



CLAYTON
HIGH SCHOOL



From the CHS PTO:

POSTCARD TO PARENTS

October Postcard

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Message from the PTO Presidents



"Need to Know" Info

- Donate to Funds for Excellence before 12/31 to help us meet our goal; all who have given by then are eligible for fabulous raffle prizes!
- Freshman Parent Connections social: Mon. 11/3, 7-9 pm, Flight Club
- Parent-Teacher book club, *Stone Yard Devotional* by Charlotte Wood: Wed. 11/12, CHS library, 4 pm; [RSVP here!](#)
- Junior Parent Connections social: Thurs. 11/13, 6-8 pm, CJ Muggs
- Next Cookies in the Commons: Mon. 11/17. Watch your email for a chance to volunteer.

Dear Clayton High School Families,

The PTO's first Cookies in the Commons event was a huge success. Parent volunteers handed out around 450 cookies to appreciative students during Greyhound Time on September 29; many were surprised to be given a free cookie with no strings attached! 😊 Our next Cookies in the Commons will be on Monday, November 17; we will again be looking for parent volunteers to purchase and give out the cookies, so watch your email for more information and the chance to sign up.

Thanks to the parents of sophomores and seniors who attended the fall PTO Parent Connections social gatherings -- they were both great events! Parents of freshmen and juniors, your turn for a casual evening out is coming up soon. Round up those friends you haven't seen in a while and come out for free hors d'oeuvres plus cash bar and the chance to meet new parent friends. Freshman parents, you can also try your hand at social darts at the Flight Club on Monday, 11/3, from 7 to 9 pm; junior parents, your event is at local favorite CJ Muggs on Thursday, 11/18, from 6 to 8 pm. We hope to see you there!

Joanna Dinsmore and Priya Bazzani
PTO Co-Presidents



Monthly Meeting Invitation

Please join us on **Wednesday, November 12, 2025, 12-1 pm**, in the Center of Clayton, conference room C (to the left of the building as you enter). 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. We look forward to seeing you!

Zoom: [Join here](#)

Meeting ID: 863 0781 5822 | Passcode: 607584

Reminders



Support Your PTO, Win a Prize!

The PTO organizes events throughout the year that benefit students, faculty/staff, and the community. This work is possible only because of your support through donations to our Funds for Excellence fundraising campaign.

Help the PTO reach this year's goal: \$30,000 and 100% participation among CHS families! Any contribution counts ... whether you give \$5 or \$5,000, your participation matters! All donors who contribute (or have contributed) before December 31 will be entered into our raffle for amazing CHS-themed prizes, including **reserved mid-court seats at the Clayton-Ladue boys and girls varsity basketball games** (February 27), **tickets and reserved seats to a performing arts event** of your choosing, and **VIP parking for CHS graduation** (May 21).



[Click here to make your annual donation today](#) or donate via the QR code above.

If you prefer to give via check (made payable to CHS PTO), please send it to CHS PTO, #1 Mark Twain Circle, Clayton, MO 63105, or drop off at the front office. The CHS PTO is a 501c3 with tax ID 43-1747553.

Mark Your Calendar

**Wear Orange
on October 22!**



Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, 10/22: Join the Clayton PACED and SSD in wearing orange on [Unity Day](#) to promote kindness, acceptance and inclusion.
- Thursday, 10/30: Caring for Head and Heart Series: The Landscape of Online Gambling and What It Means for Your Kids, Zoom meeting, 7-8 pm; [click here for more info and to register to attend](#)
- Monday, 11/3: Freshman Parent Connections social, [Flight Club](#), 7-9 pm
- Tuesday, 11/4: Election Day/No school
- Wednesday, 11/12: PTO meeting, Center of Clayton room C and

Zoom, 12-1 pm

- Wednesday, 11/12: [Parent-Teacher book club](#), [Stone Yard Devotional](#), [CHS library](#), 4 pm; [click to RSVP](#)
- Thursday, 11/13: Junior Parent Connections social, [CJ Muggs](#), 6-8 pm

Recap of Last Month's Meeting



The PTO's most recent meeting was on October 8. Highlights include:

- **BOE Director Ben Beinfeld** gave an overview of the Long-Range Facilities Plan. The next Community Meetings are at CHS on 10/21 and 11/18.
- **Treasurer Rob Bertman** and **Funds for Excellence chair Phil Kilbridge** reported that almost \$20,000 has been donated towards the PTO's operating expenses so far. The goal is to raise \$30,000 and fully fund the operating expenses before the end of 2025.
- **CHS Principal Dr. Gutchewsky** and **Coordinator of Athletics and Activities T'Shon Young** gave us an overview of Homecoming week. The Fox News Pep Zone was attended by over 300 students, and the Homecoming dance by about 600. Everything was a success. Dr. Gutchewsky also shared information about Clayton High School's Title 1 designation.
- **Faculty/Staff Special Project Awards Chairs Bridget McAndrew and Kami Waldman** reviewed the PTO's Special Project Award to the Globe, the student news publication, from the 24-25 school year. Applications for Awards for the 25-26 school year are being accepted through November 1.

[Click here](#) for the complete October 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. Contact us at chspto@claytonschools.net.

The CHS PTO

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