



Dear Parents,

The San Marcos Academy Cub Network would like to welcome you and your family to the Academy! The Cub Network is a volunteer organization made up of parents/guardians who are all dedicated to connecting families, faculty, and staff together to benefit the Lower School students at SMA. The Cub Network understands that, in light of the current health pandemic, the upcoming school year will not be the same as it has been in the past. We will not be able to share hugs, gather as a community on campus, or enjoy the annual activities that we started as a Lower School over the last two years. We hope that we will be able to have a few alternative events in the near future so that you and your family can safely socialize with other SMA families.

The purpose of the organization is to plan and execute fun events, socials, and fundraisers for the Lower School as well as to encourage San Marcos Academy school spirit and pride, although this year will look very different. That is where we need to be creative!

At San Marcos Academy, every family is automatically a member of the Cub Network as part of tuition, but we want you to be involved personally! We hope to connect with families through some online forum, such as social media, so that you know you are not alone during this time when we cannot be together physically. In the Spring, we published a cookbook collaborating recipes by SMA staff, alumni, parents and students in order to raise money to help defray the moving costs from Derrick-Wolfe Hall to Davidson Hall when it is complete. Please consider ordering one (or more) cookbooks through the online link <https://bngn.smarttuition.com/?id=3ypp5reyd10#/home/>

The Cub Network's ultimate goal is to support staff at San Marcos Academy so they are able to provide a safe learning environment for our children and provide a better future for our students and the Academy as a whole. We understand that there are a lot of stressors at this time and want you to know that we are parents as well and are trying to fill a need for social connection within our school through the best way we know how. If you have ideas, please reach out to us!

We will hold our first meeting online and appropriately socially distancing in the Carroll Alumni Room behind the Admissions Office on **September 14th at 2:00 pm**. Please send an email to us at cubnetwork@smabears.org to receive a Zoom invitation, and someone will be in touch with more information!! You can also find information about past meetings and events at www.smabears.org/cub-network.

Sincerely,

Your 2020-2021 Cub Network Board:

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