



CONNECT · LEAD · LEGACY



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Mr. Jorge Souza

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As Cypress Bay High School celebrates its 25th anniversary, we do so with tremendous pride, heartfelt gratitude, and great excitement for what lies ahead. For a quarter century, our school has been a place where students discover their passions, educators inspire excellence, families create lasting memories, and a community comes together to invest in the next generation.

Milestone anniversaries offer an opportunity to reflect on our journey while looking ahead with purpose. As we honor the legacy of those who built Cypress Bay, we are equally inspired by the legacy we continue to create together.

Our theme for the 2026–2027 school year, Where Lightning Sparks a Legacy, reflects that vision. Legacy is not defined by a single achievement or moment. It is built through the relationships we foster, the lives we impact, and the values we carry forward. Every student, educator, family, alumnus, and community partner plays a role in shaping a story that reaches far beyond our campus.

At the heart of this year's theme is one simple but powerful idea: Connect. Connection is the foundation of every thriving school community. It is found in the teacher who inspires confidence, the classmate who offers encouragement, the family who supports a child's dreams, and the community that stands beside its schools. These everyday moments become the sparks that ignite potential, inspire achievement, and leave a lasting impact.

While Cypress Bay is known for academic excellence, championship programs, and outstanding student achievement, our greatest strength has always been our people. The culture of our school is defined not only by what we accomplish, but by how we support one another, embrace opportunity, and work together to ensure every student has the chance to succeed.

As we celebrate this historic milestone, I extend my sincere gratitude to our students, families, faculty, staff, alumni, business partners, and the City of Weston for your unwavering support. You have helped shape the first 25 years of Cypress Bay's story, and together we will continue building a legacy that will inspire generations to come.

The future has never been brighter. As we begin the next chapter in our history, I invite you to continue this journey with us. Together, through meaningful connections and a shared commitment to excellence, we will ensure that the next 25 years are our most impactful yet.

Because at Cypress Bay High School, Lightning doesn't simply strike. It sparks a legacy.

The Cypress Bay Legacy

As Cypress Bay High School celebrates its 25th Anniversary, we are honoring the heart and soul of our school community: our commitment to academic excellence, outstanding fine arts programs, championship athletics, and the incredible students who make Cypress Bay such a special place.

Throughout this school year, we will be highlighting the people, programs, traditions, and achievements that have shaped the rich legacy of Cypress Bay over the past quarter century. We are proud to launch our spotlight series with "25 Years of Academic Excellence at the Bay."

25 Years of Academic Excellence at the Bay

As Cypress Bay High School celebrates its 25th Anniversary, we proudly reflect on a legacy of academic excellence, innovation, and achievement that has shaped generations of students. Since opening its doors in 2001, Cypress Bay has earned a reputation as one of the premier high schools in Broward County, setting high expectations and continuously raising the bar for student success.

From the very beginning, Cypress Bay embraced a vision of providing students with opportunities that extended beyond the traditional high school experience. That innovative spirit positioned the school as a trendsetter in academic programming. Among its many distinctions, Cypress Bay was the first traditional high school in Broward County to offer the prestigious Cambridge Program, creating new pathways for rigorous coursework, global perspectives, and college readiness. This forward-thinking approach opened doors for students and became a model for academic innovation throughout the district.

Over the past 25 years, Cypress Bay students and teachers have continued to rise to the occasion. As academic expectations increased, so did student performance. Teachers consistently adapted to changing standards, embraced new instructional practices, and remained committed to preparing students for success in an increasingly competitive world. Their dedication has resulted in impressive academic growth, strong student outcomes, and a culture that celebrates learning and achievement.

