



TPA HOLIDAY MARKET & SANTA'S VILLAGE



The TPA divides a grant given annually by TASIS to host three major events per year for our students. These events include Fall, Winter, and Spring festivities. The goal of these events is to create a fun, memorable experience with a dash of “American culture” to celebrate these occasions. The TPA does not use this grant in any way to host events that do not directly benefit the students (e.g. teacher appreciations, teacher gifts, sports banquets, etc.). The TPA uses monies raised directly through fundraisers such as the used uniform sales, bake sales, etc. for these other endeavors.

There has been a great evolution in the way TPA has hosted the winter event. For many years the “Holiday Market” was a combination of outside vendors and individual parents who came to our campus to sell their wares. A portion of these sales would go to one single charity. It has been held in various locations from the Palestra to the Palmer Center. A few years ago under the progressive leadership of Laura Colombo, the TPA made the decision to instead focus on the TASIS community. It therefore turned an eye to its own students to see how they could more actively participate in this event. This was a brilliant idea—the administration echoed these views and the current TPA leadership intends to carry on this amazing precedent.

All TASIS students participate in the Service Learning Program. When they reach Middle School and High School, each student participates with a Service Learning group. These groups sponsor local and international charities from the Swiss Red Cross, OTAF, Alpagnolo, COMETA to international groups such as Gram Vikas in India, PEPY in Cambodia, and Nuovo Fiore in Ethiopia. The Holiday Market gives our students the opportunity to fundraise. This allows them to help build libraries, refurbish roads, plant trees, buy medicine, and support many other initiatives for their charities. Through the Holiday Market, the TPA provides a festive platform for these groups to fundraise. We provide them a table to sell their goods and sponsor those who ask for our support. The more appealing, interesting, and beautiful we make our event, the more people we will attract. This in turn will help our students garner the attention they want for their charities.

This year the Holiday Market will be held under a tent in front of the Campo Science Center with music, food, and drinks. Everyone from the TASIS community is invited. We will also have an open-door policy this year so that guests from outside TASIS may come and join in the festivities. We will have a Santa’s Village in the Palmer Center where students can take a photo with Santa, decorate gingerbread cookies, participate in gift exchanges, and do other activities.

The TPA hopes that everyone will participate and join this all-school holiday event. We are happy to have more volunteers as well. Please look out for sign-up sheets via your class chats, the TPA newsletter, and weekly bulletins!





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TASIS SERVICE LEARNING GROUPS 2019

LOCAL : 10th Grade



Ethical Gardening- building an organic garden on TASIS campus

Environmental Action- engaging with greener initiatives on TASIS campus

OTAF- supporting mentally and physically disabled locals

Intergenerations, Alpagnolo- activities with senior citizens in Lugano

Red Cross Refugees- becoming friends with refugees living in Switzerland

GLOBAL: 11th and 12th Grade:

Kenya: WISER- a cultural exchange with an all-girls boarding school

Nepal - trekking to connect and work with Tibetan refugees

India:Gram Vikas- learning about water across caste systems at a local N.G.O.

Moldova: EcoVisio- supporting eco tourism projects and sustainability

Ethiopia: Nuovo Fiore- teaching english and science classes at a primary school

Mongolia: Understanding Ulgii - teaching english at a community college

Cambodia:PEPY - exploring temples and practicing language and interview skills with locals

Zambia/ Botswana - running a summer camp and building homes in Southern Africa



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Hope and Homes for Children - works to improve the lives of children, orphans, and families in Romania

Cometa -an association of families that has created a special community dedicated to providing a better life for the less fortunate. The community features a temporary adoption program, a sports association, and a school called "Liceo artigianale" where students learn manual jobs.

Heifer International - mission is to "end world hunger and poverty and care for the earth." Students choose which program to support (e.g. donate an animal, support sustainable farming, or provide basic needs) throughout various fundraising activities.



For details regarding the TASIS Service Learning program, please visit tasis.ch/service.

If you are interested in participating in this year's event, please contact Jennifer Zanarini

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