



Clayton High School PTO

From The CHS PTO.

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April Postcard

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Message from the PTO Presidents



The Clayton School Board Election is coming up on Tuesday, April 2nd. Be sure to get out and vote! Thank you to the Clayton Board of Education candidates Leo Human, Jason Wilson, and Pam Lyss-Lerman for attending our March 6th CHS PTO meeting to introduce themselves. In case you missed the March 26 Candidate Forum, the PTO Council created a voters guide: a list of ten questions given to each candidate to answer. The candidates all received the same ten questions and had two weeks to provide their answers to the Council. Please [click here to view](#) the candidates' responses. (If you have any questions regarding the Board of Education candidates or the upcoming election, please email the Executive Assistant to the Board of Education, Heike Janis, at heikejanis@claytonschools.net or [visit their website](#).)



We still have a way to go to fully fund the Clayton High School Funds for Excellence by the end of the school year. Reminder that the PTO Funds for Excellence budget is fully funded by you, CHS parents! If you have not already contributed, please do so as soon as possible. [Here's the link to donate online](#). Your contribution of any amount is greatly appreciated!

Thank you,
Suzy Ogé and Jena Schaumburg



Monthly Meeting Invitation

April Meeting Agenda Topics

Wednesday, April 3rd , 12-1 pm, Meeting room C at the Center of Clayton

Agenda items:

- **Dr. Gutchewsky and T'Shon Young** will give updates on what's happening around Clayton High School as we spring through the 4th Quarter, spring sports and activities, and Prom! Finals, Graduation and the last day of school will be here before we know it!
- We will highlight upcoming events so you can find a place to meet others, make an impact, and get connected. Parent Connection dates to be announced!
- As always, you'll have an opportunity to **ask questions or bring up topics** you'd like to discuss.
- PTO Board Openings and Roles and Responsibilities for next year.
- 2024-2025 Academic year budget proposal.
- **We hope to see you in person**, but feel free to join us via Zoom if that works better for your schedule. See below for the link!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88132824346?pwd=LLv6EV5UbDi60aUG8nZELzcW8DwVMA.1>

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Reminders

"Just in time" reminders for CHS parents

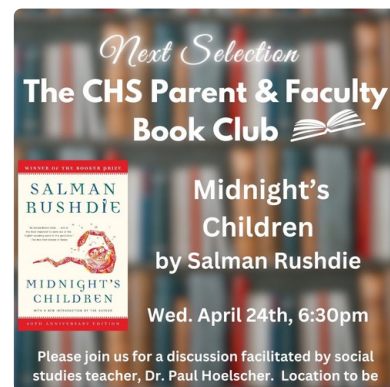
- March 29th there is no school for students
- April 3rd SAT testing for 11th grade and PSAT testing for 10th and 9th grade.
- April 3rd Day of Service for Seniors!
- April 13th Prom for Juniors and Seniors. Tickets on sale April 1st.
- **Freshmen Parent Connection** on Thursday, April 25th 6-8 pm at the Center of Clayton Meeting room A & B
 - 6-7 pm there will be a Q&A session with Carolyn Blair to get an overview of what's ahead in the College Preparation Process
 - 7-8 pm there will be a parent social gathering directly following the meeting. Drinks and light refreshments will be provided.



Mark Your Calendar

Midnight's Children is the next CHS Parent & Faculty Book Club Selection

The next international book selection continuing in the genre of magical realism, is *Midnight's Children* by Indian-born British-American author Salman Rushdie. The discussion will be **Wednesday, April 24**. We're moving the discussion to a later, after work time by parent request to accommodate schedules. *Midnight's Children* was a Booker Prize winner as well as a two time Best of the Booker Prize winner. This is a long book, so don't delay in starting this one!



The Parent and Faculty Book Club at Clayton High School brings teachers and parents together to discuss important topics. The book discussions are an opportunity to build partnerships and talk about important ideas. Thank you to Dr. Paul Hoelscher in the CHS Social Studies Department for initiating the revival of these book discussions. Three books by international authors will be selected this school year. Thanks to all who participated in the recent discussion of *The Whale*. We had a diverse group of parents and teachers and an interesting, friendly, non-intimidating conversation. Everyone is welcome!

Recap of Last Month's Meeting



March Meeting Minutes

March's meeting was a full one! We heard a brief introduction from each of the Clayton Board of Education candidates and additional time was allocated for questions. **Jennifer McKeown, CHS's Wellness Coordinator** attended to share the good news about the official opening of the Wellness Center and to invite everyone to the Open House Events for parents and caregivers during the week of Parent Teacher Conferences.

Here's a link to the full [March Meeting Minutes](#).

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