One of the school's most notable areas of growth has been the expansion of its Advanced Placement (AP) offerings. What began as a robust AP program has evolved into an extensive array of opportunities that allow students to challenge themselves across a wide range of disciplines. Today, Cypress Bay students have access to numerous AP courses that prepare them for college-level work while earning valuable college credit. In alignment with Cypress Bay's commitment to exemplary post-secondary preparation, emphasis is consistently placed on the expansion of career-technical education (CTE) classes. What started as a handful of options in CTE has evolved into 16 distinct pathways including, but not limited to:

- Medical Academy (with a 4th year full-immersion clinical rotation option)
- DECA for students interested in business-related fields (boasting the largest chapter in the world)
- National award-winning TV Production courses
- Early Childhood Education (students passing all certification exams become certified early childhood providers upon graduation)
- Interior Design

The impact of Cypress Bay's academic excellence is evident in the remarkable postsecondary achievements of its graduates. Over the years, Cypress Bay students have earned admission to some of the nation's most respected colleges and universities. Graduates have continued their educational journeys at institutions throughout Florida and across the country, demonstrating the strength of the academic foundation they built during their years at the Bay.

As we celebrate this milestone anniversary, we also honor the many academic accomplishments that have defined our history:

- Establishment as one of Broward County's premier comprehensive high schools
- Introduction of the Cambridge Program, making Cypress Bay a leader in advanced academic opportunities
- Continued expansion of Advanced Placement course offerings
- Expanded FBI partnership through the FBI Academy to now include Cybersecurity options and securing undergraduate internships for CBHS FBI Academy graduates
- Consistent increases in student achievement and academic performance
- Recognition of outstanding teachers who inspire excellence every day
- Thousands of graduates successfully pursuing higher education and career aspirations
- A school-wide culture that embraces rigor, innovation, and continuous improvement

While the milestones are impressive, the true story of academic excellence at Cypress Bay is found in the students who dared to dream bigger, the teachers who challenged them to excel, and the leaders who continuously sought new opportunities for growth. For 25 years, academic excellence has been more than a goal at Cypress Bay. It has been a tradition. And the best is yet to come.



Cypress Bay High School is proud to celebrate our 25th Anniversary!

**Fall
Kickoff**

Alumni Event

Friday, October 23rd
CB vs. Doral Academy
Join us for football, school tours & more!

Lightning Showcase

Tuesday, December 15th

Celebrating the legacy that build the Bay!
Enjoy an evening of historical highlights,
local bites & the brightest stars of the Bay!

**Legacy
Walk**

**Lightning
Fest**

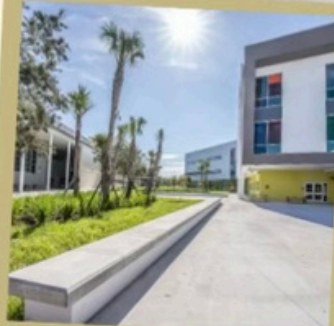
Community Event

Saturday, April 3rd

CB families past, present & future welcome!
Enjoy a day of rides, snacks & entertainment!



Get Updated Info on
our 25th Celebration!



Honoring a Cypress Legend

As Cypress Bay High School celebrates 25 years of excellence, we are proud to recognize Mr. Bradley Franks for an extraordinary achievement and his lasting impact on generations of students through the power of music.

Mr. Franks has been inducted into the prestigious Florida Vocal Association (FVA) Hall of Fame, one of the highest honors bestowed upon vocal music educators in the state of Florida. This distinction recognizes current and former classroom teachers who have demonstrated exceptional excellence throughout their careers in choral music education.

FVA Hall of Fame inductees are regarded across the state as outstanding educators whose influence extends beyond their own classrooms. They are recognized not only for their commitment to student achievement and artistic excellence, but also for their significant contributions to the field of vocal music through leadership, dedication, and service. Hall of Fame members have played a vital role in advancing choral education in Florida and inspiring countless young musicians.

Throughout his career at Cypress Bay, Mr. Franks has exemplified the qualities celebrated by this award. Through inspiring performances, meaningful student experiences, and an unwavering commitment to excellence, he has enriched the lives of countless students while helping to build the strong tradition of fine arts that continues to define Cypress Bay High School.

As we honor this remarkable achievement, we also celebrate the lasting legacy Mr. Franks has created through music, mentorship, and service. His induction into the Florida Vocal Association Hall of Fame is a testament to a career dedicated to excellence and to the profound impact that one passionate educator can have on a school, a profession, and generations of students.

Congratulations to Mr. Franks on this well-deserved recognition and thank you for your continued contributions to the Cypress Bay community and to vocal music education throughout the state of Florida.





