

# 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.

**2020-21**

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## **PTSO MEETING SCHEDULE**

ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE HS CAFETERIA AND BEGIN AT 7PM IF PERMISSIBLE, IF NOT GOOGLE MEET VIRTUALLY. IF THERE IS A CHANGE YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED.

PTSO MEETING FIRST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH.

OCTOBER 6, 2020

NOVEMBER 3, 2020

DECEMBER 1, 2020

JANUARY 5, 2021

FEBRUARY 2, 2021

MARCH 2, 2021

APRIL 6, 2021

MAY 4, 2021

JUNE 1, 2021

## **PTSO FUNDRAISING PROJECTS**

- OCTOBER
- NOVEMBER
- DECEMBER XMAS SIGNS
- FEBRUARY SAY HELLO, GIVE A HUG (CANDY GRAM)
- APRIL FASHION SHOW
- APRIL GRADUATION LAWN SIGNS
- BOX TOPS THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR
- JUNE KISS OFF A SENIOR (CANDY GRAM)

## **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. VERA AND LOURDES VERA FORMED THE REBEKA VERA 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 2021 – SENIORS**

- OCTOBER WINTER CATALOG
- NOVEMBER RAIDER WEAR
- FEBRUARY SPRING CATALOG

## **FUNDRAISERS – CLASS OF 2022 – JUNIORS**

## **FUNDRAISERS – CLASS OF 2023 - SOPHOMORES**

## **FUNDRAISERS – CLASS OF 2024 - FRESHMAN**

### **GSA CLUB:**

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

#### **SEPTEMBER**

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|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. BACK TO SCHOOL         | SEPTEMBER 9TH   |
| 2. FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP | SEPTEMBER 17 TH |

#### **OCTOBER**

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| 1. PTSO NOMINATIONS                     | OCTOBER 6TH  |
| 2. HS COLLEGE FAIR                      | OCTOBER 20TH |
| 3. HS 8 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE ORIENTATION | OCTOBER 24TH |
| 4. HS PARENT ORIENTATION                | OCTOBER 29TH |

#### **NOVEMBER**

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| 1. ELECTION DAY/PTSO VOTING | NOVEMBER 3RD |
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| 2. NJEA CONVENTION     | NOVEMBER 5 <sup>TH</sup> AND 6 <sup>TH</sup> |
| 3. HALF DAY            | NOVEMBER 25 <sup>TH</sup>                    |
| 4. THANKSGIVING RECESS | NOVEMBER 26 <sup>TH</sup> , 27 <sup>TH</sup> |

## **DECEMBER**

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| 1. HS ATHLETIC AWARDS | DECEMBER 8 <sup>TH</sup>             |
| 2. HS WINTER CONCERT  | DECEMBER 14 <sup>TH</sup>            |
| 3. HALF DAY           | DECEMBER 23 <sup>RD</sup>            |
| 4. CHRISTMAS BREAK    | DECEMBER 24- JANUARY 2 <sup>ND</sup> |

## **JANUARY**

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. HALF DAY               | JANUARY 12 <sup>TH</sup> |
| 2. MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY | JANUARY 18 <sup>TH</sup> |

## **FEBRUARY**

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| 2. SAY HELLO, GIVE A HUG (CANDY GRAM FEBRUARY ? |  |
| 3. FEBRUARY BREAK                               | FEBRUARY 15 <sup>TH</sup> AND 16 <sup>TH</sup> |

## **MARCH**

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|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. MEETING AND NEW NOMINATIONS  | MARCH 2 <sup>ND</sup>  |
| 2. HALF DAY                     | MARCH 16 <sup>TH</sup> |
| 3. HS COLLEGE INFORMATION NIGHT | MARCH 18 <sup>TH</sup> |

## **APRIL**

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| 1. HALF DAY                    | APRIL 1 <sup>ST</sup>                  |
| 2. MEETING AND NEW NOMINATIONS | APRIL 6 <sup>TH</sup>                  |
| 3. FASHION SHOW                | APRIL 14 <sup>TH</sup>                 |
| 4. GRADUATION SIGNS            | APRIL                                  |
| 5. SPRING BREAK                | APRIL 5 <sup>TH</sup> -9 <sup>TH</sup> |
| 6. HS HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION  | APRIL 27 <sup>TH</sup>                 |

## **MAY**

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| 1. MEETING AND NEW NOMINATIONS | MAY 4 <sup>TH</sup>                     |
| 2. TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK   | MAY 3 <sup>RD</sup> - 7 <sup>TH</sup>   |
| 3. HIGH SCHOOL SPRING MUSICAL  | MAY 7 <sup>TH</sup> - 8 <sup>TH</sup>   |
| 4. HIGH SCHOOL SPRING CONCERT  | MAY 19 <sup>TH</sup>                    |
| 5. HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC AWARDS | MAY 25 <sup>TH</sup>                    |
| 6. MEMORIAL DAY                | MAY 28 <sup>TH</sup> - 29 <sup>TH</sup> |

## **JUNE**

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| 1. HALF DAY                       | JUNE 1 <sup>ST</sup>  |
| 2. KISS OFF A SENIOR (CANDY GRAM) | JUNE 2 <sup>ND</sup>  |
| 3. HS ATHLETIC DINNER             | JUNE 8 <sup>TH</sup>  |
| 4. SENIOR PROM                    | JUNE 10 <sup>TH</sup> |



5. LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup>