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A Message from the Principal

Greetings Chapman Families!

Thank you all for a great start to the school year!

This weekend, I had the pleasure of witnessing our incredible community come together for the Swift Family Run. We had an amazing turnout and I want to thank all of the parents and other volunteers who made it happen. A huge thanks to Annie Duong, Nicole Mather, Natalie Maciukenas, and Cari Schwerd for coordinating this spectacular event!

We look forward to seeing you at our Back to School Night Tuesday night. We will start in the auditorium at 6:00 PM. Classrooms will be available at 6:30 PM.

A Few Reminders Please

Arrangements for going home with friends after school must be made in advance of the planned activity. As much as we would like to accommodate students making last minute arrangements, we are unable to do so. We stick to whatever pick-up plan you provided for us.

The best time to call is after 2:15 pm. **Please note:** Teachers are busy with instruction of students during the school day and will not be able to receive phone calls. If you call the office during the school day we can get a message to your child or the teacher but we will refrain from having the phone ring in the classroom.

If you arrive late to school, please check in at the office. **We ask that parents**

not walk students to class if they check in late; office staff are happy to do that if your child(ren) would like someone to walk them.

Students should not arrive at school prior to 7:45 am. There is no early morning supervision on the playground or the turf. We are very concerned about the safety of your child(ren) coming to and from school. We are requesting your assistance in making sure children arrive at school at the specified time.

If you are picking up your child from school, please wait outside until the bell rings. We have classes that need to be able to safely walk through the halls, and they simply cannot do this when there are adults gathered outside of classrooms before the bell rings. If you are picking up your child early, please do so before 2:00. We can not guarantee we can get your child from their class after that time as the office is quite busy at the end of the day.

See you at Back to School Night!

Pamela Van Der Wolf, Principal

Upcoming Events

9/17- Back to School Night

9/20-21 - [Swifts and Pizza](#)

9/24 - [Dining for Dollar\\$ - Ruby Jewel](#)

9/25 - School Picture Day

9/1 - 9/30 - [Vaux Dining Night + BIG raffle prizes](#)

Back to School Night

Tuesday 9/17 | 6:00 - 7:30 PM | Auditorium

Parents are encouraged to attend Back to School Night this evening. It will start at 6 PM in the auditorium with a message from Principal Van Der Wolf, followed by an open house of the school from 6:30 - 7:30 PM. Parents will be able to explore the classrooms, learn more about the curriculum and about the year ahead for their child(ren), how to volunteer, sign up to be a room parent, join the PTA (read more below on what is the PTA), and more. Children are welcome to attend and childcare for kindergarten ONLY will be provided.

[See the Calendar of Events](#)

Swift Family Run: Fun in the Sun!

With over 250 participants (runners, volunteers, sponsors, and fans), the Chapman community came out to enjoy some fun running in the sun. Congrats and thank you to all! Results and photos are posted at [Friends of Chapman](#).

A Message from the PTA....about the PTA!

What is PTA? PTA (Parent Teacher Association) is a national organization, with millions of members, that works towards bettering the lives of all children in education, health, and safety. Founders funded the organization before women had the right to vote as a vehicle to connect with women around the cause of child safety. Among the first causes it advocated around were child labor laws. Since its inception, National PTA has advocated for the creation of kindergarten as part of elementary education, hot and healthy lunch programs for all children, arts programs, and safety regulations. Today, PTA is the largest volunteer organization advocating to improved public education.

At Chapman, PTA is a collaborative, volunteer group of parents, teachers, and administrators working to improve community connection, provide information, find solutions, and advocate for the needs of our students. Our aim is to support, inform, and engage families during their time at Chapman. We host community events throughout the school year and coordinate volunteer opportunities, teacher appreciation, and community outreach. Our goal is to ensure all Chapman students have a healthy, safe, and enriching elementary school experience.

We do not work alone. We work with the Chapman Educational foundation, which is the volunteer group that raises additional funding for staff, programs, and materials our students need but is not covered by the district. We work with Site Council, which is a group of parents and teachers working to improve specific challenges our community faces. An example of a program brought to Chapman by Site Council and funded by the foundation is Reading Results.

Learn more about the PTA on [Friends of Chapman](#) and find the [September meeting minutes here](#). The next meeting is on Tuesday October 8th.

Volunteer Dates

PTA Clothing Center

9/19 | 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

The PTA Clothing Project serves all of the PPS community by helping kids get new (to them) clothes that will help them feel ready for school. It's a great way to give to our greater community. If you have time on Thursday, [please consider signing up](#).

School Picture Day

9/25 | 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

ALL spots are filled. Thank you everyone!

Cafeteria Help

Daily thru 10/4 | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

The extra hands at lunch have been a tremendous help. There are still spots -- [sign up to help here](#).

Every Hour Counts!

Not only is your volunteering greatly appreciated and absolutely helpful, every hour of volunteering can be worth potential fundraising for Chapman. Volunteer hours can be used for grant opportunities that match volunteer hours. In 2018, the national average value of a volunteer's time is \$25.43 an hour.

Your company may also have a volunteer matching program. For instance, for every hour you volunteer, your company may donate \$10. Learn more about what your company can do to support Chapman, and share with the Chapman community in case others can use the same benefit. Email [Trish Murley](#) if you have more info.

You can log your hours at the school office. It only takes a few minutes!

If you missed the volunteer training last week, you can [review the materials shared here](#).

[Sign up to volunteer](#)

Did You Know: Lost & Found

Has your child lost their coat...backpack...favorite stuffie? Did you know that Chapman has a Lost and Found? It is currently located in the copy room immediately to the right when you walk in the front doors of the school. Have a look there if you're missing something. (And if you have a spare moment while there, hang up a coat or two to help keep the area tidy - a little help goes a long way!)

In Case You Missed It

[Volunteer Training Materials](#)

[PTA September Meeting Minutes](#)

[Fall After Care and Enrichment](#)

[Dining for Dollar\\$ in September: Vaux, Sansai, Ruby Jewel](#)

[Chimney Flyer Archive](#)



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