WHERE LIGHTNING SPARKS A LEGACY

CONNECT- LEAD-LEGACY

Where Lightning Sparks a Legacy: Connect

At Cypress Bay, we believe that meaningful connections are the foundation of a strong school community. Just like lightning creates a powerful link between the sky and the ground, the relationships we build with one another create opportunities for growth, belonging, and success.

- **Connect with Others**

A simple act of kindness, a welcoming smile, or an encouraging word can make a lasting impact. When we reach out to others, we strengthen our community and help everyone feel valued.

- **Connect Through Involvement**

Whether in the classroom, on the field, on the stage, or through clubs and activities, getting involved creates opportunities to build relationships, discover new passions, and make a difference.

- **Connect to Our Legacy**

For 25 years, Cypress Bay students have shaped a culture of excellence through the connections they have built with peers, teachers, families, and the community. Each connection strengthens the legacy we continue to create together.

One conversation. One act of kindness. One connection can change someone's day and strengthen our entire community.

STUDENT SCHEDULES

As we begin the school year, please understand that initial student schedules and class assignments are not final. During the first few weeks of school, enrollment may change as students enroll, withdraw or transfer and staffing is finalized. As a result, adjustments to some schedules or class assignments may be necessary. These decisions are made thoughtfully to balance classes, meet state class-size requirements and ensure students have access to the instruction and courses they need. We recognize that changes can be disappointing, particularly when a student is excited about a specific teacher or class. Our staff will work to make any necessary transitions as smooth as possible while ensuring every student is placed in an environment where they can be successful.

TRANSPORTATION

If you completed registration before the June 26th deadline, your bus route will be effective on the first day of school. Any registrations thereafter will be provided in the order the requests are received by transportation services.

Registration is still open here:

<https://tfsweb.browardschools.com/Ride>

SCHOOL HOURS

Teacher hours:

7:15 AM to 2:45 PM

Conferences: M,T,TH,F

7:15 AM-7:35 AM

Warning Bells 7:30 & 7:38 AM

Period 1/5 7:40-9:10 AM

Period 2/6 9:17-10:47 AM

Homeroom 10:47-10:57 AM

Period 3/7 11:04-1:08 PM

Period 4/8 1:15-2:45 PM

SENIOR PARKING

Paint-a-Palooza: August 8th-Seniors can paint their parking spots from 8 AM- 11AM

Important: The student must pick up the decal in person. All paperwork must be completed.

MANDATORY BACK TO SCHOOL FORMS

The FOCUS Parent Portal is now open for parents and guardians to complete the required back-to-school forms for the 2026–2027 school year. **Please note that all required forms must be completed before your student's information will be available to view in FOCUS.**

***If you would like our school nurses to be able to see your child in the clinic or be provided any services needed (including basic necessities such as ice or a band-aid). Please select "YES" when asked about Care and Treatment for Illness and Injury,**

Instructions on how to access your parent FOCUS account are included in the following pages.

CLEVER

This is the same Single Sign-on Solution already used for over 40 different student applications. Students will continue to go to **sso.browardschools.com** where they will be taken directly to the new Clever login page below. From this page, users will click on "Log in With Active Directory" where they will be taken to our Active Directory login page, instructions are on the next page.

Register for BCPS' Focus Parent Portal

Student's ID Number:

The Focus Parent Portal account gives parents/guardians convenient, secure, anytime, anywhere access to your student's school information.

Note: Before creating your account, you will need an email address. If you do not have one, you can create a free email account at [gmail.com](https://www.google.com/gmail/about/) or [microsoft.com](https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/outlook/about/).

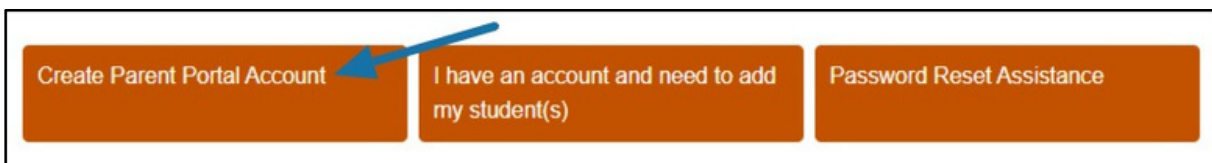
Create an Account

Log into this site or use the QR code:

<https://browardschools.focusschoolsoftware.com/focus/auth/>



Click **Create Parent Portal Account**.



