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HIGH SCHOOL



From the CHS PTO:

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January Postcard

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Message from the PTO Presidents



Welcome to 2025!

Happy New Year!

Despite the cold start to the second semester -- and the THREE snow days! -- we trust you're finding ways to stay warm as we round this important bend in the year. We are excited to move toward the many exciting things ahead; please keep the PTO in mind when you're looking for ways to contribute and stay or get connected.



Because our January meeting was cancelled due to Wednesday's snow day, our next meeting will be on February 5. Join us then to learn the status of our annual fundraising and hear from school leadership about what opportunities for involvement our kids will have this winter. Plus, the PTO has granted numerous Faculty/Staff Special Project Awards, and we can't wait to tell you about these amazing projects. And it's not too late to [RSVP for the parent/faculty book club](#) on January 28; see details below.

As always, [let us know](#) if there is any way we can help you get involved and connected to community at CHS.

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:

- 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.
- An update on the PTO's annual fundraiser, Funds for Excellence will be provided.
- 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. We look forward to seeing you!

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting URL:

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

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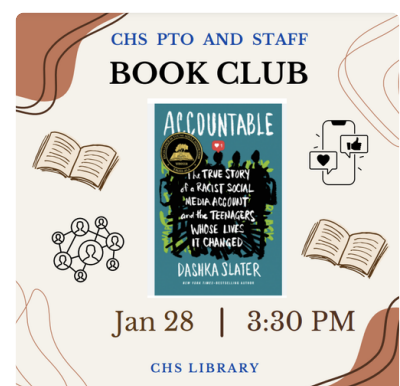
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Reminders

PARENT & FACULTY/STAFF BOOK CLUB

Parents, please join us for the Parent & Faculty Book Club Discussion on **Tuesday, January 28**, at 3:30 pm in the CHS Library. The book selection is [Accountable: The True Story of a Racist Social Media Account and the Teenagers Whose Lives It Changed](#).

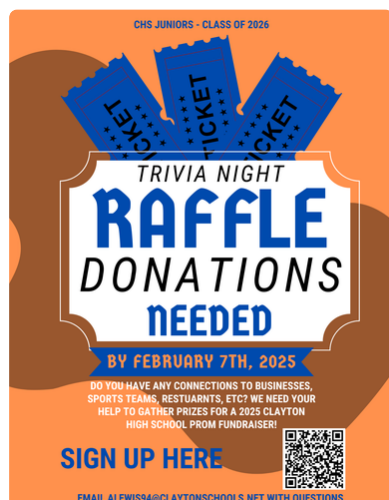
Written by Dashka Slater, *Accountable* has been named the 2024 winner of the YALSA Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults Award, the first national award that honors the best nonfiction books for teens (12-18).



From the New York Times-bestselling author of The 57 Bus comes Accountable, a propulsive and thought-provoking true story about the revelation of a racist social media account that changes

everything for a group of high school students and begs the question: What does it mean to be held accountable for harm that takes place behind a screen? "Powerful, timely, and delicately written."

It is a quick read and an important discussion topic. Thank you to Paul Hoelscher for facilitating the discussion. Every parent is welcome! [Please click here to RSVP](#). Thank you!



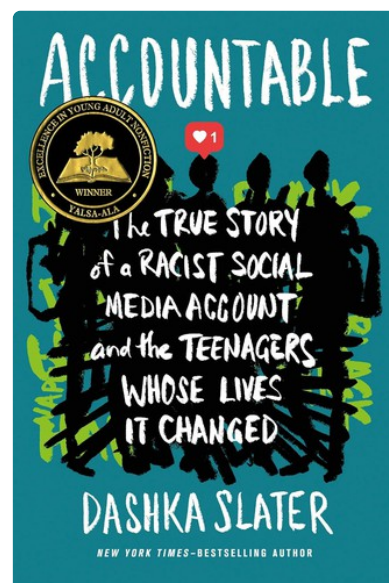
PROM FUNDRAISER RAFFLE DONATIONS NEEDED

The Junior class officers are planning a Trivia Night on February 21 as a 2025 junior/senior prom fundraiser. The event will include a raffle, and the 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 as well as showcase your business's commitment to supporting the local community. Click the flyer to sign up!

Mark Your Calendar

Upcoming Events

- January 15: Practice ACT, 11th grade
- January 15: College Launch Meeting (Juniors and Parents): 6:30 pm, CHS auditorium
- January 20: Martin Luther King Jr. Day: No School
- **January 28: Parent & Faculty Book Club, 3:30 pm, CHS library**
- **February 5: PTO meeting, 12:00 pm, Center of Clayton room C**
- February 14: Professional Development Day: No School
- February 17: Presidents' Day: No School



Recap of Last Month's Meeting

December PTO Meeting Highlights

- An update on the Funds for Excellence fundraising campaign was given -- we are ahead of last year's pace but still have a ways to go to meet our goal.

- In the future, the Counseling Department, and not the PTO, will host informational grade-level sessions for parents so the PTO can focus on events better aligned with its purpose and mission statement.
- Dr. Gutchewsky discussed finals prep/Wellness Week activities and answered questions about finals and makeup exam scheduling.
- Mrs. T'Shon Young informed us about Compass program meetings and how they benefit the freshman class.

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[Click here](#) for the complete December meeting minutes.



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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