

Greetings from West Sylvan Middle School PTA

West Sylvan PTA focuses on community building and supporting our students. In the last school year, the PTA was able to fund and organize activities such as classroom grants for teachers and staff, the Spring Book Fair, library and media materials, funds to support the Maker Space, First Friday Lunches, Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week, PTA clothing closet volunteers and clothing, the Sparrow Club and support for West Sylvan student and family outreach assistance.

What can you do? The PTA is funded solely by donations and fundraisers! A survey of parents in the Spring of 2014 showed most families wanted to avoid their kids selling things (fundraisers) and would prefer to make a one-time donation of at least \$100. If everyone does this, we will reach our goal.

How can I join? You can join either via online registration at <http://www.Schoolpay.com> > Payments > Nonprofit Groups or by filling out the West Sylvan Registration form. Sign up for **Membership** here as well as make **donations** at any level you feel comfortable to the different donation areas (General Donations, Outreach, Holiday Gift Cards, Teacher Appreciation Week).

PTA board meetings are held monthly. The schedule will be available on the school website. General PTA meetings will occur twice a year around October and May in the evening. All meetings (board and general) are open to all members.

Fundraising

Some parents who responded to the survey WANTED a magazine sales fundraiser. The PTA will sponsor a magazine fundraiser in the Fall. If we do not meet our fundraising goal of \$50,000 (direct donation and magazine sales), we may add additional fundraisers during the school year. If you would like to help out with this, please contact the Fundraising Chair, Megan Elliott (maize.elliott@gmail.com).

Volunteers are an essential part of everyday activities at the school and behind the scenes. **Please fill out the volunteer interest survey** marking off activities that interest you. You will be contacted later about details and availability.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScAo3YTww7odcLHR0hduEGDejZa2kEcolyoTrmUSKY86f92uw/viewform?c=0&w=1>

School Directory

The directory is a volunteer project of the PTA and will only be available electronically this year via PDF/email. The information (email(s) and phone number(s) only) is to be used by West Sylvan students, families, school, foundation and PTA members only. If you do not wish your information to be included in this year's directory, please fill out and return the attached form. To purchase a copy, order via Schoolpay or the registration form.

With your support and participation, the PTA can make a difference for every child at West Sylvan Middle School!

Amity Swank - PTA President