



Dear Parents,

Welcome to CHMS! On behalf of the PTO, Susan Kason and I would like to extend a warm welcome and tell you how happy we are to have you at our school. As this year's Co-Presidents, we hope we'll have plenty of opportunities to meet and get to know all of you!

As most of you know, our PTO's mission is to facilitate a supportive working relationship among families, school administrators and teachers at CHMS. We sponsor many special school events like Back to School Day, the Activity Fair, and Pizza Wars to name a few!

For our parent population, we hold a few general PTO meetings a year. Our goal is not only to provide CHMS PTO updates, but to promote parent education with occasional speakers. Past topics have included managing stress with your children, vaping education with Officer Coughlin, social media awareness, and our always popular high school parent panel on what to expect at HCHS.

Get Involved!

Website: www.chmspto.org

There are many wonderful committees that would love your help this year! Every committee has a unique need for time and talent, and many volunteer opportunities can be done from home on your own time. You can download a PDF describing all our committees on the CHMS PTO website under Our PTO→Committee Chairs. When you find the perfect committee, choose Our PTO→Volunteer to sign up today!

Fundraising

We hold two major fundraisers for the PTO each year: Turnabout and Pizza Wars. We also accept donations on the PTO website for both the PTO and the Angel Fund. Funds raised in the past have purchased bike racks, flexible classroom seating, exercise equipment for the gym and more.

Turnabout is our NON-EVENT of the year! No crowded party, no silent auctions, no wrapping paper sales...just donate online! The funds raised through Turnabout directly benefit programs that enrich and enhance your student's school experience at CHMS. Thank you in advance!

Pizza Wars is THE EVENT of the year! The entire CHMS community is invited to enjoy a night out sampling local pizza and then voting for their favorite. It's a GREAT opportunity for you and your family to get a "taste" of CHMS! Entertainment has included the Eagle Jam Band, DJs and a Talent Show...you won't want to miss!

Susan and I hope this letter finds you and your child(ren) excited to go back to school. CHMS is purposely designed for the students to gain independence, but this increased responsibility can make it difficult for parents to feel connected and informed. Getting involved with the PTO gives you a valuable window into your child's day-to-day life and helps you meet "the pros", who can answer any questions that may come up along the way.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with questions; we look forward to seeing everyone this year!

Sincerely,

Jenny Driscoll and Susan Kason, 2022-23 PTO Co-Presidents

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A Look Ahead:

- Curriculum Night: **Thursday, Aug. 25**, 6:30 – 8:30pm @ CHMS
- Welcome Back Coffee: **Friday, Aug. 26**, 8:45 – 9:45am @ Prospect Park Pavilion
- Turnabout Fundraiser: **Sunday, Oct. 2 – Monday, Oct. 31**
- Fall Book Fair (**November**)
- Season's Gift Drive (**December**)
- Pizza Wars (**Spring**)
- Spring Book Fair (**May**)