



Clayton High School PTO

From The CHS PTO.

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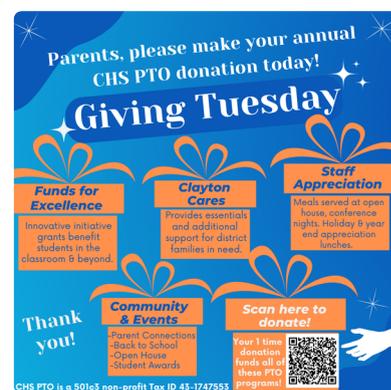


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Message from the PTO Presidents

An urgent message to busy CHS Parents,

Thank you to those who participated in Giving Tuesday or donated earlier in the school year! The PTO budget this year is \$29,650, a \$2,000 increase over last year. It is entirely thanks to incredible volunteers that we can accomplish so much on this modest budget. Unfortunately, as of today, we have only received approximately \$10,000 in parent donations, with nearly \$19,000 remaining to reach the target. Each year, CHS Parents come through by year end, so let's jump ahead to the results, instead of spending our limited resources on reminders and fundraising pleas til year end. December is a busy month for everyone. If you've already donated, you can help reach the target by reminding your friends to donate. **Parents, please make your annual donation to the CHS PTO by Wednesday, Dec. 6th.**



Simply scan the QR code in the image or [click the link here](https://claytonschools.net/chspto) to donate online. Along with the rest of the district, we've transitioned online payments from PayPal to Cheddar Up. You will automatically receive a tax receipt along with your payment confirmation. As a 501c3, donations are fully tax deductible and eligible for employer matching programs. Checks can be dropped off or sent to Clayton High School PTO #1 Mark Twain Circle Clayton, MO 63105. If you aren't quite sure if you've already donated this year, you can reply to this email and ask PTO Treasurer, John Holmes.

We've made it simple for you as a parent to make a big impact with this one-time donation. Your donation will fund all the vital programs that the CHS PTO supports throughout the 2023-24 school year. Your donation will show your appreciation to the dedicated teachers and staff all year long and provide Funds for Excellence grants to teachers with new ideas to create innovative initiatives that enhance our students' learning and wellbeing in the classroom and beyond. Your donation will also facilitate community events for students, staff and our parent community. And a donation to the CHS PTO Clayton Cares will enable our social workers to extend a safety net and provide essentials for our students and families in times of need.

Thank you,
Suzy Ogé, Jena Schaumburg



Monthly Meeting Invitation

Please join us for the December PTO meeting.

Wednesday, December 6th, 12-1pm Meeting room C at the Center of Clayton

- Dr. Gutchewsky and T'Shon Young will give updates on what's happening around Clayton High School as we approach the end of semester and finals.
- Stacy Siwak, Secretary of the Board of Education will share information about the Board and the upcoming elections.
- A look ahead to plans for the next semester.
- Always an opportunity for parent questions and topics you'd like to discuss.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88132824346?pwd=LLv6EV5UbDi60aUG8nZELzcW8DwVMA.1>

Meeting ID: 881 3282 4346

Passcode: 200708

Reminders



Holiday Gift Card Drive for Clayton families in need

This message is from CHS PTO Clayton Cares, Stephanie Gross & Allie Rossini.

Help make the holiday season bright for CHS families in need.

[Please sign up here](#) and bring all physical gift cards to the front desk c/o Lauren Stoelting, CHS Social Worker, by Friday, December 8.

Thank you and Happy Holidays.



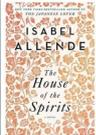
Mark Your Calendar

The return of the Parent and Faculty Book Club December 11th

The first selection is **The House of the Spirits** by Chilean writer, **Isabel Allende**. The discussion will take place on Monday, Dec. 11th from 3:30 – 5pm in the library. Everyone is welcome. The Parent and Faculty Book Club at Clayton High School brings teachers and parents together to discuss important topics. The book discussions are an opportunity to build partnerships and talk about important ideas. Thank you to Dr. Paul Hoelscher in the CHS Social Studies Department for

initiating the revival of these book discussions. Three books by international authors will be selected this school year. Luckily, the weekend forecast calls for plenty of reading time!

Reintroducing...
The CHS Parent & Faculty Book Club 



The House of the Spirits
by Isabel Allende

Mon. Dec. 11th, 3:30-5pm

Please join us in the CHS library for a discussion facilitated by social studies teacher, Dr. Paul Hoelscher.

Recap of Last Month's Meeting



October Meeting Minutes

[You can find the minutes of the November meeting here.](#)

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