Enter all the required fields with your own information and click **Submit**.
(Each parent/guardian will need to set up their own individual account)

Please enter your name exactly as it appears on your driver's license as well as a valid email address:

Parent/Guardian First Name: (Required)

Parent/Guardian Last Name: (Required)

Email Address: (Required)

Create Password: (Minimum 8 characters)

Retype Password: (Required)

☐ Show Password

☐ I'm not a robot 

Select **I would like to ADD A CHILD who is already enrolled**.

Students

You do not have any linked students at this time.

Enter the **Student's ID number (begins with '06')** and **Student's birthdate**, then Select **Add Student**.

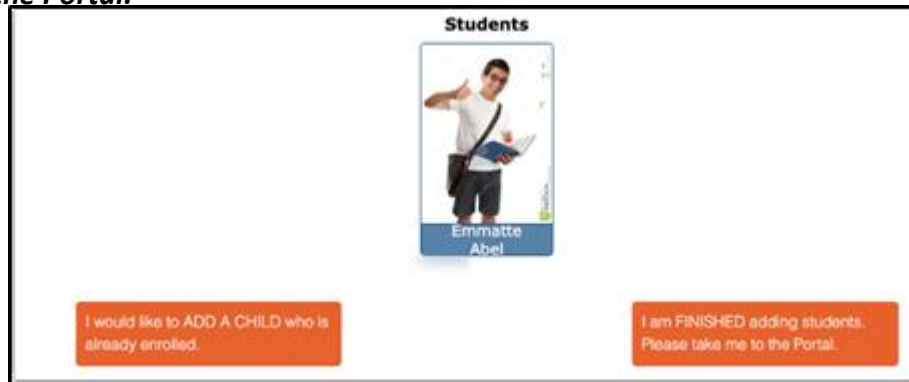
Please enter your student's information:

Student ID: (Required)

Student's Birthdate: (Required)

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To add another student, select ***I would like to ADD A CHILD who is already enrolled*** and repeat the steps above as necessary. If you are done adding students to the portal, select ***I am FINISHED adding students. Please take me to the Portal.***



Download the Mobile App

Focus' **BCPS Connect App** provides teachers, students, and parents a streamlined way to access student information.

Note: Before downloading the app, you must follow the steps to ***Create an Account*** found on page 1.

Then go to Google Play or Apple Store and search for **BCPS Connect App**.





Student Single Sign-On Instructions

A single login for all of your online learning programs.



Attention Students: Clever is the same Single Sign-on solution already used for over 40 different student applications. Now, it is easy to get all your learning programs from one “Launch Pad.”

How do I login to Clever?

1) Go to

<http://sso.browardschools.com>

where you will be taken to the Clever login page to the right. Click on “Log in With Active Directory”.



2) You will be taken to the Active Directory login page shown to the right.



3) Your Username: is your Student 06 Number.

4) Your Password: Use your Active

Directory password: P+Birthdate

(PMM/DD/YYYY) ex. P05/25/2013

(This is the same password used to login to your computer and Single Sign-on.)

For support:

Contact your teacher who will work with the technology liaison at your school to get you the help you need!

TEXTBOOKS

Textbooks will be distributed during the second week of school, during each student's class period. Teachers will bring their students to the cafeteria for collection during their designated times. Students will receive the textbook specific to their current class.

IMPORTANT DATES

Open House: Tuesday, August 25th 6-8:30 pm

School Advisory Council & School Advisory

Forum: August 18th at 3:00 pm in the WAVE

End of the 1st Quarter: October 9th

Home Football Games:

August 28, 2026

September 18, 2026

September 25, 2026

October 2, 2026

October 9, 2026- Homecoming

October 23, 2026

FOOD & NUTRITION

Breakfast remains free for all students. Families are encouraged to complete a Meal Benefits Application to determine eligibility for free or reduced-price lunch.

