



MTMS PTO Newsletter

Welcome to the 2017 – 2018 Monroe Township Middle School PTO! The main objective of our PTO is to provide the funds to support various activities throughout the school year. These programs and activities help promote the welfare of the children in school, home and community through the united efforts of all the parents and the entire Middle School staff.

The PTO supports assembly programs, social events including the 6th Grade Halloween Dance, Friday Fun Nights, 7th Grade Dance, and 8th Grade End of Year Dance. The PTO raises funds through our Scholastic Bookfairs to add new books to the LAL classroom libraries utilized for all grades. Each year, the PTO provides graduation gowns to all of our 8th graders. Last year, through the PTO funding, we funded the Rachel's Challenge program that was implemented for all grades.

In order to raise the funds necessary for these programs and events for our children, we run a few fundraisers throughout the year. One of the goals for this year is to purchase and enhance the speaker system in the MTMS Gymnasium (cost of approximately \$20,000). The speaker system is used for 8th Grade Graduation, future pep rallies, Volleyball Madness, Athletic Breakfast and any other school events that take place in the Gym. We have thoroughly researched our fundraising opportunities, and based on what we learned and feedback received from previous years, we choose fundraisers that will be of most value to our families. Our fundraising campaign will end in November; therefore, participation at the beginning of the school year is **very important!** Please be sure to stay connected by checking our website (www.mtmspto.org) frequently, look out for special emails about upcoming PTO activities, and “liking” our Facebook page at MTMS PTO.

Below is a list of the MTMS 2017 - 2018 fundraising opportunities:

- **The Rt. 9 Community Discount Card** sale will begin on September 15 – October 27. Every student will “sign out” for a discount card in their Math class. Each discount card costs \$20, of which 50% goes directly back to the PTO. The number 1 benefit of this discount card is that it is **reusable**, and not a 1 time coupon! You can use this card as often as you like, until December 2018. This card can be used at places such as Modell's, TGIF, Chili's, etc. from Old Bridge to Howell. There are many local places in Jamesburg and Monroe such as Baker's American Grill, Bagel Bazaar, Vine, Bella Italia, Tuscany, etc. Please remember to ask your child for this envelope which contains this discount card.
- **PTO Membership** – the cost to join our PTO is \$10 a family. You can complete and include your payment in the same envelope as the discount card, or send a separate payment in an envelope marked: PTO Membership
- **MTMS Apparel** will be available at Back to School Night and order forms will be sent via
- **PTO Fall Clothing Drive** – Save the date! **October 14** from 9am – 12pm at the MTMS parking lot!
- **David's Cookie Dough** sale will run mid-October thru November. Orders will be delivered in time for the holidays.
- **Amazon.Shop.Connect** – Shop Amazon through our link and we will receive a portion of your sale \$.
- **Box Tops** – please send all Box Tops to school for our 1st collection by October 20th. Please check our website to find more ways to earn E-Box Tops for the school.
- **Stop & Shop** - log on and register your rewards card, PTO receives benefits www.stopandshop.com/aplus.

The PTO is a great opportunity for you to get involved with your child's education and school! Parent volunteers help provide needed services throughout the year. Opportunities to volunteer are available to fit every schedule! A list of committees can be found on the PTO section of the school website. PTO meetings are held during the day and also some evenings, depending on the month. Please check www.mtmspto.org for a complete listing of our meeting dates and times.

We are looking forward to an exciting year with your child! If you have any questions, please contact one of the PTO officers.

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