

HANDBOOK FOR PARENTS OF CLIFFSIDE PARK HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

LET'S HELP OUR CHILDREN SUCCEED!



A word cloud featuring the following words: choice, today, tomorrow, opportunity, hope, achievement, future, dreams, power, and success. The words are arranged in a cluster, with 'tomorrow' and 'today' being the largest, and 'choice' and 'success' being smaller. The colors range from dark brown to light green.

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.

2021-22

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PTSO OFFICERS 2021-22

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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.

NOVEMBER 2, 2021

DECEMBER 7, 2021

JANUARY 4, 2022

FEBRUARY 1, 2022

MARCH 1, 2022

APRIL 5, 2022

MAY 3, 2022

JUNE 7, 2022

PTSO FUNDRAISING PROJECTS

- NOVEMBER
- DECEMBER XMAS SIGNS
- FEBRUARY SAY HELLO, GIVE A HUG (CANDY GRAM)
- APRIL FASHION SHOW

- APRIL GRADUATION LAWN SIGNS
- MAY
- 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 EDUCATED 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 – CLASS OF 2022 – SENIORS

FUNDRAISERS – CLASS OF 2023 – JUNIORS

FUNDRAISERS – CLASS OF 2024- SOPHOMORES

FUNDRAISERS – CLASS OF 2025 - FRESHMAN

GSA CLUB:

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER

1. ELECTION DAY/PTSO VOTING

NOVEMBER 2ND

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| 2. NJEA CONVENTION | NOVEMBER 4 TH AND 5 TH |
| 3. HALF DAY | NOVEMBER 16 TH |
| 4. HALF DAY | NOVEMBER 24 TH |
| 5. THANKSGIVING RECESS | NOVEMBER 25 TH , 26 TH |

DECEMBER

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| 1. HS ATHLETIC AWARDS | DECEMBER 14 TH |
| 2. HS WINTER CONCERT | DECEMBER 15 TH |
| 3. HALF DAY | DECEMBER 23 RD |
| 4. CHRISTMAS BREAK | DECEMBER 24-31 ST |

JANUARY

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| 1. MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY | JANUARY 17 TH |
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FEBRUARY

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| 1. HALF DAY | FEBRUARY 8 TH |
| 2. PRESIDENT'S WEEKEND | FEBRUARY 21 AND 22 ND |

MARCH

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| 1. MEETING AND NEW NOMINATIONS | MARCH 1 ST |
| 2. HS COLLEGE INFORMATION NIGHT | MARCH 10 TH |
| 3. HALF DAY | MARCH 15 TH |

APRIL

1. SPRING BREAK

APRIL 11TH-18TH

2. FASHION SHOW

APRIL 21ST

3. HS HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION

APRIL 26TH

MAY

1. MEETING AND NEW NOMINATIONS

MAY 3RD

2. TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

MAY 2ND - 6TH

3. HIGH SCHOOL SPRING MUSICAL

MAY 6TH - 7TH

4. HIGH SCHOOL SPRING CONCERT

MAY 11TH

5. HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC AWARDS

MAY 24TH

6. MEMORIAL DAY

MAY 27TH - 30TH

JUNE

1. HS ATHLETIC DINNER

JUNE 7TH

2. SENIOR PROM

JUNE 21ST

3. GRADUATION

JUNE 22ND