

# D211 POST: PALATINE HIGH SCHOOL SETS DATE FOR CUPCAKES FOR A CAUSE



The Palatine High School Special Education Department has scheduled its biennial “Cupcakes for a Cause” on March 7 in the school’s cafeteria from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Entry to the event is free and cupcakes will be available for \$2.00 each or \$20.00 for a dozen.

In addition to cupcake sales, the event features raffles and cupcake judging contests. Funds raised will be used for special education programs such as Special Olympics, Best Buddies, and Pep Club. Included in the day is free entertainment for children, including face painting.

Community members are invited to donate cupcakes for the event by going online to: <http://www.palatinecupcakes2020.com/about.html>. Bakers can also submit cupcakes for the day’s cupcake judging contest. All entries must be submitted by March 6.

# D211 POST: PHS SPECIAL EDUCATION PREPARING FOR BIENNIAL CUPCAKES FOR A CAUSE



The Palatine High School Special Education Department will host their biennial Cupcakes for a Cause March 10, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the high school's cafeteria. Admission to the event is free and open to the public. Cupcakes will be for sale at a cost of \$2 each or \$20 per dozen. The event will also include raffles and a cupcake judging contest.

Event chairperson Dawn Shepard said the brings in such substantial funds, the department typically only holds it every other year. The funds raised by the event are used to support organizations such as Special Olympics, Best Buddies, and Pep Club.



“We also make a donation to a local organization that assists our students,” Shepard said. “This year we are donating to NWSRA (Northwest Special Recreation Association).”

Bakers can donate cupcakes to the event by completing the registration on the event’s [website](#) or by contacting the special education department. Bakers wanting to enter their cupcakes into the cupcake judging contest can do so through the [website](#). Cupcakes can be entered into one of three categories; most creative, best decorated, or best PHS-themed.



For more information or to register click [here](https://palatinecupcakes2018.weebly.com) or go to <https://palatinecupcakes2018.weebly.com>.

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## PALATINE HIGH SCHOOL'S CUPCAKES FOR A CAUSE EVENT SEEKS VOLUNTEERS, BAKERS

Palatine High School is gearing up for its annual Cupcakes for a Cause fundraiser hosted by the Special Education Department.

The event will take place on March 5 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the PHS cafeteria, and all proceeds from this event will go to special education clubs, activities, and programs, including Special Olympics, Best Buddies, PAC Club, LLS Program, SPED Art Club, On Our Own club, PEP Squad, SCED Program, and additional donations will be given to ELS families in crisis.

The event is open for the entire family. At Cupcakes for a Cause, cupcakes, coffee, water, and milk will be available for purchase. There will be free children's

entertainment, including face painting. Anyone who volunteers to bake cupcakes will also be eligible for the cupcake contest, in which awards will be given in various categories. Local businesses are providing gift basket raffles, and there is also a 50/50 Split the Pot.

Anyone interested in baking cupcakes can register by March 4 on the PHS Cupcakes for a Cause [website](#). All cupcakes must be dropped off on March 5. Drive around to the west side of the building, Entrance 3, and students will help unload the car. Please have your cupcakes in box lids or disposable containers with labels on each type of cupcake and/or container.

For more information, please visit the Cupcakes for a Cause [website](#), view the [Facebook event invite](#) or follow on Twitter @PHS\_Cupcakes.

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## HEHS PREPARES, SEEKS BAKERS FOR 'CUPCAKES FOR A CAUSE' EVENT

Hoffman Estates High School students, staff, and community members are preparing for the Annual Cupcakes for a Cause event on Oct. 24. The event will take place at Hoffman Estates High School from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. All proceeds go to the HEHS Special Olympics team, Blessings in a Backpack, and Hawks Nest.

Cupcakes for a Cause is taking registrations for bakers through Oct. 15. Anyone who bakes for the event will be eligible for the Cupcakes for a Cause contest. At the event, free kids entertainment, including face painting, and drinks will be available. Chance tickets will also be sold.

Admission to the event is free, and is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cupcakes are \$2 each, or \$20 for a dozen. For more information about the event and to register to bake, please visit the [Cupcakes for a Cause website](#).

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## PALATINE HIGH SCHOOL'S CUPCAKES

# FOR A CAUSE EVENT SEEKS VOLUNTEERS, BAKERS



Palatine High School is gearing up for its second annual Cupcakes for a Cause fundraiser hosted by the Special Education Department. The department is looking for volunteers to bake cupcakes, donate items for raffles, and volunteers for the day of the event.

The event will take place on March 8 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the PHS cafeteria, and all proceeds from this event will go to special education clubs, activities, and programs, including Special Olympics, Best Buddies, PAC Club, LLS Program, SPED Art Club, On Our Own club, PEP Squad, SCED Program, and additional donations will be given to ELS families in crisis.

This is a family event and is free to the public. At Cupcakes for a Cause, cupcakes, coffee, water, and milk will be available for purchase. Student entertainment will be provided, as well as free activities, such as crafts, tattoos, and face painting. Anyone who volunteers to bake cupcakes will also be eligible for the cupcake contest, in which awards will be given in each category from “Most Creative” to “Most PHS Spirited Cupcake.”

