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HIGH SCHOOL



From the CHS PTO:

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February Postcard

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Message from the PTO Presidents



From a false start to full speed ahead!

After a delayed, snowy start to the semester, we hope everyone is settling back into a routine and that this term is starting off well. It's hard to believe, but the process of selecting next year's classes is already under way. Similarly, the PTO is also looking ahead. If you've been thinking about getting more involved, now is the perfect time! We're currently seeking volunteers for a junior Parent Connections liaison as well as three freshman Parent Connections liaisons, so please encourage friends with incoming freshmen to consider that role – or consider it yourself if you have an incoming student!



Another great way to get involved is by attending February's PTO meeting (details below). We will welcome two special guests: Board of Education Director Leo Human, who will speak about the Legislative Advisory Committee, and Michael Parkinson, the new Director of Safety and Security, who will share his vision for the District, particularly the high school. Bring your questions!

We are also excited to highlight some of our Faculty/Staff Special Project Award winners at the February meeting. PTO funds raised via your Funds for Excellence contributions will purchase materials for the Science Olympiad team, provide white boards to create "thinking areas" for math students, and sponsor a senior edition of the Globe Student Magazine, among many other worthy faculty-proposed projects.

Thank you for being an active part of our community. As always, [let us know](#) if there is any way we can help you get involved and connected at CHS. Here's to a great spring semester!

Jena Schaumburg and Joanna Dinsmore
CHS Co-PTO Presidents

It's not too late! Donate to Funds for Excellence today!



Monthly Meeting Invitation

You're Invited: February PTO meeting

Please join us on **Wednesday, February 5, 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:

- Guest speaker: Michael Parkinson, Director of Safety and Security
- BOE member Leo Human will give an update on the Legislative Advisory Committee.
- The Faculty/Staff Special Projects Awards will be announced and described.
- Dr. Gutchewsky and T'Shon Young will give updates on what's happening around Clayton High School.

As always, you'll have an opportunity to ask questions or bring up topics you'd like to discuss. 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. We look forward to seeing you!

[Zoom details to come via email]

Reminders



CHS Trivia Night: Last chance to make raffle donations

The Junior Class is holding a Trivia Night on February 21, 7 pm at the CHS Commons; all proceeds go to the 2025 Junior/Senior Prom and the Junior Class. The event will include a raffle/silent auction, and the class officers are looking for parents with connections to businesses, sports teams, restaurants, etc., to donate raffle prizes. Please consider donating gift certificates, baskets, products, sports items, or event tickets to help make this year's prom a success while highlighting your business's support of the local community! [Sign up here](#); the deadline for donations is February 7.

Tickets to Trivia Night are \$20/person and are available now. [Buy your tickets or become a sponsor here.](#)



Mark Your Calendar

Upcoming Events

- February 6-8: [Les Misérables, CHS Theatre Company \(purchase tickets here\)](#).
- February 14: Professional Development Day: No School
- February 17: Presidents' Day: No School
- February 20, 7:30 pm: CHS Orchestra Concert, CHS Auditorium
- February 21, 9 am: Parent Coffee, CHS Library, Orange Room
- February 21: [CHS Trivia Night; info and tickets here](#)
- February 24, 6:30 pm: 2025 Celebration of Black Achievement, CHS Auditorium
- March 3: [Spring sports begin \(info here\)](#).
- March 5, 12 pm: PTO meeting



Recap of Last Month's Meeting



Our January meeting was canceled due to the snow day.



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.

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