

Give Gather & Get Involved

Guide 2026-27





	Annual Fund	Fundraising Events & Annual PA Gift to Hamlin	Endowment & Strategic Initiatives
Purpose	Accounts for nearly 10% of Hamlin's operating budget and is essential to daily school life. All funds are used during the same school year in which they're raised. 2026-2027 goal is \$2.4 million.	Proceeds support community building, PA initiatives, and the PA's annual contribution to Hamlin's operating budget. All funds are used during the same school year in which they're raised. 2026-2027 goal - figure to come.	Gifts to the endowment are invested to support Hamlin in perpetuity. Funds are responsibly drawn annually for the operating budget. Current use funds can also be gifted to launch initiatives in Hamlin's strategic plan.
Timeframe	Annually in the fall	Two times a year in the fall and spring	Ongoing
Charitable Contribution	Yes	Yes, sponsorship is tax deductible minus the value of any tickets provided. No, tickets are generally not tax deductible.	Yes
Methods of Giving	Cash, check, credit card, Donor Advised Fund, stock transfers, Paypal, Apple Pay, and Venmo		

Gather

From our back-to-school community picnic Pride of the Pack to our Spring Fundraiser, Hamlin hosts joyful gatherings that build community and spirit all year long.



Pride of the Pack
September 3, 2026



Fall Fundraiser
September 18, 2026



Winterfest
December 5, 2026



Spring Fundraiser
March 19, 2027

Get Involved

Parent volunteers are essential to Hamlin and the backbone of many of our programs and events. There are plenty of year-round and seasonal opportunities, morning and evening options, as well as opportunities to volunteer your time from home:

- Lunch duty
- Lend-a-Hand
- School Store
- Faculty & Staff Appreciation
- Library
- PLAID
- Parent Book Club
- PA Executive Committee

The timeline below highlights event-specific volunteer opportunities:



Hamlin's Philanthropy Mission Statement

At Hamlin, philanthropy is a bold investment in our girls, our teachers and staff, our educational program, our physical spaces, and our community now and in the future. The collective engagement and shared communal responsibility for the school's financial health are vital and strengthen Hamlin's ability to deliver an extraordinary experience. We build upon the generosity of those who came before us and act as responsive and responsible stewards of the institution for future generations. A gift that is personally meaningful and given with joy enriches the school's mission, vision, and values and advances the Hamlin experience for all. We commit to fostering an environment rooted in trust, where all gifts are cared for, appreciated, and matter. **At Hamlin, every donor is a philanthropist.**

Why are we asked to give when we already pay tuition?

Like most independent schools, there is a gap between our operating budget and the amount of revenue generated from tuition. Non-tuition revenue such as endowment interest and programs like After School Academy helps to narrow this gap. However, the majority of the difference is bridged by contributions to the Annual Fund and the Parents Association's two annual fundraisers (Fall and Spring). **Your contributions allow us to moderate tuition increases and support a socioeconomically diverse community.**

What is the Annual Fund?

We invite alumni, current parents, trustees, faculty, and staff to participate in the Annual Fund, with the goal of 100% community participation. Families are encouraged to contribute **at a level that is most meaningful to them.** Last year, the Hamlin community generously contributed over \$2.6 million to the Annual Fund! This vital support ensures program excellence across all areas – from arts to STEM – and allows Hamlin to retain the talented faculty and staff who bring these programs to life. Every gift, no matter the size, has a direct and positive impact on our school, enabling Hamlin to achieve its mission of educational excellence.

What are the Fall & Spring Fundraisers?

Organized by the Parents Association in collaboration with Hamlin's Advancement Team each year, the Fall and Spring Fundraisers are **fun-filled events where our parent community comes together to celebrate our school!** The Fall Fundraiser is a day-long event with athletic, creative, and wellness activities for all levels and an evening party. The Spring Fundraiser is an evening-only party with dinner, drinks, and music. Both events are centered around an exciting theme!