering your time, talent or treasure. There are many ways to get involved and you can choose a level of commitment that works for you and your family.

By engaging with Athenian, you’ll connect with parents like you, who care deeply about the educational experience and the success of all Athenian students. Our parent population is rich in talent and energy, and you will be a terrific asset to our community.

Please join us!
Get Involved

Join a Development Committee

Advancement committees support the fundraising, communications and stewardship activities of the School. Interested parents should contact Allie Rowe, Director of Development, at arowe@athenian.org.

**Annual Fund Committee**

All community members are asked to make a financial contribution to the School through a gift to the Annual Fund. A robust team of parent volunteers is needed to help coordinate giving at the class level.

**APA Auction Committee**

A steering committee works with the School and the APA in the planning and execution of the School’s annual spring auction.

**Advancement Committee**

This committee works with school leadership to evaluate, recommend, and support annual and long-range fundraising, marketing and communications activities that further the mission of the School.

Join a Board Committee

The Board of Trustees serves to support fundraising efforts, represent the School in the community, set policy, oversee the budget, finances and investments, and determine the strategic direction of the School. Parents who are interested in making a longer term commitment to serve on a Board Committee listed below should contact Allie Rowe, Director of Development at 925-362-7252.

**Admission & Marketing Committee**
**Investment Advisory Committee**
**Audit Committee**
**Finance Committee**
**Facilities Planning Committee**
**Strategic Planning Committee**
Volunteer with the APA

The Athenian Parent Association provides crucial support to the School that enhances Athenian and its programs. The APA plans and participates in more than 30 school events during the year, including the annual fundraising auction. We invite you to attend the monthly APA meetings to learn about School activities, hear program highlights, ask questions, and meet other parents. Go to athenian.org/APA for meeting dates and additional information.

To get involved or ask questions, contact APA@athenian.org
Attend an Event

Athenian values your participation in the many events that we offer over the course of the year. Keep an eye on My Athenian at athenian.org for information on these events! Examples of events offered for parents throughout the year include:

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For more information, contact the Advancement Office at 925-362-7252.
The Athenian Coop
A Cooperative Internship and Mentorship Program

We believe that deep learning entails authentic, active, and hands-on experience. Mentorships and internships prepare students for future careers, helps them make choices and gain real-world experience. To enhance the curriculum, we encourage you to share your expertise to create real-world experiences for our students.

Summer Internship Program
Student and young alumni interns will have the opportunity to pursue genuine interests beyond the curricular offerings of Athenian, broadening their experiences and gaining insight into career opportunities and first job prospects. This program gives students the opportunity to apply their skills while still in high school and college, gain on-the-job experience, and "try out" a career before graduation.

Mentor Program
The mentor program is a great option for those who want to help in the development of our students, but may not have a summer internship to offer. We are seeking community members to share valuable career experiences with students and assist in "coaching" them as they earn their degrees and begin their careers. Athenian students have expressed interest in entrepreneurship, the arts, business, medicine, computer science, engineering, law, education, and culinary arts (among others). Mentorships may take the following form:

Career Forum – For those who are interested in sharing college and professional experiences with a group of seniors after school. You will take part in a series of discussions for seniors who want to expand their awareness and knowledge of career possibilities.

One on One – You can sign up to speak individually with students and young alumni about your college and professional experiences, offering insights through phone, email, or Skype. This is a unique opportunity for students who want to seek one on one advice in a field of interest.

Shadowing – This option is for you if you feel the best way for a student to understand your work is to see you in action. This type of experience allows students to see first-hand the daily life of a career of interest.

Go to Athenian.org/coop to learn how to contribute and get involved.
The Athenian School is committed to ensuring an excellent education for your student. Throughout Athenian’s history, we have been supported by a strong culture of giving and philanthropy. Tuition alone doesn’t cover the full cost of educating each student. Like all independent schools, we depend on philanthropy to bridge the gap between tuition and the actual cost of providing an Athenian education.

Our community places great value on the act of giving. Generosity is present in so many ways, including in the form of financial support. Each year, we ask all members of our broad community — alumni, parents, friends, grandparents, alumni parents, foundations, and corporations — to come together and support the School by making a financial gift.

“Athenian gives our children much more than just a few years of education. It sets them on a path for life, giving them the passion for learning and the skills they need to meet the challenges of a changing world. Because what Athenian gives our children has value beyond measure, I know that I need to give beyond tuition.”

- Stephanie O., Class of ’17 parent

We recognize that each family has its own unique financial situation and capacity, but we do ask that every Athenian family participates at each of our annual giving endeavors at a level that is meaningful to your situation. Each and every gift makes a difference and is greatly appreciated. At Athenian, our annual efforts include the Annual Fund, and the APA Auction.
Annual Fund

We hope you support Athenian in any way that you can, but if you choose just one way, we hope it is through the Annual Fund. Athenian’s tuition covers a portion of the actual cost of educating each student. As with most independent schools, annual fundraising programs bridge the difference, amounting to almost $5,000 per student. The Annual Fund occurs each fall when a team of parent volunteers ask each family to make a gift to Athenian. We have been getting closer and closer to 100% parent participation – with your help, we know we’ll get there this year!

APA Auction

A strong highlight of our annual calendar is the APA Auction – a tradition and our primary fundraising event of the year. In the past it has raised over $250,000 for the School. This support goes towards financial assistance, faculty professional development, and each year a Fund-a-Need, supports School priorities such as athletics, the arts, or innovative programs. Parents, alumni parents, alumni (21+), grandparents, community members and friends of the School are invited to attend the Auction. Parents are asked to volunteer their time and resources by joining the Auction committee, and/or donating items to be auctioned.

Your gift to the Annual Fund makes an immediate — and virtually limitless — impact on our school, allowing our students to:

- **Gain** an Athenian education taught by a highly skilled and dedicated faculty, ensuring success in college and beyond.
- **Learn** in a safe and secure setting that respects and stewards the environment.
- **Participate** in an athletics program that honors all abilities and teaches the values of teamwork, sportsmanship and personal growth.
- **Travel** to places such as Africa, Vietnam and Ireland, developing their skills as global citizens.
- **Perform** in a play or a musical that encourages creativity and individual expression.
Ways to Give

The Athenian School is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization (#94-6070808) and gifts are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law. The School accepts various methods of support, including:

**Online:** You may donate to The Athenian School online at awww.athenian.org/giving.

**By Phone:** Gifts over the phone with a credit card are gladly accepted at 925.362.7201.

**By Mail:** Checks should be made payable to The Athenian School and mailed to:

The Athenian School
Advancement Office
2100 Mt. Diablo Scenic Blvd.
Danville, California 94506

**Securities:** Gifts of securities are always welcome. If you will be transferring stock or other securities to the School, please be sure to notify the Advancement Office, at 925.362.7201.

**Matching Gifts:** Make your gift go further! Many companies participate in matching programs which can double your contribution. Please ask your employer about their matching gift program. If available, please inform the School that the gift will be matched at the time of the donation.

**Legacy Gifts:** Through your thoughtful estate and charitable gift planning, you help ensure a lasting legacy for future generations of Athenian students. For more information about including The Athenian School in your estate plans, please contact Allie Rowe at 925.362.7252 or arowe@athenian.org.

**Endowment Gifts:** A strong endowment provides long-term financial stability. While gifts to the Annual Fund are put to immediate use and spent entirely in the year they are contributed, endowment gifts are invested in perpetuity as a legacy to future generations. Find out more at athenian.org/endowment.

Thank you for your support!