



**CHALLENGER Early College High School
Parent Support Organization**
*Providing Support to Build College-Ready
Lifelong Learners*

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

On behalf of the Parent Support Organization (PSO), welcome back! I hope you had a great summer and have been looking forward to the new school year. As parents or guardians, we get to be part of a unique school that prepares teenagers for the future. This year might look different, but we can all work together to make it great for our students and staff!

Your required **\$40 per family PSO fee** will be a crucial foundation for our budget this year. If you use the <http://www.k12paymentcenter.com/> link the PSO fee will be \$35 (plus a \$5 processing fee). You can also send payment directly to the school office. In a normal year, we have three main fundraisers to support our students, staff and activities.

Coupon Book Sale

International Food Festival: A huge variety of delicious food prepared by CHS families, and performances by our talented CHS students. Volunteers can donate and serve food and bring family and friends to this unique event.

CHS Golf Tournament: The primary fundraiser for our sports programs involves community businesses. We will need sponsors, volunteers, and players.

Currently, we do not anticipate holding any community fundraisers in the fall, but we may have the opportunity in the spring. We are diligently working on ideas to support academics and athletics through creative alternative fundraising and welcome any ideas from parents. Also on hold until spring will be **2 parent volunteer hours** (instead of the usual 4 required hours per year)

Our **monthly PSO meeting** is a great way to stay informed and become an integral part of the Challenger family. Meetings are normally held in the school auditorium at 6pm, but initially we will host virtual meetings.

**September 10
October 8 (QPM)**

**November 12
December 10**

**January 7
February 11 (QPM)**

**March 11
April 8**

May 13

We encourage you to share your ideas for new and innovative ways to support our students and staff.

Jump on board and help us make a difference in the lives of our Challenger family.

Go Firebirds!

Tiffany Hightower
Challenger ECHS PSO President 2020-2021

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