



Cabin John Middle School PTSA

2016-2017

On behalf of the Cabin John Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA), I would like to welcome everyone to the 2016-2017 school year. While we hope your family is having a relaxing, fun-filled summer, the PTSA board is busy gearing up for another great year. This year will be awesome as we welcome our NEW principal – Mr. John Taylor. We are thrilled about the energy he is bringing to CJMS! We are very excited to continue the great programs we have offered in the past and are ready to improve and expand upon them.

Listed below is some very important information on the CJMS PTSA and how you can support our efforts. We can't do any of this without your membership and donations and time.

Sincerely,

Mandy Lemar

Cabin John Middle School PTSA President 2016-2017
and the CJMS Executive Board

Do not miss these upcoming events and then check out the complete PTSA school calendar on-line at www.cabinjohnptsa.org

- Weds. August 24th, 7:30am-8:30am - **PTSA Meet and Greet #2 with Mr. Taylor** (same agenda as July 28th)
- Thursday, August, 25th, 8:15am- 9:30am - **PTSA Mini-day Social** – meet administrators and PTSA board members, hear from the new counseling dept. and 6th grade team lead (drop your child via carpool then park on street)
- Thursday, Sept. 8th , 6pm-8:30pm - **PTSA Back to School Night**
 - 6:00pm-6:45pm - PTSA membership table, afterschool activities, school store, spirit wear and more
 - 6:45pm-7pm - PTSA meeting and administration welcome
 - 7:00 pm-8:30pm - follow your child's schedule to his/her teachers , getting a brief overview of your child's day and curriculum (bring your child's school schedule with you!)
- Tuesday, September 13th, 5pm-7pm - **PTSA Sponsored Back to School Picnic**
- Mark your calendars:
 - Monday, Oct 10th 8:15am - **Columbus Day Open House** – Attend morning classes at CJMS with your child. Get a sneak peek of your child's day.
 - Oct. 11, Jan. 10, March 14, May 9, 7pm - **Upcoming PTSA meetings** at 7pm in the CJMS Media Center

Some of the on-going programs supported by the PTSA

- Back to School Picnic and Parent Social** – See old friends and meet new ones on Tuesday, Sept 13th from 5-7pm. Food trucks, ice cream truck and inflatables. **COST: \$1500**
- 6th Grade Outdoor Ed** – The PTSA provides funding for evening entertainment and assists with students who need financial support. **COST: \$1600**
- Poetry Workshop/Gayle Danley** – 8th grade students learn to write original poetry in this special workshop guided by a professional poet. **Cost: \$3000**
- 8th Grade End of Year Cruise/End of Year Gift** – We provide funding for students who need financial help to attend the dinner cruise. We also provide a small promotion gift to remember their time at CJMS. **COST: \$2000**
- Odyssey of the Mind/after school programs**– All students are invited to participate in after school activities. The PTSA helps with funding of these programs. **COST: \$2000**
- Teacher Appreciation** –We provide special meals and treats for the teachers during the school year. **COST: \$4000**
- 2017 -2018 Incoming 6th Grade Welcome Bag** – We greet our newest students with a gift. Last year we gave a drawstring CJMS logo bag to use all summer. **COST: \$1000**
- Gardening/Grounds Beatification** – We supplement yearly upkeep of the school grounds. **COST: \$1000**

Some of NEW initiatives requested for 2016-2017

- Picnic Table (s)**– Let's provide 1 or 2 picnic tables outside so kids have a place to sit and do homework while waiting for rides. Teachers could use as well for outdoor lessons. **\$700 each**
- A standing Desk and "Ball" chair for the special needs classroom** – Our special needs team are asking for a special Desk and Chair to help with motor skills in the classroom. **COST: \$1000**
- Updated technology for Morning News Show** – Last year we replaced some digital still cameras and this year we are being asked to help with some VIDEO cameras. **COST: \$500**
- School Initiative for Academic Assistance for Underachieving Students** – CJMS has identified a target initiative and we want to help. This could be in the form of study aids, family/community support, etc. **COST: \$500**

We need to raise \$35,000 to fund the PTSA this year! HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- * **Join the PTSA** - Your \$40 dues pays National, State, and Local PTA fees plus help with our basic operating expenses. **ONLY PTSA members receive a copy of the printed student directory as well as the on-line APP.**
- * **Donate to the PTSA** - We do not want to use outside fundraisers or sell wrapping paper or pizza or candy. We are asking all families to contribute a one-time monetary donation (\$75/child suggested) to aid in the PTSA goals. Please give as much or as little as you can comfortably as we are striving for participation from all families.
- * **Attend PTSA meetings:** We host informative and social meetings with dynamic speakers. Hear updates on the school from Mr. Taylor. We also discuss PTSA activities. You do not need to be a PTSA member to attend meetings.
- * **PTSA E-Mail List (Cougar Clips) and Facebook:** Get weekly PTSA news delivered to your inbox and learn more about upcoming events. Go to the Cabin John website www.cabinjohnptsa.org, click "Stay Informed" to subscribe. And like our PTSA Facebook page!
- * **Volunteer Opportunities including school store!** We have Committee Chair positions available and we need volunteers on other committees. Our school store requires lots of volunteers on Tuesday and Thursdays. Visit our website for more information or email cjmscommunication@gmail.com and we are happy to match you with a volunteer position.
- * **New Families to CJMS – this includes 6th graders and all other NEW kids** – Go to www.schooldirectoryupdate.com and select "Join as a new family." Your completed submission will be approved within 24 hours at which point you will be able to join the PTSA online and access the directory App.