



Hamasdegh PTA Weekly Newsletter

November 14, 2019

Dear Hamasdegh Parent,

Last Sunday Hamasdegh students in 6th, 7th and 8th grades and 2019 graduates enjoyed a day of sightseeing the Nation's Capital's most important Armenian sites. They visited the Armenian Embassy where they met with Marianna Manucharyan and Gohar Hovsepyan who spoke about the rigorous program of becoming an Armenian diplomat. Most importantly, students, teachers and parents were made to feel valued and warmly welcomed in "their home." Next stop was the beautiful Armenian Mother statue at the National Headquarters of the American Red Cross. This statue was built by Frederic Sogoyan and gifted in 1991 to thank the American Red Cross for their life saving efforts after the devastating earthquake of 1988. The last stop on the field trip was the ANCA office where students learned about the recent bill that passed the House affirming the Armenian Genocide. Many students had questions about the next steps in getting the bill to the President. Aram Hamparian spoke about reparations and the kids were interested in learning more about the positive repercussions of the US Congress recognizing the Genocide.

Hamasdegh PTA would like to thank the Embassy of Armenia and ANCA for their warm hospitality, as well as all teachers and parents who chaperoned students on this inaugural field trip. We look forward to making this an annual event.



Lunch Volunteers Needed! Please [sign up](#) to be a lunch duty volunteer this Sunday. Students will have lunch in their classrooms. We are still looking for donations of a healthy snack (e.g., fruit, Gogurt or any other nut free, allergy free treats) for November Pizza Day (November 24). If your family would like to donate, please email us at hamasdeghpta@gmail.com.

The countdown begins. Three, two, one... Hamasdegh School Christmas Bazaar is this Sunday, November 17, 12:00-3:00PM.

Hamasdegh PTA counts on your help:

- **[Sign up to help before, during and after the Bazaar!](#)** Lend a hand to set up, serve food, sell delicious treats or clean up after the Bazaar. This is also a great chance for your high school kids to earn community service hours!



- **[Sign up to bring a treat for bake sale!](#)** Thank you to those who have already signed up. There are still some slots left! If you or your kids love to bake, it's a chance to show your talent and help raise money for the PTA! Bake and bring delicious cookies, cupcakes or brownies to Hamasdegh School Christmas Bazaar on November 17. Drop them off with a PTA member that morning, then stop by after school to watch the PTA sell your treats, and enjoy treats made by your fellow classmates/parents!
- **Declutter and donate to Attic Treasures:** We are looking for gently used items such as books, jewelry, kitchenware, toys, decorations, etc for the Attic Treasures table. You can declutter your home and help the PTA with fundraising; it's a win-win! Please bring your donations to the church by this Sunday 10am.

Above all, we want you to have a fun relaxing shopping experience! We have a great lineup of vendors offering a variety of gifts, including:

- Amazing easy reading, coloring and activity books from [Armenian Kids Club](#), aimed at teaching and engaging your child in Armenian.
- Unique and beautiful Armenian handicrafts (Christmas ornaments, key tags, purses and more) by **HDIF**. Every purchase supports job creation and financial independence for women and vulnerable groups in villages, towns, and cities throughout Armenia!
- **Gabiani Design** of Tysons Corner Center featuring silver jewelry, scarves and handmade clothing imported from Armenia.
- A new collection of lunchboxes and pencil cases and time-honored favorites (espresso cups, mugs, dessert plates, aprons, pot holders, charm bracelets and tote bags) by talented [Arpi Krikorian](#).
- A great selection of Armenian delicacies and dried fruits (apricots, persimmons, peaches and more) imported by [Opera Square Group](#). Get a taste of Armenia!
- Limited edition bags of dark roast Armenian coffee by [Henry's House of Coffee](#). Designed by Arpi Krikorian, the bags are so beautiful that you would feel bad throwing the empty bag away.
- Handmade greeting cards and personalized gift items by [Armenian Gifts & Cards](#).
- Elegant and stylish silver pendants, earrings and rings designed by renowned Armenian artist **Mariam Hakobyan**. Browse her exquisitely detailed handmade jewelry designed with the highest quality of craftsmanship!

- Handmade bath and body products that make bath time fun by **Clean Fun Bath Works!** Fun soaps, scrubs and bubble bars make a perfect stocking stuffer!
- Classic elegant jewelry designed with natural gems or gemstones and silver/gold plate chains and fixtures by **Prairie Gems**.
- Flattering, affordable and unique styles of **LuLaRoe** skirts, dresses, leggings and tops by **Ani Aroush**.
- Travel mugs with trchnakir alphabet ([buy yours here](#)) brought to you by Hamasdegh PTA, and much more.

There will be a gift wrapping station, face painting, selfie station, attic treasures, raffle prizes, bake sale by Hamasdegh students, and delicious food catered by **Sasuns cafe**. Share the event on [Facebook](#) page and spread the cheer! The Bazaar is also posted on [Washington Parent](#), [Visit Montgomery](#), and [Bethesda Magazine](#).



Save the Date! PTA Parent Coffee and the first General Meeting of the year is next Sunday, November 24, 9:30-10:30am. We'd love to see you there! At the general meeting, PTA board members will give an overview of planned activities and present a budget proposal for the 2019-20 school year. They will also be available to answer questions about various activities and how to get involved.





Hamasdegh School Christmas Bazaar

Organized by Hamasdegh PTA

Soorp Khatch Church Hall

4906 Flint Dr, Bethesda, MD 20816

Sunday, November 17

12 to 3 P.M.



Jewelry, Clothing, Housewares, Children's
Books, Christmas Ornaments from Armenia,
Raffle Prizes, and much more
Delicious Food Eat In/Carry Out
Gift wrapping station

Proceeds from Christmas Bazaar benefit the
Hamasdegh PTA. Support Hamasdegh
School PTA AND get a head start on Holiday
shopping!

PTA EVENTS - SAVE THE DATE!!

November 17, 12:00-3:00pm

Hamasdegh School Christmas Bazaar

November 24, 9:30-10:30am

Parent Coffee and PTA General Meeting

November 24, 11:00-12:00pm

Pizza Day sponsored by PTA (do not pack lunch)

[Full Calendar of Events \(pdf\)](#)

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