



# SAN MARCOS HIGH SCHOOL

## 2011 – 2012 PTO HOME CONNECTION FUND

By now everyone is aware of State funding cuts to education. As a result, many schools are seeking outside sources to cover expenses—donations, sponsors, even advertising.

In the past, your PTO has been able to provide funding for vital communication services between school and home:

*By mail:* **Knights Round Table**, our quarterly parent newsletter, is produced by PTO volunteers and mailed to every SMHS family.

*By telephone:* **Connect-ED**, our phone contact system, alerts families to school schedule changes, announcements, attendance notice, and emergency school closures, as during brush fires and swine flu.

*By internet:* **Edline**, our online learning management system, is well-known for sending grade reports, but also enables teachers to post homework, handouts, lecture notes, and links to on-line resources. This saves printing costs and keeps students current.

*These 3 services alone cost the PTO \$16,000 a year and are used by all families.  
We are only able to continue to do this with the financial support of parents.*

The Home Connection Fund was set up to help defray costs. We ask for a \$15.00 donation **per student** and can be paid at registration. By covering communication services through this fund, the PTO will be able to use money raised at our sole fundraiser, the annual Gala, on other much-needed areas in the school such as technology upgrades, teacher support and campus beautification.

*Any family donating \$100.00 or more to this fund will be thanked in the 2011-12 Yearbook.*

Please remember the PTO is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization. Your donations are tax-deductible. Ask your employer if your company is able to match your donation.

Please return your payment (check or cash) and this form with your registration materials.

***Checks should be made payable SMHS PTO***

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Student \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I enclose my \$15 donation to the Home Connections fund

\_\_\_\_\_ I enclose \$\_\_\_\_\_ donation

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like my donation to be recognized in the yearbook.  
*(Applies to donations \$100.00 and over)*

*On behalf of the entire PTO, thank you for your support*