

PTO NEWSLETTER

WELCOME BACK, SCORPIONS!!!

WELCOME PTO MEMBERS!!

Hello and welcome back, Scorpions!

It's that time of year again! Time for backpacks, school supplies, schedules, homework and all the in between. We, your PTO board, have some big plans for the next 9 months. Our goal this year is to foster an even better relationship between the PTO board, school staff, and parents of Sykesville Middle. We're hoping that by encouraging you to join us throughout the year, we can create a more supportive learning environment for everyone. Our first steps in this process have been to create our newsletter, set up an easy-to-use website through Shutterfly, and offer better ways of communication for parents and staff alike. Be sure when you fill out the membership form you include your current contact information!

Let's be honest, middle school is hard. Raising, teaching, and supporting this age group has become even more challenging over the past few years. As fellow parents and educators of middle-schoolers, we get it. There's a LOT to keep track of. We, your PTO board, want to do all we can to boost morale in order to support learning. After all, don't we all feel better when we're in a positive environment? We're only asking for one thing: join us in creating this vision!

There are several ways you can do this. First, become a member of the PTO! By becoming a member, you will have the opportunity to use your voice and be heard. We know how busy you are, but no one will better represent you than YOU. Next, join us at our monthly meetings. Beyond discussing the business at hand, we'll also host guest speakers touching on important topics relating specifically to our kids. You can also join us as volunteers for our various activities planned throughout the year. Pro tip: it's a great way to see what's going on with this notoriously private age group. And, if you can't dedicate time, that's ok. Supplies and funds are always appreciated.

Thank you for your support. We look forward to making this a great year with you!



Top: Jennifer Doe-President, Michelle Cantatore Brown-Fundraising Coordinator

Bottom: Angela Magruder-Treasurer, Anja Cangemi-Vice-President, Heather Carpenter-Secretary



August

8/31: 6th Grade Back to School Night @ 6 PM

September

9/5: No School (Labor Day)

9/6: 1st Day of School

9/13: PTO Meeting @ 7PM, SMS Media Center

9/13: 7th/8th Grade Back to School Night @ 5:30-8:30 PM

9/25: Spirit Wear Flash Sale Ends

October

10/6: PTO Meeting @ 7PM, SMS Media Center

10/21: No School

November

10/31-11/4: SMS Spirit Week

11/4: Fall Dance at SMS

11/8: No School

11/10: PTO Meeting @ 7PM, SMS Media Center

11/23: Early Dismissal

11/24-11/25: Fall Break

December

12/8: PTO Meeting @ 7PM, SMS Media Center

12/23: Early Dismissal

12/24-1/2/23: Winter Break

SMS PTO COMMITTEE SIGN UP



The PTO is forming Committees that will help plan and run special events this year. Most of these committees are event specific and would require minimal time to serve. Please visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f48acab29a6f8c70-smspto> to review available slots and to sign up! Committees are:

Fall Dance, Spring Dance, Fundraising, Conference Dinner, Spirit Wear, Teacher Appreciation Week, Cultural Events, 8th Grade End of Year.

SPIRIT WEAR

Place your Spirit Wear
Order by 09/25/2022

HOW TO ORDER

- 1.) Go To SPIRITHERO.COM
- 2.) Choose Your School
- 3.) Select Your Items



CHICK-FIL-A RESTAURANT NIGHTS

Come support Sykesville Middle School. Mention Spirit Day in the Drive-thru. Mobile orders enter SPIRIT Day for Special Instructions under "My Order."

Dates: Tuesday, August 23, Tuesday, September 27, Tuesday, October 25, Tuesday, November 22 from 12-8 PM at Chick-Fil-A Eldersburg

SHUTTERFLY

Stay connected!! We use a Shutterfly shared site to maintain our calendar, sign-ups and pictures. Once we receive your application and dues, we'll send you an invite so you can access our site. Please include your email on this membership form and return it via email or to a board member.

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EMAIL

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2

FACEBOOK

<https://www.facebook.com/SykesvilleMiddleSchoolPTO>

3

SHUTTERFLY

Fill out a PTO membership form along with your dues and receive access to our Shutterfly account.

<https://sykesvillemiddlepto.shutterfly.com/>