



CLAYTON
HIGH SCHOOL



From the CHS PTO:

POSTCARD TO PARENTS

September Postcard

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Message from the PTO Presidents



Need to Know

- Volunteers are needed for the Homecoming dance on Sat. 9/27; [click here to learn more and sign up](#)
- The CHS PTO is on Instagram! Follow us at [@claytonhighpto](#)
- Sophomore Parent Connections social: 9/25, 6-8 pm, CJ Muggs
- Senior Parent Connections social: 10/6, 6-8 pm, CJ Muggs
- Parent-Teacher book club, [Stone Yard Devotional by Charlotte Wood](#): 11/12, CHS library, 4 pm

Dear Clayton High School Families,

Welcome to our first Postcard to Parents newsletter from the PTO. The most important, "need to know" info will always be posted at the top for quick reference; in the rest of the postcard you'll find meeting recaps, updates on PTO initiatives, details of upcoming events, and ways to get involved.

This year, we're focused on three big goals: helping to build a stronger sense of community (both by grade and schoolwide), enhancing teacher appreciation and support, and increasing PTO

awareness and engagement. We started off strong, with over 30 parents and CHS staff attending our first meeting of the year. Read on to learn about what's happening, and 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.

Joanna Dinsmore and Priya Bazzani
PTO Co-Presidents



Monthly Meeting Invitation

You're Invited: October PTO meeting



Please join us on **Wednesday, October 8, 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



**FREE COOKIES
IN THE
COMMONS**



Volunteers Needed

Don't forget: the PTO needs volunteers for two important events THIS month . . . your first opportunity of the year to step up and help out!

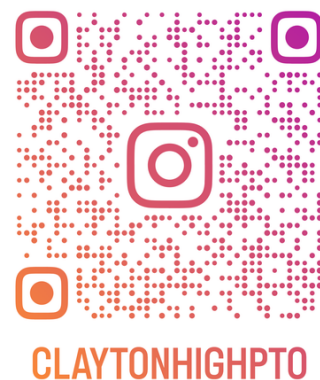
- Homecoming dance, Saturday, 9/27. Parents are needed at the coat check station at the beginning and end of the evening and to help with concessions. [Click here for more info and to sign up.](#)
- Cookies in the Commons, Monday, 9/29: This new initiative is a part of the PTO's goal of boosting awareness and engagement among our school community while promoting student connections. We need volunteers to purchase cookies and hand them out to students in the Commons during Greyhound Time, 11-12:15 pm. [Click here for more info and to sign up.](#)

More Opportunities

Are you the parent of a junior who likes to plan parties? The PTO is in need of another Junior Parent Connections liaison to help plan two social gatherings a year for fellow 11th grade parents.

Also, communications director Kelley Karandjeff is looking for a partner who can help the PTO up our social media game. (Are you following the PTO on [Instagram](#)?)

If you are interested or have questions, [email us](#)!



Support Your PTO

Have you made your donation to the CHS PTO?

The PTO organizes several community and teacher/staff events throughout the year, and also financially supports faculty/staff special projects that enhance our students' educational experiences. The PTO's work is possible because of your support through donations to our Funds for Excellence fundraising campaign.

Donations of any amount are impactful and appreciated! Thank you to everyone who has already donated!

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

If you prefer to donate 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

Upcoming Events

- Thursday, 9/25, 6-8 pm: Sophomore Parent Connections social, CJ Muggs
- Friday, 9/26: No school
- Monday, 9/29, 11 am to 12:15 pm: Cookies in the Commons
- Monday, 10/6, 6-8 pm: Senior Parent Connections social, CJ Muggs
- Wednesday, 10/8, 12-1 pm: PTO meeting, Center of Clayton room C and Zoom
- Friday, 10/10: No school



- Monday-Thursday, 10/13-16: Parent/Teacher Conferences; in person on Wed. 10/15
- Thursday, 10/16: Early release day; end of first quarter
- Friday, 10/17: No school

Recap of Last Month's Meeting



With around 20 in-person attendees and over 10 people joining us on Zoom on September 10, our first meeting of the year was a huge success. Highlights include:

- BOE Director **Leo Human** gave an update on the Long-Range Facilities Plan, including the proposal for an addition to CHS for CTE (Consumer and Technical Education) programs and for improvements to the athletic facilities.
- Treasurer **Rob Bertman** presented the proposed [2025-26 budget](#); the budget was approved upon a vote of all members present.
- CHS Principal **Dr. Gutchewsky** talked about how implementation of the new state law banning cell phone use in schools is going and about some of the work done on the CHS building over the summer. He also explained the reasoning behind the date choices for the Open House and Homecoming.
- Fundraising chairs **Phil Kilbridge and Laura Deutsch** outlined their plans for the Funds for Excellence campaign and expressed appreciation to all who have donated so far.

[Click here](#) for the complete September 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@claytonschoools.net.

The CHS PTO

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