



Clayton High School PTO

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Happy New Year Edition

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Message from the PTO Presidents



Welcome Back and Happy New Year!

We trust you enjoyed your break and found ways to create new memories as well as get some well-deserved rest. We are looking forward to a great second-half of the school year and are rounding the bend with excitement. There are many ways for you to get involved, as you'll see below, and we hope you'll find a good match for your capacity.



Thank you,
Suzy Ogé and Jena Schaumburg



Monthly Meeting Invitation

Please join us for the January PTO meeting.

Wednesday, January 10, 12-1 pm, Meeting room C at the Center of Clayton

[Agenda for January 10th meeting](#)

- Dr. Gutchewsky and T'Shon Young will give updates on what's happening around Clayton High School as we start the new year.
- Dr. Robyn Wiens, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, will be our guest speaker. Dr. Wiens will share with us ways we can make events more inclusive, particularly as they relate

to differing sensory needs.

- We will highlight upcoming events so 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 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!

Topic: PTO January Meeting

Time: Jan 10, 2024 12:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87521579460?pwd=mXj0FBfzDJsFMWt0kYf67snmN8y2il.1>

Meeting ID: 875 2157 9460

Passcode: 939101

Reminders



Please donate to Funds for Excellence

We are so thankful for the ways that this community has stepped up to the challenge to meet our fundraising goals for the year. We've made a lot of progress but are **still short by almost \$6,000**. Remember, we are 100% funded by Clayton families; your donation underwrites the vital programs the CHS PTO supports throughout the 2023-24 school year, including Funds for Excellence grants to teachers who have new ideas that create innovative initiatives to enhance our students' learning and well-being in the classroom and beyond. Your donation facilitates community events for students, staff, and our parent community. Finally, a donation to the CHS PTO Clayton Cares equips our social workers to extend a safety net and provide essentials for our students and families in times of need.

Please [donate what you can](#) today so we can reach our goal, together.

(Please note: You will automatically receive a tax receipt along with your payment confirmation. As a 501c3, donations are fully tax-deductible and eligible for employer matching programs. Checks can be dropped off or sent to Clayton High School PTO, #1 Mark Twain Circle, Clayton, MO 63105. If you aren't quite sure if you've donated this school year, you can reply to this email and ask PTO Treasurer, John Holmes.)



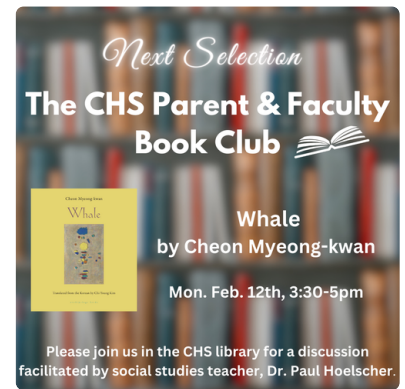
Mark Your Calendar

New Book Selection for the next Parent & Faculty Book Club Discussion, February 12

The next international book selection is **Whale** by South Korean Author **Cheon Myeong-Kwan**. The discussion will be Monday, Feb. 12, 3:30-5 pm in the CHS library. If you have the intention to read

more books in 2024, this is a great opportunity to kickstart your effort with a deadline to make it a priority!

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 first discussion on December 11. 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



December Meeting Minutes

We covered a lot in last month's meeting!

Here are some highlights:

- Dr. Gutchewsky shared updates on several exciting new developments within the school, including the Wellness Center's opening in the second semester, CHS recognizing 25 National Merit scholars this year, and the successful relaunch of the CHS Book Club in December.
- T'Shon Young shared about many activities, including Hot Sips/Study Tips for the Freshman class, 8th grade visits to clubs and sports, and progress being made for the 2/9 Trivia Night, sponsored by the Junior class, with proceeds benefitting the prom fund.
- Our guest speakers for the month were Board of Education members Stacey Siwak and Amy Rubin. The election for the two open board spots will happen in April.

[For the full December minutes click here.](#)

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