



Parent Teacher Student Association

Westside High School The PTSA Newsletter

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What is PTSA?

PTSA stands for Parent Teacher Student Association. The PTSA is a nonprofit organization run by volunteers who provide valuable support, services and programs to the Westside High School Community, its teachers and students. All of us want our children to be heard, supported, and encouraged, as well as to be and do their very best during their time in high school. The PTSA provides the revenue and support for many programs that are offered at the school throughout the year. Since we are a volunteer based, not-for-profit organization, we spend only what we make and ask for only what will help to contribute to these programs.

Things Happening...

- September 7th- Varsity Home Football Game
- September 11th- Varsity Home Volleyball Game
- September 13th Varsity Home Volleyball Game
- September 13th- JV Home Football Game
- September 18th- PTSA Welcome Meeting
- September 18th- SAC Meeting
- September 18th-Why Cook Tuesday?



Despite what your teenager tells you, it's still cool to volunteer at school! Our PTSA is recruiting volunteers for various positions and committees. No matter what your interest or time commitment, we can find the right project for you! Please click the link below to send an email to Mr. Timothy Durkin, to let him know you are willing to help! Durkint@duvalschools.org



Volunteer of the Month

Ms. Kimberly Harris-Dove

Mrs. Dove is a new addition to the Westside family and has a daughter in the 9th grade that attends Westside High School. Mrs. Dove has been an integral part in pioneering the future of our Parent Teacher Student Association. When Mrs. Dove is not found working for Watson Realty Group she can be found volunteering for her student's schools or advocating for her community. We appreciate all she has done. Congratulations Mrs. Dove!

Lend A Hand

There are many ways to get involved or contribute at WHS. Below are just a couple of options:

- **The Den**-Our clothing closet, which is exclusively for Westside students, is always in need of volunteers. Whether it is gathering donations, doing pickups, or folding clothes!
- **Taste of Westside**-An event that is open to our Westside High School family. This monthly event is sponsored by the Student Government Association where we serve dinner to students and their families. We could always use volunteers, to greet, cook, clean, and offer friendly conversation!
- **Serve Days**- Students, parents, and community members come out and do community service projects on campus. In the past, we have cleaned up courtyards, planted flowers, and painted our football stadium!

- **Fundraising**-We always need help with events to raise money for the school. We need your ideas!
- **Homecoming**- Homecoming will be the end of September and we have a community parade, dance, and other events throughout the week. We could use volunteers before, after or at any event.

Hundreds of research studies show that when parents get involved students do better in school. We, teachers and students, know your time is valuable and we appreciate any time you might have available. We hope to hear from you soon and see you as a part of the Westside community!



“At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child’s success is the positive involvement of parents.”

-Jane D. Hull

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WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

Welcome PTSA Parents to the 2018-2019 School Year

I am looking forward to the partnership that we create at Westside High School. While our students can often be taller than we are, our focus should still be staying as involved as possible during these high school years. It takes all stakeholders working together, to get students across that stage in May. Last year, our graduation rate at Westside High School was 95%. This year, our hopes is to raise that graduation rate to 97%. WHS will need your involvement and help with mentoring, supporting and consistently creating an environment where career and college readiness is a priority. Thank you for your interest in PTSA at Westside High School and continued involvement in your child's education! Our first meeting will be on September 18th at 4:30 in the Media Center followed by our School Advisory Committee and Taste of Westside. We look forward to seeing you there!



Thank you,
J. Rebecca Raulerson, Principal
Westside High School

