



Friends of Portola (FOP) Parent One-Sheet

Gaspar de Portola Charter Middle School — August 21, 2025 — 8:15 AM — Library

FOP at a Glance

- Purpose: Connect parents, support staff & students, and share insider school info.
- Programs: AIAT (Academy of Integrated Arts & Technology), HGM (Highly Gifted Magnet), and Charter.
- Acronyms: MPR = Multipurpose Room; ASB = Associated Student Body (student leadership).

Key Staff & Roles

- Principal: Mr. Tapia
- Assistant Principals: Ms. Park (7th grade), Ms. Garcia (8th grade)
- Counselors: Same 6th–8th grade for continuity and support
- Dean of Students: Mr. Jones (discipline & campus safety)
- Librarian: Ms. McGuire (genre-based library; volunteer friendly)
- Enrichment & Intervention: Farnaz (after-school programs; musical)
- Classified Supervisor: Ms. Tobin (paraprofessionals & aides)

Upcoming Events

- Back-to-School Night — Sept 28, 5–7 PM: Follow your student's schedule in 10-minute rotations. Spirit wear + concert.
- 6th Grade Picnic — Sept 20, 2 PM @ Balboa Park: Parent & student community-builder (QR sign-up).
- Fright Night — October: Student film festival (industry judges, concessions, photo ops).
- Renaissance Faire — April: Open house + interactive student activities, food trucks, games.

Committees & Volunteering

- Hospitality: Teacher/staff breakfasts & luncheons (light event support).
- Spirit Wear: New designs; online orders with homeroom delivery; help with sales & sorting.
- Restaurant Nights: Dine-out fundraisers; suggest venues or help with outreach.
- Library: Book Fair & Reading Decathlon; on-campus help welcomed.
- Communications: Photos, short videos, flyers; socials @portola_fop.
- Corporate Sponsors: \$800 banners; corporate matching; remote-friendly role.
- Academy & HGM Reps: Program liaisons and parent WhatsApp coordination.

HOPE Fund (Annual Giving)

- Goal: \$40,000+ (match/exceed last year). Suggested: \$400/student — any amount helps.
- Incentives: Car magnets; class participation & fundraising prizes; teacher \$200 award.
- What It Funds: Teacher stipends & supplies, technology (Chromebooks/smart boards), water system maintenance, etc.
- How to Give: PayPal one-time or monthly; family & corporate banner options.

Enrichment & Clubs

- Musical: Shrek — registration open (acting, stage crew, pit band).
- After-School: Tutoring, media arts, more as funding finalizes.
- Clubs: 100+ student-led options (Chess, Book, Mindfulness, Pokémon, etc.). Students can propose new clubs with a letter of intent.

Key Reminders

- Traffic & Safety: Allow extra time; use crosswalks; consider calling Parking Enforcement to support safe drop-off/pick-up.
- Volunteer Clearance: LAUSD application required annually (TB valid 4 years) for on-campus/student-facing roles.
- Stay Informed: Check Schoology (daily/Fridays), read the Principal's Sunday email, follow school socials, and subscribe to the FOP newsletter.

Next Meeting

Thursday, September 11, 2025 — 8:15 AM — Portola Charter Middle School (TPB & DSVB)