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From the CHS PTO:

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November Postcard

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Message from the PTO Presidents



No Tricks, Just Treats: Support the PTO!

A key milestone of our [2024-25 Funds for Excellence \(FFE\) campaign](#) is creeping up on us! We're thrilled that over 10% of CHS families have already "haunted" our donation page, but if you haven't donated yet, don't be frightened -- there's still time! Contribute by **October 31** to be entered into a raffle for a Clayton hoodie from the CHS spirit store, just in time to keep the chills away. Every gift, no matter the amount, brings us closer to our \$27,500 goal to fund faculty/staff appreciation, student resources,

faculty special projects, and community events. While the raffle will vanish after Halloween, we welcome donations year-round. [Please don't ghost us; click here to donate today!](#)

Funding Faculty/Staff Special Project Awards 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. The process of reviewing and awarding faculty requests begins soon, so stay tuned for info about our award winners and their projects! [Click here](#) to read more about this exciting program and some past awards given to our amazing faculty.

As we move on into the second quarter of the year, please always feel free to [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, November 6 at noon, details below. Happy Halloween!

Make Your Funds for Excellence Donation Today



Monthly Meeting Invitation

You're Invited: November PTO meeting

Please join us on **Wednesday, November 6, 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.
- Guest speaker **Jennifer McKeown, CHS Wellness Coordinator**, will share information on the Wellness Center and its upcoming events, including a presentation on Parenting in the Digital Age on November 18 by Larissa May, founder of [#HalfTheStory](#).
- 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 building-level community forum will be held on **November 6 at 6:30 pm**, at the CHS library; there will also be 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, 11/5, No School: Election Day/Staff Professional Learning
- Wednesday, 11/6, 12-1 pm, **PTO meeting**, Center of Clayton Meeting Room C
- Wednesday, 11/6, 6:30-8 pm, [Long-Range Facility Master Plan Community Forum](#), CHS library
- Thursday, 11/7, 5:30-7:30 pm: **Freshman Parent Connections social**, CJ Muggs
- Sunday, 11/10, [CHS Band Mattress Sale Fundraiser](#)
- Wednesday, 11/13, 6-8 pm: **Sophomore Parent Connections social**, Clayton Winehouse
- Thursday-Saturday, 11/14-11/16, [CHS Fall Play](#), [Classic Mystery Game](#)
- Monday, 11/18, 6-7 pm, [Parenting in the Digital Age presentation](#) by Larissa May, via Zoom
- Wednesday-Friday, 11/27-11/29: Thanksgiving Break, No School
- Thursday, 11/28, 8:30 am: Clayton Turkey Trot 5K Run/Walk, Acorn Park/Wydown Blvd.



Recap of Last Month's Meeting



October PTO Meeting Highlights

- Our last PTO meeting kicked off the October Funds for Excellence campaign. Families are encouraged to donate to fund PTO events and projects; approximately 27% of our operating budget has been raised thus far. Our CARE Fund, which supports community members in need, is about 50% funded.
- Dr. Gutchewsky shared details about the recent school threats and the amazing job local law enforcement and first responders did in responding to them; he reiterated that student and staff safety is always the number one concern. Adults were reminded to use the front door to enter the building and never ask students to let them in.

- T'Shon Young shared information about upcoming Homecoming activities for students and families, and the Committee Chairs reported on the meals and snacks that will be provided to support teachers and staff during the month of October.
- Parent questions on the topics of cell phone use, the recent bomb/social media threats, and attendance were answered.

[Click here](#) for the complete October 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.

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