



# CLAYTON HIGH SCHOOL



From the CHS PTO:

## POSTCARD TO PARENTS

April Postcard

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### Message from the PTO Presidents



#### Rounding the Bend

As any allergy-sufferer can attest, Spring has Sprung. The longer days and warmer temps have hopefully drawn you outside and given you some moments to take a deep breath before the final push of the last quarter. As we "round the bend" in these last two months of the school year, please make sure you look for ways to be involved. First, make sure you vote in the April 8 municipal election (there is no school that day). Voting began Tuesday, March 25 at the Board of Election Headquarters for those who wish to cast a no excuse absentee ballot. Beginning Monday, March 31, you may vote at select satellite voting locations, including the Mid-County Library branch in Clayton.



Second, we have some valuable ways to connect with others in upcoming Parent Connections events (see details below). Third, please consider giving to the PTO as we attempt to fully fund our budget. We are facing some difficult decisions if we aren't able to fully fund, so [please donate today](#). Keep an eye out for a flyer with an urgent appeal to those who haven't given yet – every donation will help us reach our goal.

Thank you for being an active part of our community. As always, [let us know](#) if there is any way we can help you get involved and connected at CHS. Here's to a great spring semester!

Jena Schaumburg and Joanna Dinsmore  
CHS Co-PTO Presidents

**Make your annual donation to the PTO here.**



## Monthly Meeting Invitation

### You're Invited: April PTO meeting

Please join us on **Wednesday, April 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:

- Guest speaker Chellie McLellan from the All-In Coalition will present results from an All-In Coalition community survey.
- More 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.

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

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82848002552?pwd=as0HmkSgfpcOmS8iMLjKDE05s35Z7a.1>

Meeting ID: 828 4800 2552

Passcode: 323352

## Reminders



### PTO-Sponsored Parent Connections Events

We hope interested sophomore parents were able to attend the March 26 Parent Connections college Q&A session with Director of Counseling Services Carolyn Blair. Three more Parent Connections events are coming up; see below for the dates, and watch your email for details!

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### Book Club Hiatus

The Parent and Faculty/Staff Book Club is on hiatus for the rest of this year. Our sincere thanks to Paul Hoelscher for his work in facilitating past book clubs! Information about plans for next year's

book club will follow.



## Mark Your Calendar

### Upcoming Events

- April 2: PTO Meeting, 12 pm
- April 2: Junior Class Parent Connections Social, Ivy Cafe, 5 pm
- April 8 (Election Day): No School/Staff Professional Learning
- April 18: No School
- May 7: PTO Meeting, 12 pm
- May 8: Freshman Class Parent Connections: College Q&A with Carolyn Blair, CHS library, 6 pm
- May 21: Parent Connections: Senior Sendoff Celebration, Shaw Park, 6 pm



## Recap of Last Month's Meeting



### March Meeting Highlights

- A final fundraising push to make up for the ~\$12,000 budget shortfall was discussed. The PTO does have reserve funds stemming from COVID times, but a possible use of these surplus funds is to fund a project that will benefit CHS and its students.
- Dr. Gutchewsky gave an update on the Long-Range Planning process: Paragon presented varying options to the BOE, who now are considering them. Improvements to CHS that are being reviewed include designated space for the robotics team, a dedicated Student Services Suite (nurse, counseling, Wellness Center, school resource office, SSD classrooms), major updates to the Black Box theater, and even moving Gay Field closer to the CHS campus.
- T'Shon Young's activities update included info about the Senior Day of Service and this year's prom.
- More Faculty/Staff Special Projects Awards were announced, including funding a special Senior Issue of the Globe Student Magazine focusing on the senior class and funding build and study materials supporting Brad Buck's Science Olympiad team.

[Click here for the complete March 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.

### The CHS PTO

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