To help ensure a smooth experience at lunchtime, please be mindful of your student's cafeteria account balance. Parents can conveniently add funds to their student's meal account throughout the year to keep accounts current and avoid any interruptions in service. Thank you for helping us make sure every student is ready to learn and fueled for success!

The Food and Nutrition Services Department is now accepting online Meal Benefits Applications for the 26-27 school year, at

www.myschoolapps.com.

SAFETY & SECURITY

BCPS Elevates Campus Safety with CENTEGIX CrisisAlert Badges worn by all staff members.

All students must enter the campus through the main white gate, where they will be screened using metal detectors. Certain items, like laptops, umbrellas, musical instruments, large eyeglass cases, and three-ring binders, will trigger alerts and must be screened separately by security staff. Parents should remind students to bring only necessary items and avoid prohibited items. For more information please visit:

<https://www.browardschools.com/metaldetectors>

There are various tip reporting methods that we encourage you to use. Please click the following link to access all tip reporting tools: <https://www.browardschools.com/securitytips>

Additional tip reporting tools and information below.



ID'S MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES!

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance is a key factor in a child's academic success. Regular attendance is when a student attends more than 95% of the academic school year; this may include up to 8 absences in a 180-day school year. For all attendance matters, please go to: <https://www.browardschools.com/attendance>

2026-2027 Schedule Change Request Information



The Schedule change request form will be available during the following dates:

August 17, 2026 – August 21, 2026

The only requests that will be considered are those based on the following concerns:

- Summer course completion
- Dual enrollment
- Duplicate courses
- Credit issues
- Level misplacement

Requests regarding the following concerns will not be addressed:

- Teacher preference
- Elective changes

Only CBHS students can complete the request form. You must be logged in your Clever account. Please allow 48 hours to review and process your request.

2026-2027 Schedule Change
Request Form



If you have any questions, please email Ms. Dianne Thorpe, Counseling Director, or Ms. Jessica VanDusen, Assistant Principal



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BROWARD
County Public Schools

See Something, Say Something

Be a Broward Buddy, Report a Tip!

In an emergency, call 911 immediately. To submit a safety or security concern that is not an emergency, please use one of the tip reporting methods provided below. Please remember you can choose to remain anonymous.



Anonymous Tip Submission Box

Submit a tip easily via our Anonymous Tip Submission Box (**no download required**). Provide as much detail as you can, including names of people involved, physical descriptions, school name, social media handles, etc.



BrowardSchools.com/SecurityTips



Call Us Anytime (Even on Holidays)

Call our District Security Operations Center (DSOC) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (including holidays). One of our friendly DSOC Specialists will take your tip over the phone and submit it immediately to our investigators. Please let the DSOC Specialist know if you wish to remain anonymous.

754-321-3500



Send Us an Email

Submit a tip using the email address below. Although your email address is displayed using this tip reporting method, you can choose to remain anonymous by simply requesting it in your message.

SecurityTips@BrowardSchools.com

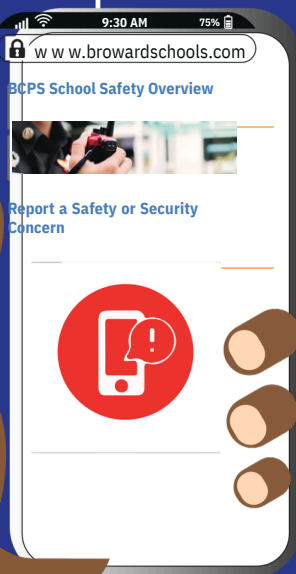


FortifyFL

Submit a tip via FortifyFL online (**no download required**) or download the app for easier use. Visit FortifyFL using the link below. Your tip will immediately reach law enforcement and Broward Schools investigators.



GetFortifyFL.com



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ALYSSA'S ALERT

Mobile Duress Alert App

Alyssa's Alert is a mobile duress alert application that empowers staff members to immediately notify first responders in the event of an emergency. Receive potentially life-saving aid with the push of a button.

Speed Crisis Response

Upon activation*, local first responders & District personnel receive an immediate notification of the emergency.

