

## **PTSO Meeting, September 18, 2024**

PTSO meeting is to be held virtually once per two months, there will be an in-person open mic meeting held at the highschool in the off months. The agenda will follow.

### **Update from Mrs. Tarcson, Student Council/Student Activities.**

82 clubs will set up tables during the student rush on September 19th. Students can also sign up online. The year book (in gold) can be purchased. The student council is working on the “cirque de Saint Clair” homecoming preparation. New freshmen student council were elected.

### **Update from Mrs Despines, the librarian and library department chair for K-12.**

All students have access to resources at the library including the staff/technology desk. Chrombook loaners are available. The library is open before the home room, during free periods and after school. There are charging stations. The database is available online. The canvas library page was introduced. There are multiple resource path finders that can be used for the research, there are 3 new databases available this year.

### **Update from Dr. Kirk, the counseling department.**

About 600 students checked in for help with scheduling, planning, etc. Counseling newsletter is coming out with parenting tips, career resources. To ensure smooth coming back, 10 and 11 grades post-in, freshmen seminar, open house and tours were held. There was welcome 9th grade seminar as well as senior parent meeting. Senior one on one information sessions are available. Upcoming digital readiness for PSAT in October 1st. PSAT is scheduled on October 18th. First SAT is offered in November. ACT date was moved to February this year as opposed to June.

### **Update from Cara Senger, Assistant Principle.**

Senior boat ride hosted about 300 students. Field date is scheduled for the 9th graders. Students can open new clubs following the appropriate procedures.

### **Update from Dr. Wagner, Principle.**

A link to a brief article — “Wonder with Us” — was shared with meeting attendees. This article is based on the book that the HS faculty is studying (When You Wonder, You're Learning). The author of the book delivered a keynote as part of the back-to-school teacher training. In addition, the faculty has launched a thorough study & implementation of AI. Training is ongoing, with another full day of development in November.

**Update from Lata Lata Bhaskar-Misra, PTSO treasurer**

The new budget is about \$6,786.

**Update from Val Franks, membership coordinator.**

141 new members joined since the beginning of the school year. All members will have voting rights. More opportunities to join on September 19th during the open house, where a student run table will be available with the handouts containing the QR code for an easy application process.

**Update from Bharath Bangalore, PTSO president.**

PTSO will organize the breakfast for homecoming student volunteers. Parent volunteers are needed to help with the breakfast and homecoming activities. All volunteers need clearances. The open position for PTSO secretary is available. PTSO will donate a mini grant of \$250 to the students organized club.

**Update from Dr. Gans, the School Board.**

The welcome new students meeting was held. 2 student representatives shared the updates. School board authorized a large storage space to be used by the robotics team due to the large growth of the program that has now over 400 students. All cafeteria positions are filled. The open positions are available for bus drivers and bus attendants. The sign-in bonuses are available.

**Update from the Wellness Committee.**

USC girl soccer team dedicated the game to suicide prevention program and \$375 were raised. The new book club “the anxious generation” starts in october.