



# SEATTLE ACADEMY

## OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

### Seattle Academy Community Chest

Seattle Academy values economic diversity in our community, and we want to be sure that students are not excluded from full participation in the life of the school for financial reasons. The Community Chest provides financial aid to students who need support to participate in school activities that are not covered by tuition and fees or existing financial aid awards.

The types of activities/expenses that will be considered for Community Chest aid include, but are not limited to, those involved in: sports activities, arts activities, bus passes, lunch expense, after school study hall for middle school, dances and other social activities, calculators and other school supplies, post graduation/moving up parties, and spring days activities. It will not, for the time being, include financial aid for laptop computers or spring break and summer trips which tend to be expensive and have their own financial aid components.

**Anyone in our community may request financial support for any SAAS student from the Community Chest.** The school will assure that all requests are handled confidentially and with sensitivity. The attached form can be used to request assistance for any student by a student, a teacher, a parent, or other member of the SAAS community. The form is also available by email from Fund Administrators Mindy Watson, [mwatson@seattleacademy.org](mailto:mwatson@seattleacademy.org) or Mary Berry, [mberry@seattleacademy.org](mailto:mberry@seattleacademy.org) or on the website at [www.seattleacademy.org](http://www.seattleacademy.org) (click on Parents, then on Forms).

The Community Chest Administrators are Mindy Watson in the Upper School and Mary Berry in the Middle School. They will work with an annual budget funded from Fund-an-Item auction donations and Parent Association fund raising. Permission/fee forms sent home for various school activities will routinely include a request that parents consider donating money to fund another child, partially or fully, for the activity in question. These funds will go to the Community Chest if not used in full for that activity.

Mindy Watson chairs a small Community Chest Committee (CCC) that will set priorities, criteria, and guidelines for funding various needs. Gayle Pearl, Director of Student Services, Margi Niu, Business Manager, and Jen Bandy-Phillips, Director of Multicultural Affairs sit on that committee with Mindy and Mary, the Administrators. The Administrators will make aid determinations, calling on the CCC in cases involving policy questions, conflicting priorities, or requests for support in excess of \$250.

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