Easy to Use

Select one of the three buttons (shown right) to activate Alyssa's Alert. Assistance will immediately be dispatched to your location.**

Stay Connected

Administrators will be able to push important updates regarding an emergency situation to anyone who has downloaded Alyssa's Alert.

**Duress buttons can only be activated while physically on school property.*

***ONLY first responders may access location information upon button activation. Under no other circumstances is location information accessible.*

DOWNLOAD THE APP NOW

Scan this
Code →



Look for
this icon

Search for "SaferWatch"



Visit [Learning Across Broward](#) and search for "Alyssa's Alert" under the "Courses" tab to learn more about using Alyssa's Alert in the event of an emergency.



SCHOOL COUNSELING

Counselors are assigned alphabetically by students' last names.
Contact information is available on the school website.

Social Workers: Grace Carreto-Nagales & Victoria Skiba

School Psychologist: Ilisa Bianco

Family Therapist: Annie Vargas



2026-2027 Counselor Breakdown

THORPE

**Director
VIL - Z**

LONGHI

A-CH

VERONICK

CI-GUD

MARTINEZ

GUE-MAZ

ALLS

MB-REX

SMART

REY-VIK

Revised: July 22, 2026



Cypress Bay High School



26/27 GOLD (A) / BLUE (B) DAY CALENDAR

AUGUST				
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SEPTEMBER				
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MARCH				
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#	Early Release Day
○	Professional Study Day
■	School Closed
■	Exam Day
■	A Day
■	B Day
■	Planning Day
★	Last Day of Quarter

Update: July 23, 2026

Cypress Bay High School

Presents

OPEN HOUSE
AT THE BAY



AUGUST

25

2026

6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

18600 Vista Park Blvd.

Weston, FL 33332

P: 754-323-0350

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SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC)

The School Advisory Council (SAC) is a collaborative team of parents, students, teachers, staff, administrators, and community members who work together to support student achievement and school improvement. SAC members review school data, provide input on school goals, and help ensure that decisions are made with the best interests of students in mind. We encourage all members of our Cypress Bay community to get involved and have a voice in shaping the future of our school.



SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

SAC Meeting Calendar 2026–2027

FALL SEMESTER

No December meeting

AUG 18 TUESDAY SAC voting members will be elected at this meeting.	SEPT 15 TUESDAY SAC co-chairs will be elected at this meeting.	OCT 20 TUESDAY	NOV 17 TUESDAY JOINT SAC/SAF
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SPRING SEMESTER

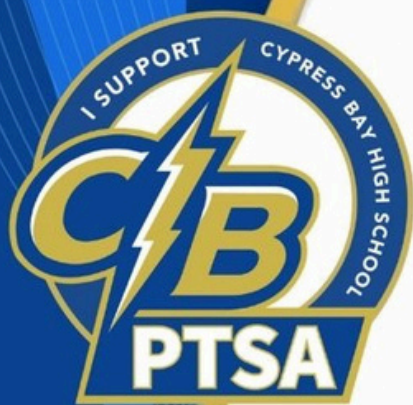
January – May

JAN 12 TUESDAY	FEB 16 TUESDAY	MAR 16 TUESDAY JOINT SAC/SAF	APR 13 TUESDAY	MAY 11 TUESDAY
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JOINT SAC/SAF Meets jointly with the School Advisory Forum — Notes appear beneath the date

CYPRESS BAY HIGH SCHOOL

All meetings will be held at 3:15 PM in the WAVE unless notified otherwise.



**NOW
OPEN**

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN IS

Join us
TODAY!



FOR THE 2026–2027
SCHOOL YEAR



<https://cypressbayptsa.givebacks.com/>



Join us today for **\$18** and be part of this
great community of parents, teachers and students.



JOIN US HERE

Use your phone to scan the link
directly to memberhub site.

REMEMBER



Each student receives **4 hours** of
community service upon
becoming a member.



Each family member who becomes
a PTSA member receives **2 hours** of
community service for the student.



To participate in the **Lightning
Awards**, both the student and
one parent must be members.



IMPORTANT: Membership does not require
volunteering with us.

