



CLAYTON  
HIGH SCHOOL



From the CHS PTO:

# POSTCARD TO PARENTS

## December Postcard

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## Message from the PTO Presidents



### Taking Time

This time of year, there can be so much to fit in: concerts, tournaments, gift-shopping, party-planning, and, of course, finals. We want our kids to remember what matters: caring for each other (and themselves) and taking time to rest and reflect while they continue to work hard. Our Wellness Center does a dynamic job of supporting them in school, but be sure to take whatever time you can to check in with those you love to make sure they're feeling supported.



You've already done a great job supporting our [2024-25 Funds for Excellence \(FFE\) campaign](#)! We're thrilled with the increase of number of contributing families! Don't forget us **tomorrow for Giving Tuesday, December 3rd**! Remember, as a 501c3, donations are fully tax deductible and eligible for employer matching programs. If you prefer to donate with a check, you can drop one off or send it to Clayton High School PTO #1 Mark Twain Circle Clayton, MO 63105.

Also, please consider contributing to the **Holiday Gift Card Drive** sponsored by our social work department. You can purchase a gift card to Target or Walmart, indicate the amount, and drop it off at the front office. You can also use the QR code in the flyer below to make a monetary donation that will be used to purchase gift cards.

We're so excited to begin the review process for our Faculty/Staff Special Project Awards, which is an integral part of the PTO's mission. Each year, the PTO supports innovative events, projects, and equipment that will directly benefit CHS students. Look for info about our award winners and their projects in the coming weeks! [Click here](#) to read more about this exciting program and some past awards given to our amazing faculty.

As always, please [let us know](#) if there is any way we can help you get involved and connected to community at CHS. We hope to see you at our next meeting, December 4 at noon, details below.

Jena Schaumburg and Joanna Dinsmore  
CHS Co-PTO Presidents

## Make Your Funds for Excellence Donation Today



**CHS GIVES**

### Holiday Gift Card Drive

TO HELP MAKE THE SEASON BRIGHTER FOR OUR FAMILIES, WE ARE COLLECTING GIFT CARDS FOR DISTRICT FAMILIES. PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING BY THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12TH.

HOW TO DONATE:

1. PURCHASE A GIFT CARD TO TARGET OR WALMART. PLEASE INDICATE THE AMOUNT AND DROP OFF IN THE FRONT OFFICE.
2. USE THE QR CODE TO MAKE A MONETARY DONATION. DONATED FUNDS WILL BE USED TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL GIFT CARDS.



HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF BRINGING HOLIDAY CHEER TO 25 CLAYTON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND 60 FAMILIES ACROSS THE DISTRICT.

Questions? Contact Lauren Stoelting at [laurenstoelting@claytonschoools.net](mailto:laurenstoelting@claytonschoools.net)



## Monthly Meeting Invitation

### You're Invited: December PTO meeting

Please join us on **Wednesday, December 4, 2024, 12-1 pm**, in the Center of Clayton, conference room C (to the left of the building as you enter).

Agenda items include the following:

- **Dr. Gutchewsky and T'Shon Young, Coordinator of Athletics and Activities**, will give updates on what's happening around Clayton High School.
- We will highlight upcoming events, including upcoming **freshman and sophomore Parent Connections gatherings**, where you can find a place to meet others, make an impact, and get connected.
- As always, you'll have an opportunity to ask questions or bring up topics you'd like to discuss; we will do our best to provide answers or guide you to the appropriate resources for issues outside of the PTO's purview.

We hope to see you in person (feel free to bring your lunch!), but please join us via Zoom if that works better for your schedule. This month's meeting will feature new microphone protocols for improved audio for our Zoom attendees, and note you can also use the Zoom chat feature to ask questions and make suggestions. We look forward to seeing you!

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting URL:

<https://wustl.zoom.us/j/97843311488?pwd=ICnNuKV8BqRULKYbbMhhLmMvQaV1XV.1>

Meeting ID: 978 4331 1488

Passcode: 044535

## Reminders



### Long-Range Facility Master Plan

The [School District of Clayton's Long-Range Master Facilities Plan \(LRFMP\)](#) is a comprehensive strategic document outlining the future development, maintenance, and management of school facilities over the next 15 years. This plan is designed to ensure that Clayton's facilities meet current and future educational needs and accommodate student population changes while aligning with the District's Strategic Plan and Profile of a Clayton Graduate.

The District values transparent communication and active participation, and your input is wanted! A District-wide community forum at CHS on **December 4 at 7 pm**. Please come share your thoughts, ideas, and proposals on how we can create the best possible environment for our students and community.



## Mark Your Calendar

### Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, 12/3: [GIVING DAY](#)

- Tuesday, 12/3: Long Range Facility Master Plan - Community Forum, Clayton High School Commons, 7-8:30 pm
- Monday, 12/9 - Friday, 12/13 Wellness Week
- Wednesday, 12/18 - Friday, 12/20 Final Exams
- Monday, 12/23 - Friday, 1/3 Winter Break

## Recap of Last Month's Meeting



### November PTO Meeting Highlights

- Special Guest Jennifer McKeown, the Wellness Coordinator for the CHS Wellness Center, shared information about events planned for students and parents by the Wellness Center for the 2024-2025 School Year.
- The winners of the Spirit Wear raffle for the October Funds for Excellence Fundraising Campaign were announced, along with the amount of funds donated and plans to do one last end of year charitable giving push in December to fund the CHS PTO.
- Applications for the PTO Faculty and Staff Special Projects Awards are being accepted and reviewed.
- The Parent-Teacher Book Club is read and discussed *Learning to Disagree* by John Inazu.

[Click here](#) for the complete November meeting minutes, including more details about past and upcoming CHS PTO community events that your PTO Funds for Excellence donations support.



## A PTO with Purpose



**Clayton High School PTO**

The PTO is organized for the purpose of supporting and enhancing the education of students at Clayton High School through volunteer service, fundraising, and fostering relationships among members of the school community. The PTO helps to further educate, inspire, and empower the School's students and to reinforce the mission, vision, and core values of the School

District of Clayton by modeling and promoting excellence, trust, inclusiveness, innovation, and accountability in all it does.

### The CHS PTO

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