

August 2022



Dear Colonial Forge Families,

The Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO) welcomes you to Colonial Forge High School for the 2022-2023 school year! Whether this is your first year at Forge or your tenth, please consider joining the PTSO. Family and staff memberships are only \$15. As we move into a more normal school year again, we want to continue to support our staff and students as we have in the past. Over the last 2 years, we have been extremely limited in what we were able to do to support students and staff, due to low membership and the inability to fundraise as much as we normally do. Your PTSO membership dues are a big part of what we are able to do. Additionally, to be eligible for the senior scholarships, families must be PTSO members by February 26, 2023. We have a very active PTSO and need the support of all families. Support in terms of financial and/or volunteering time is greatly appreciated. Despite covid, last year we were able to accomplish the following things below. We hope to support these programs as much as possible during the 2022-2023 year too, plus a few more.

Teacher/Staff Appreciation: Last year we started off not able to provide staff appreciation luncheons like we did in the past, however, by winter break we were able to help contribute to a Winter luncheon and put on our own May Teacher Appreciation luncheon. Throughout the year we provided many different small treats to our staff to show how much we appreciate their hard work. We hope to continue to contribute to luncheons and offer smaller treats throughout this school year again.

Club Grants: We gave 8 grants, most valued at \$100, to school clubs that do not have a booster club to support them. This helps club sponsors (teachers) offset personal out-of-pocket expenses.

Scholarships: Last year, we gave out four \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors that are attending college. We hope to be able to give out eight scholarships to the Class of 2023.

Forge Family: Throughout the year, we provide assistance to students/families that are in financial need. Last year we provided Walmart gift cards to 6 families to help provide food over the Thanksgiving break. We also provided Christmas gifts for 4 students to help make their holidays bright.

Movie Night: Last year we tried to hold a Spring Movie Night for our community, but due to a tight spring schedule and weather, we had to cancel it. This year we are hoping to have it in October with a special Halloween theme. This will be a free admission for paid PTSO families.

Muffin Cart: In years past this has been our biggest fundraiser; we are hoping to be able to bring this back this year, but are in desperate need of volunteers for this to happen. The last school year that we ran the muffin cart in 2019-2020 we made over \$13,000, even though we weren't able to run the last two months.

We encourage all members to attend our monthly meetings. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 16th at 5:30 pm in the Colonial Forge Library. Monthly meetings are scheduled for the third Tuesday of the month, at 5:30 PM in the Colonial Forge Library. This year our Principal, Mr. Daniel, will be giving information out regarding the School Improvement Plan during 4 of our meetings, so we hope you join us to hear those updates as well.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask. If you would like to become a PTSO member, please fill out our membership form at this link: <https://bit.ly/3duESkI>.

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