Local businesses are providing gift basket raffles, and there is also a 50/50 Split the Pot sponsored by the On Your Own club. Those winners will be randomly drawn at 1:45 p.m., and the winners do not need to be present.

Anyone interested in baking cupcakes can register by visiting the PHS Cupcakes for a Cause [website](#). All cupcakes must be dropped off in the PHS Special Education office, Room 127, on March 7 at any time. For more information, please visit the Cupcakes for a Cause [website](#), view the [Facebook event invite](#) or follow on Twitter @PHS\_Cupcakes.

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# HOFFMAN ESTATES HIGH SCHOOL PREPARES FOR CUPCAKES AND A CAUSE



*More than 9,000 cupcakes were baked at last year's event.*

Hoffman Estates High School students, staff, and community members can most likely be found joining forces and baking this week to prepare for the annual Cupcakes and a Cause event on Oct. 20. More than 1,000 people attended the event last year at HEHS and 9,000 cupcakes were sold. This year, the event is combining efforts from the entire school.

The proceeds go to the HEHS Special Olympics team, in addition to Autism Speaks, a national autism awareness organization. Amy Longmore, special education teacher and girls' soccer coach at HEHS, is anticipating another exciting and successful event.



*Any individual who bakes is eligible to participate in the cupcake contest. This was a cupcake from last*

*year's contest,  
which was modeled  
after the popular  
game "Angry Birds."*

"I am looking forward to seeing the energy at the event," Longmore said. "I am excited to see our Hoffman students, parents, and staff coming together."

Cupcakes and a Cause will have several live entertainment acts perform during the event, utilizing the school's own talent by allowing various students to perform different acts, from singing to dancing. Just like in previous years, there will be a craft section and face painting for kids, as well as an informational table hosted by agencies in the community.

Also different from previous years is the correlation between Cupcakes and a Cause and HEHS' new S.O.A.R. initiative, which stands for "Show respect, Own your actions, Accept differences, and Realize your potential." The main focus of Cupcakes for a Cause is to "Accept Differences," to soar towards positivity, just like the school is encouraging its students to do.



*In addition to  
crafts for sale,  
there is live  
entertainment,  
face painting, and  
information tables  
available.*

"Music, dance, and cupcakes are all things we have in common, and this day is about what we have in common rather than our differences," Longmore said.

Cupcakes and a Cause is taking registrations for bakers through Oct. 18. Any interested individuals should sign up by 5:00 p.m. Anyone who bakes for the event will be eligible for the Cupcakes and a Cause contest, which will award the cupcakes in the categories of "Best Decorated," "Most Creative," and "Best Autism Themed" cupcakes.

Admission to the event is free, and is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cupcakes are \$2 each, or \$20 for a dozen. For more information about the event and to register to bake, please visit the [Cupcakes and a Cause website](#) or contact Amy Longmore at (847) 755-5921.

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# DELICIOUS SUCCESS AT CUPCAKES FOR A CAUSE

Hours of baking more than 9,000 Cupcakes that resembled shapes of flowers and characters like the Cookie Monster paid off as the delicious works of art raised money for autism awareness. Community members collaborated for Cupcakes for a Cause at Hoffman Estates High School, and raised more than \$13,000 for the Schaumburg chapter of Autism Speaks, with \$3500 of that going to Special Olympics and Best Buddies Clubs, on April 7.

This is the third year Cupcakes for a Cause has been in place. In previous years, the event was hosted at different venues, but came to HEHS to accommodate a larger turnout. More than 1,500 people came to the event despite it being held Easter weekend.

Almost all of the cupcakes were provided by community members who wanted to support the cause. Amy Longmore, special education teacher and girls' soccer coach at Hoffman Estates High School, said the retail store Target was the only large business who donated 1,200 cupcakes to the cause.



"The kids were in awe of the numbers, how many people came, and how many cupcakes there were," Longmore said. "One woman said she made 50 dozen cupcakes out of her house!"

Longmore said the event was a great way to see community collaboration. Amy Sapio Bolis, a 1993 HEHS graduate, and teacher Wanda Lee created this event three years ago, and started it at a local junior high school. When they needed to find a new venue, Longmore, who also is a Special Olympics coach, teamed up with various organizations and helped Cupcakes for a Cause transition to its new venue at Hoffman Estates High School.

The HEHS girls soccer team was involved with the event, as well as other organizations, including the student groups Project Excel and Best Buddies, which is a club in District 211 that pairs a "typical peer" with a special needs student as a source of connection within the student population.

Aside from cupcakes, there was plenty of entertainment. Many of the attendees participated in face painting or watched performances by the Faubourg Theater, which

sang and danced to "The Climb," The Notables Choir, and Harper College's Carter Bryant Jazz Trio. Illinois Art Therapy also was there to do art activities with children, while the School District 54 cheerleaders showed their support and spirit during the event.

A resource table was available that had free information for students and parents, as was staffed by representatives from Autism Speaks to answer any questions.

Longmore said the turnout was so great that HEHS is already considering its plan of action for next year's event, due to limited parking this year and anticipation of more attendees.

"I'm just in awe of the community that really came together and supported the cause at a larger scale event," Longmore said. "Just the amount of people who donated and created baskets, and seeing the compassion in the soccer girls, that serving piece was really exciting."