

Welcome to the 2019-20 school year at Clague!

We look forward to working with you to make your experience at Clague the best! Once again, we have a terrific, engaged board, and we look forward to serving you. You will find some helpful information about Clague PTSO on these two pages and at our table. Additional information can also be found on our website at <https://sites.google.com/site/claguepto/Home>.



Contact us with any questions, comments or concerns throughout the year. We are excited to serve you and your children!

Sincerely,
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Your PTSO at a Glance....

PTSO Meetings – Our meetings are held at 7:30 p.m., usually on the first Mondays of each month, in Clague's Library. Come join us and get acquainted with our current leadership team at our first meeting of the year, **Monday, September 9, 2019**. The schedule (subject to change, but we hope not too much) is Oct. 7th, November 4th, December 9th, February 3rd, March 2nd, April 6th, May 4th (elections), June 1st.

Communication – Please make sure your email is up-to-date in Power School, and if it is, you will automatically receive *Clague E-notes*. This is your weekly source for what's going on at Clague, in AAPS, and around the community. Both Clague and the Clague PTSO utilize *School Messenger* for school-wide communications. You may also check out the Clague and Clague PTSO websites to view daily announcements, sports information, classroom pages, and more.

PTO Thrift Shop – The Ann Arbor PTO Thrift Shop is a great source for funds for Clague and all AAPS buildings, so do support them by shopping there. It is located at 2280 S. Industrial Highway, around the corner from the Salvation Army Thrift Shop.

Grocery Store Cards – Earn money for Clague while you shop at Kroger and Busch's by going online to their “Community Rewards” page and selecting “Clague Middle School. This is free to you and is a service provided by the local grocery stores. If everyone were to sign up for these programs, we’d never have a need for fundraising!

Fun Nights – There are three confirmed Fun Nights this year, on selected Fridays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The current schedule is: **9/28, 10/26, 11/30**. April 12 is also a possibility. Each Fun Night is sponsored by a different organization or club at Clague and is a way for them to raise money and provide fun for all Clague student for only \$5 a night. These events include table games, a movie, basketball, floor hockey, a dance area, our ever-popular ping pong table, and more! Pizza, drinks, and snacks will be on sale. If weather permits, some of the fun happens in our Courtyard!

Volunteers – We need you!! Please stop by the PTSO table to sign up for upcoming volunteer opportunities, or as a treasured “CONTACT ME ANYTIME” volunteer. In addition, please check Clague E-Notes weekly for volunteer opportunities throughout the year.

PTSO Donations – please see our donation form. In order to provide wonderful opportunities for our students, we need your donations. In 2018-19, the vast majority of our parent donations went directly to teachers and their classrooms! Other uses for our “General Fund” include field trip support, grounds beautification, Teacher Appreciation events, and new signage and video monitor!! Our Clague families have been more than generous over the past few years, and we are so thankful! You may choose to donate a portion of your gift to the DC Scholarship Fund (for the entering 8th grade) to ensure that every student who would like to go on this annual fall trip can go.

Clague PTSO Volunteer Opportunities

There are many opportunities to volunteer at Clague, we hope you will be a part of our amazing volunteer group. We are still in need for some lead volunteers for the following PTSO activities.

- 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony and Party Lead
- Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences Snack Coordinator
- Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences Snack Coordinator
- Career Day Liaison & Refreshment Coordinators (February)
- Front Entrance Garden Steward(s)
- Green Schools Lead(s)
- Project Healthy Schools Liaison(s)
- Courtyard/Grounds Lead(s)

In addition, there will be many opportunities to help at Clague throughout the year. Please keep a lookout in *Clague E-notes* for opportunities to get involved in other events throughout the year. There will also be volunteer forms available at registration. Stop by the PTSO table if you have questions or would like to express interest in any of these volunteer roles.

Thank you!