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May Postcard

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Message from the PTO Presidents



Facing the Finish Line

Happy May, everyone!

"May-cember" may be a heavy lift for some of us as we brace for the final push of the school year. Final projects and exams, concerts, games, and all of the festivities meant to celebrate the many accomplishments of our kids can be all-consuming. So we want to take this moment to make sure you know how important you are to this community. Your presence matters, whether it's



large or small, and we are thankful for each one who shows up as they are able.

We hope you'll get to join us in person for the last PTO meeting of this school year (rumor has it there will be donuts!), and, if not, that you'll Zoom in to hear from Dr. Gutchewsky and Ms. Young about all the end-of-the-year activities our students will experience as they face the finish line to their school year. This month concludes Jena Schaumburg's tenure as CHS PTO Co-President – huge thanks to Jena for all her hard work for the PTO over the last two years! Joanna Dinsmore and Priya Bazzani (our current Communications Chair) will share the Co-President role next year.

As always, get in touch if there is any way we can help you get involved and connected at CHS.

Jena Schaumburg and Joanna Dinsmore



Monthly Meeting Invitation

You're Invited: May PTO meeting

Please join us for the last PTO meeting of the year (and for donuts!) on **Wednesday, May 7, 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:

- Details on Senior Sendoff, a celebratory night for seniors and their families at Shaw Park on 5/21 at 6 pm, plus info on the Back to School Bash planned for August.
- Dr. Gutchewsky and T'Shon Young will give updates on what's happening around Clayton High School, including the many end-of-year events.

<u>Click here for the full agenda</u>. As always, you'll have an opportunity to ask questions or bring up topics you'd like to discuss, whether you join in person or via Zoom. We look forward to seeing you!

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 828 4800 2552

Passcode: 323352

Reminders



NEW EVENT! Senior Sendoff Celebration

This year the Senior Parent Connections co-chairs, along with the Senior Class leaders, have developed a new graduation tradition for our graduating Seniors and their families. On Wednesday, May 21, the night before graduation, the festivities will begin with a car parade. The parade will start at Gay Field at 5:30 pm, travel through downtown, and end at Shaw Park. Then the celebration for Seniors



and their families will continue at Enterprise Pavilion from 6 to 8 pm. There will be food trucks to purchase dinner, and drinks and desserts will be provided by the PTO. We hope all Senior families can make it to what we hope will be a fabulous new tradition. Congrats to this year's graduates!

Save the Date: 2025 Back to School Bash

The District PTOs are once again sponsoring a back to school celebration at Shaw Park's Enterprise Pavilion on Thursday, August 14, from 5 to 7 pm, featuring food trucks, yard games, sand



volleyball, a DJ/music, the CHS cheerleaders, and even the Clayton Greyhound. Come catch up with old friends and make new ones, and don't forget to stop by the CHS PTO table.

We'll keep our fingers crossed for good weather, and hope to see you there!

Mark Your Calendar

Upcoming Events

- May 8: Freshman Class Parent Connections: College Q&A with Carolyn Blair, CHS library, 6 pm
- May 12: Spring Choir Concert, CHS Auditorium, 7 pm
- May 13: CHS Concert Orchestra/WMS Orchestra Concert, CHS Auditorium, 7 pm
- May 15: Seniors' last day
- May 21: Senior Sendoff Celebration, Shaw Park Enterprise Pavilion, 6-8 pm
- May 22: Graduation, Chaifetz Arena, 6 pm
- May 26: Memorial Day/No School
- August 14: Back to School Bash, Shaw Park, 5-7 pm



Recap of Last Month's Meeting



April Meeting Highlights

- Last month's final fundraising push was a huge success; the PTO's goal was exceeded with more than \$28,000 raised. Huge thanks to our community for your generosity!
- Guest speaker Chellie McLellan, Behavioral Wellness and All-In Coalition Specialist, shared a report on data collected by the All-In Coalition on alcohol and drug use among Clayton students. Click here for details about their survey data.
- Thank you videos from some of the recipients of PTO Faculty Special Project Awards were shared.

Click here for the complete April meeting minutes.

A PTO with Purpose



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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