WEareSCPA PTSO

General Meeting

August 6, 2024 / 6:30 PM/Zoom

- Welcome
 - Called to order by April Austin at 6:35 p.m.
 - Introduction of the Board.
- Month of August
 - 8/12 and 8/13 Orientation. Kona Ice will be available with a \$1 discount when mentioning PTSO.
 - For Orientation we will have magnets with our new website and buttons for new students.
 - Community Resource organizations will also be at orientation to connect families.
 - After orientation we will have sidewalk chalk available for everyone to help decorate in front of school.
 - 8/30 Coffee Chat 8 a.m. to welcome families.
- PTSO Meetings
 - Monthly meetings. First Tuesday of the month. 6:30 p.m. in the library.
 - Looking for ideas for guest speakers.
 - Building a Pantry to support the school families.
- General Updates
 - Will be partnering with the new Vice Principal on choosing a field trip to support.
 - New Spirit Shop is opening. Open hours after school High School. Elementary school students can earn rewards.
 - LOTS of upcoming volunteer opportunities.
 - Making plans on providing new picnic tables. Each department will have a table and the students will be able to submit designs.
- Communications Updates
 - Have a new website that is live.
 - Will have regular updates and volunteer opportunities.
 - WeAreSCPA.org
 - Can subscribe through the website and receive notifications on updates as they are posted.
 - Will have a space for questions as well as great information about the schools.
 - Brigid Huey walked us through the new website.
 - PTSO meeting link will also be available.
 - Information sharing and volunteer opportunities
 - Student Showcase

- Subscribe button. Gets you an alert for new posts.
- FAQ, Meetings & Events with the PTSO Calendar, Minutes/Agendas from the meetings
- Ways to give and fundraising. Kroger Plus Card link included. Box Tops for Education (now an app), and donation opportunities.
- Social Media
 - Great resource for important date reminders.
 - Positive cheerleader for our community
 - Please follow and like the PTSO page.
 - Reach out to Teresa Dinwiddie-Hermann for posts,
- SCPA Soiree
 - **11/16/24**
 - Pebble Creek Country Club.
 - Great place to meet families and build our SCPA community.
- Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities
 - Please watch for upcoming SingUp Genius links on our website at wearescpa.org.
- Fundraising Opportunities
 - Look for restaurant nights. Please reach out to Kevin Whitman.
- Artistic Director Update
 - Have moved from PowerSchool to Focus. Still coming on line for everyone.
 - Teachers have been in this week to set up. Building is almost ready to open. First official day is 8/8/24.
 - 8/14/24 School Opens.
 - New changes coming this year to maintain state and federal compliance. Looking at how we program the arts.
 - 7-12 grades are pre-professional work and should be any potential student's goal.
 - Want to stay an active pipeline to the professional arts.
 - Optimized production calendar. Gives more space on our stages and gives more students opportunities. Looking for outside opportunities for our High School students, specifically Juniors and Seniors.
- Open Q & A
 - Kindergarten Entry: Elementary students enter through the 12th street entrance.
 - When should students bring supplies? As directed on the supply list sheet. Most teachers will ask them to wait, kindergarten is during orientation.
 - Are schedules available? No, not all schedules are available.
 - Maggie shared counselor and Asst Principal information.
 - Theme for the year: One Band One Sound

MISSION:

WEareSCPA provides support for our school and a voice for our community as a Parent Teacher Student Organization. We work to develop a deeper connection between school and home for our families by providing timely communications and social engagements to welcome and encourage parental involvement while improving the overall educational environment of SCPA for students, teachers, and families through volunteer and financial support.