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HIGH SCHOOL



From the CHS PTO:

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October Postcard

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Message from the PTO Presidents



Falling Fast

We *cannot* be rounding the bend to October and all things fall, and yet, here we are! We hope your on-ramp to the school year has been manageable and a point of connection within the community. As we head into the fall, look for ways to get involved with CHS, whether through our robust [Parent Connections](#) program, [Homecoming](#) events, or the PTO [parent/faculty book club](#).

We invite you to join us in person for our next PTO meeting on Wednesday, October 2, 2024, 12:00-1:00 pm in conference room C at the Center of Clayton. We will send out a reminder link that morning, and, for those of you who cannot make it in person, please Zoom in.

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, and stay tuned for info on how to contribute to our [Funds for Excellence fundraising campaign](#).

See you soon!

Jena Schaumburg and [Joanna Dinsmore](#)
CHS Co-PTO Presidents





Monthly Meeting Invitation

You're Invited: October PTO meeting

Please join us on **Wednesday, October 2, 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 Ms. T'Shon Young** will give updates on what's happening around Clayton High School.
- We will highlight upcoming events, including the rescheduled [parent-teacher book club](#) and upcoming [Parent Connections gatherings](#), where you can find a place to meet others, make an impact, and get connected.
- 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; the link is below. 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



"Just in time" reminders and helpful info for CHS parents

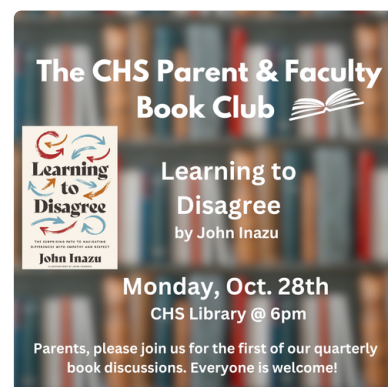
- [Homecoming Week](#) is September 29 through October 5.
- Find the [District Buzz Books](#), the online school directories, here.
- See the [District calendar](#) to view all upcoming events at CHS and around the District.
- [Clayton 101](#) is the District's handbook, with a wealth of information about District policies, services, guidelines, and more.
- Check out the District's [Share Your Feedback](#) page, which summarizes steps for effective communication between parents and staff.



Mark Your Calendar

CHS Parent & Faculty Book Club

Our first book of the year is [*Learning to Disagree: The Surprising Path to Navigating Differences with Empathy and Respect*](#) by local author John Inazu, the Sally D. Danforth Distinguished Professor of Law and Religion at WashU. This insightful book offers a roadmap for engaging respectfully with differing viewpoints in today's polarized society, providing practical strategies for navigating contentious issues and encouraging honest, empathetic conversations that build bridges and foster understanding. The discussion will be [Monday, October 28, at 6 pm](#) in the CHS library. Everyone is welcome!



The Parent and Faculty Book Club at Clayton High School brings teachers and parents together to discuss important topics and provides an opportunity to share ideas and build partnerships. Thank you to Dr. Paul Hoelscher in the CHS Social Studies Department for leading the book discussions. If you have suggestions for future books or would like to get more involved, [let us know!](#)

Other Important Dates:

9/26, 5-7 pm: [Senior Parent Connections, Clayton Winehouse](#)

9/30, 6-7 pm: [Junior Parent Q&A with CHS College Counselors, CHS Library & Zoom](#)

10/4–10/5: Homecoming Weekend

10/5, 9-11 am: [Homecoming Coffee and Donuts, Newman Green](#)

10/11: No school – Teacher work day

10/14–10/17: Parent Teacher Conferences

10/17: Early Release Day

10/18: No school – Teacher comp day

10/28, 6 pm: [Parent & Faculty Book Club, CHS Library](#)

11/7, 5:30-7:30 pm: [Freshman Parent Connections, CJ Muggs](#)

Recap of Last Month's Meeting



September Meeting Minutes

At our last PTO meeting, Superintendent Dr. Nisha Patel shared the progress being made on developing a new long-range Master Facilities Plan for the District, information about the new Centegix badges for all staff to use in emergencies, and all the recent updates to Clayton High School facilities. The Clayton PTO's Mission Statement was reviewed, and plans were shared for the upcoming [Funds for Excellence Fundraising Campaign](#). The 2024-2025 proposed budget was reviewed and the status of donations was shared. Principal Gutchewsky shared more information about how enforcement of the existing CHS cell phone policy was going and further details about how the new attendance policy will work. Coordinator of Sports and Activities T'Shon Young gave updates about activities and events for Homecoming weekend, student clubs, and exciting wins for the football and volleyball teams. Details about upcoming events for Homecoming Weekend, Staff Appreciation, and Parent Connections Social Events were highlighted.

Click on the link below to read the meeting minutes for more details about all the past and upcoming CHS PTO community events that your PTO Funds for Excellence donations support! [You can find the minutes of the September meeting here.](#)



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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