

HANDBOOK FOR PARENTS OF CLIFFSIDE PARK HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

LET'S HELP OUR CHILDREN SUCCEED!



The Cliffside Park High School PTSO Mission Statement:

To involve and unite parents, teachers, administrators, and students to work together in developing and achieving the educational, social, and personal goals of our student body throughout their years at Cliffside Park High school.

Principals

Principal, Larry Pinto

Vice Principal, Ken Schmitt

Vice Principal, John Lombardo

Guidance Counselors

Alyce Cusano

Lori Levine

Kim Shaw

Dr. Edward Meier

Marissa Romano

Tatiana Cruzado

Joseph Del Risco

Class Advisors

Freshman – Mr. Sherwood and Ms. Baskerville-Norris

Sophomore – Mr. Aiello and Ms. Salvatierra

Junior – Ms. Romano and Ms. Petermann

Senior – Ms. Donato- Jennings and Ms. Fucci

PTSO Officers 2019-2020

LeeAnn Papadoupalos – President

Nancy Parker – Vice President

Nancy Loiacono – Treasurer

Kelly Liso – Secretary

Project graduation advisor – Lisa Frato

Fashion show advisors – Fran Stomber, LeeAnn Papadoupalos

PTSO Meeting Schedule

**All meetings are held in the Hs cafeteria and begin at 7pm,
unless there is a change and you will be notified.**

PTSO meetings are on the first Tuesday of every month

October 1, 2019	January 7, 2020	April 7, 2020
November 12, 2019	February 4, 2020	May 5, 2020
December 3, 2019	March 3, 2020	June 2, 2020

PTSO fundraising projects

- **September - October Entertainment book App \$20.00**
- **October 13 Winery Tour**
- **October 3, 8, 17 Half Day Food Trucks**
- **October 1-31 Boo Signs**
- **November Apple Bee's Breakfast**
- **February Say Hello, Give a Hug (candy Gram)**
- **April 9 Fashion Show**
- **April Winery Tour**
- **April Graduation Lawn signs**
- **Box Tops throughout the school year**
- **Dress Down Day**
- **June Kiss off a Senior (candy Gram)**
- **Vending Machine in Teacher's room**

Programs

All proceeds gained from any PTSO fundraisers goes towards senior scholarships, assemblies, and school events.

Things you as a parent need to know and your children probably didn't tell you!

- Class dues are \$40.00 per year. Dues help offset the cost your child's yearbook and cap and gown
- the point system is a program runs through all 4 years of your child's time at HS. Points help lessen the cost of prom bids which can be expensive. Students earn points by paying their class dues in a timely manner, through their fundraising efforts and some other school activities and being involved in the PTSO! Class advisors keep track of each student's points.

What is Project Graduation?

Project graduation is a national initiative designed to provide a safe, fun, and supervised night for all graduating seniors.

In 2005, the Cliffside side park high school community experienced a tragedy when a young woman's life was lost due to a horrific accident on graduation night. Since then, the family along with the Cliffside park and Fairview communities have worked together to avoid the loss of another child on graduation night. The family, Dr. Jorge L. Vereá and Lourdes Vereá formed the Rebeke Vereá foundation in their daughter's honor. The mission of the foundation is to educate teens about driving responsibly. To date, the foundation has worked with 27 school districts to provide funding for safe, celebratory festivities on high school graduation night. As a result, the Cliffside park project graduation was initiated and is organized and managed by the high school parents.

Project graduation is an evening where graduating seniors spend one last night together in a fully supervised, alcohol and drug-free gathering, in a secure and undisclosed location. Transportation is provided after the graduation ceremony to the venue and back to the next morning to assure the safety of every single student attending. The evening is funded by money raised through events and fundraising which is only possible with the help of parents and students!

Fundraisers for Project Graduation:

- calendar raffle
- comedy night or a paint night
- dinner dance

Fundraisers – Class of 2020 – Seniors

- **October Krispy Kreme Sept 18 – Oct 2 (Delivery Oct 9)**
- **Raider Wear October 2**
- **Masquerade dance**
- **Cookie Dough**
- **Gertrude Hawk Candy**
- **Gourmet Popcorn**
- **Mr. Cupcake**
- **Jostens Rings**

Fundraisers – Class of 2022 – Sophomores

- **Robotics Concessions 11/16**
- **Class vs. Faculty Flag Football 11/20**
- **NBA 2K Tournament 12/2-12/13**
- **Lip Sync Battle 1/10**
- **Compatibility Sheets 1/15, 2/10-2/14**
- **2 on 2 Basketball Tournament 3/13**
- **Pi Day Pie Face 3/16**
- **Dodgeball Tournament 4/24**
- **Penny Wars 5/11-5/15**
- **Class vs. Faculty Kickball 6/3**

Fundraisers – Class of 2023- Freshman

GSA Club:

- **Cheesecake Fundraiser 9/23-10/18**
- **Bingo Night 11/22**
- **Movie Night 12/19**

Important dates to remember

September

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| 1. Back to School | September 5th |
| 2. Entertainment Book App | September through October |
| 3. Financial Aid Work Shop | September 26 |

October

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| 1. Meeting | October 3 |
| 4. Back to School Night | October 3 th |
| 5. Half Day – Food Truck | October 3 rd |
| 6. Half Day – Food Truck | October 8 th |
| 7. Winery Tour | October 13 th |
| 8. Closed School | October 14 th |
| 9. HS College Fair | October 17 th |
| 10. Half Day – Food Truck | October 17 th |
| 11. Senior Masquerade Dance/Costumes | October |

November

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| 1. Election Day | November 5 th |
| 2. Apple Bee's Breakfast | November 10 th |
| 3. Meeting | November 12 th |
| 4. NJEA Convention | November 7, 8 th |
| 5. Open School Day | November 13 th |
| 6. Thanksgiving Recess | November 28, 29 th |

December

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| 1. Meeting | December 3 rd |
| 2. HS Athletic Awards | December 10 th |
| 3. HS Winter Concert | December 11 th |
| 4. Christmas Break | December 20- January 2 nd |

January

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| 1. Meeting | January 8 th |
| 2. Half Day | January 14 th |
| 3. Martin Luther King Day | January 20 th |

February

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| 1. Meeting | February 4 th |
| 2. Say Hello, Give a hug (candy gram) | February ? |
| 3. February Break | February 17, 18 th |

March

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| 1. Meeting and New Nominations | March 3 rd |
| 2. Half Day | March 17 th |
| 3. HS College Information Night | March 19 th |

April

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| 1. Meeting and New Nominations | April 7 th |
| 2. Fashion Show | April 9 th |
| 3. Graduation Signs | April 9 th |
| 4. Spring Break | April 12 – 17 th |
| 5. Winery Tour | April 26 th |
| 6. HS Honor Society Induction | April 28 th |

May

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| 1. Meeting and New Nominations | May 5 th |
| 2. Teacher Appreciation Week | May 4-8 th |
| 3. High School Spring Musical | May 8 – 9 th |
| 4. High School Spring Concert | May 20 th |
| 5. Memorial Day | May 22-25 th |
| 6. High School Academic Awards | May 26 th |

June

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| 1. Meeting / Half Day | June 2 nd |
| 2. Kiss off a senior (candy gram) | June 2 nd |
| 3. HS athletic dinner | June 9 th |
| 4. Senior Prom | June 10 th |
| 5. Last Day of School | June 19 th |