## September 2022

## Dear CHS Families:

Welcome back to school!

On behalf of the CHS PTSA, I want to welcome everyone to the 2022-2023 academic school year. The CHS PTSA, (Parent, Teacher, Student Association), is a non-profit organization that supports Cranford High School students and teachers. Working together, the PTSA offers the school community opportunities to engage all stakeholders in outreach opportunities that promote fun, educational, and community supportive activities.

Members are the backbone of our association. Membership does not consist of mere numbers. We must look beyond the numbers and strive to build a knowledgeable team of individuals working on behalf of all students. A membership involved in the school and community will create the foundation for its children and for generations to come.

A membership that reaches beyond the parents and teachers and looks out into the community will open its doors to many opportunities. By extending membership, our voice becomes more robust. Our Membership Drive is the primary way that we raise funds. We are PROUD to say that we have almost three hundred people who have chosen to support the CHS PTSA for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year by already becoming members in the past two months. We hope that if you have not already become a member, that you will join the PTSA by clicking on this Memberhub link: <a href="https://cranfordhigh.memberhub.store/">https://cranfordhigh.memberhub.store/</a>

It costs \$10 for an individual membership (\$4 of that is sent to the NJ State PTA) and we greatly appreciate any extra donations you would like to contribute. We have Family Membership categories and we have maintained our Teacher & Student Membership Fees to the state required \$4. Suzana Carvalho is our VP of Membership and she can help with any questions you may have. Feel free to reach out to her at <a href="mailto:chsptsa8@gmail.com">chsptsa8@gmail.com</a>.

There will also be other fundraising events throughout the year including many Project Graduation events that will help raise funds for our seniors Project Graduation celebration. We will be kicking off the year with a fun filled event to help bring a quality Podcast studio to the library. This event will be held in the fall and will be "A Night At The Races". More information will come in the next few weeks regarding how you can help out with this awesome event.

We will host 6 meetings this year which will be a split between some in person meetings, and some Zoom meetings.

The schedule for this year's meetings is as follows:

Wednesday, Sept 28th In-Person

Tuesday, Nov. 22nd In-Person

Tuesday, Jan. 24th ZOOM

Tuesday, Mar 28th ZOOM

Tuesday, May 23rd In-Person

Wednesday, June 14th ZOOM

A reminder will be emailed shortly before each meeting and posted on our Facebook page: CHS PTSA. These dates could be subject to change, so please check your emails and our Facebook page for any updates.

We look forward to a successful year for all of our students, teachers and staff. Please reach out to any of us on the Board with any questions or concerns you may have. There are always opportunities to help out by volunteering, so please consider donating your time when you can.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Bruns-Meyers CHS PTSA President

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