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August 2015

This is Your Year!

Welcome to the start of another year at Miller Grove High School! The Miller Grove High School PTSA is very excited about the plans for the upcoming year. As we prepare for a new school year, let us remember we have an awesome responsibility as parents, administrators, teachers, and students to set and follow standards that will ensure that the Miller Grove High School mission to *“provide a safe, respectful and academically rigorous learning environment wherein all stakeholders work together to prepare students to compete globally and to become successful, contributing members of society”* is fulfilled.

As your PTSA, our ultimate goal is to set the tone and pave the way for the success of EVERY student. Our priorities for this year are to:

- Increase PTSA **membership** and active participation in sponsored meetings, programs, and initiatives.
- Improve the level of **communication** between the PTSA and you through the MGHS and PTSA websites, membership email lists, bulletin boards, text and phone messaging.
- Facilitate **student success** through **parental involvement**, community partnerships, and **increased scholarship opportunities**.
- Foster a **spirit of support and partnership** with booster clubs and student organizations.
- Increase **community involvement** and community **service**.
- Enhance **faculty and staff appreciation** and recognition programs.
- Utilize PTSA funds to **enrich our students' educational experiences** through artistic programs, academics and community-wide events, and for the purchase of needed equipment or materials that would not otherwise have been possible.

Find a way to invest your time, talents, gifts, and services to the Miller Grove High School PTSA! We need your help and support to make these priorities a reality. Information on how you can get involved is included in this membership package. If you have any questions regarding anything about the PTSA, please do not hesitate to contact the appropriate board member.

This is Your Year....Join Today!!!

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Your 2015-2016 MGHS PTSA Executive Board

Mr. Matthew Priester
Principal

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President

Ms. Rhonda Moore
Vice-President

Secretary

Top TEN (\$10) Reasons to Join the Miller Grove PTSA

By joining, volunteering and being an active PTSA member you are telling your child you care about his/her education and well-being at school. Research has shown that students whose parents are PTSA members are more likely to have good grades and higher test scores, have better behavior and are more involved in their school activities.

1. Be a part of the change you want in our school and community.
2. Your involvement helps to ensure the welfare of children in our community –at school and at home.
3. While we have great ideas, we are always looking for new ones. Do YOU have an idea you'd like to share?
4. As part of the PTSA, I am an advocate for my child, every day. Who is YOUR child's advocate?
5. You will hear it here first. Letting us know who YOU are, allows us to tell you what's going on. PTSA is the best way to know what is happening.
6. Joining is simple! No heavy lifting, no strings attached-be active as your schedule allows.
7. Share your time, talent, and treasure – the PTSA needs you!!!
8. Meet new friends and neighbors and expand your own network.
9. It is the right thing to do!
10. If you don't speak for your child, someone else will.

Miller Grove High School needs you. Please volunteer whatever time you can in the school. Your presence is needed in the school more than ever. Any time you can give is welcomed. Come join us!

Dr. Bola Tilghman, President PTSA

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Calendar for 2015-2016 (Tentative)

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Please put these dates on your calendar.

These dates are crucial to your child's success!

Date	Event
August 6, 2015	Registration Open House 2:00 – 5:00
August 10, 2015	First Day of School
August 25, 2015	<i>Senior Parent Night 6:30 PM</i>
September 7, 2015	<i>Labor Day (District Holiday) School Closed</i>
September 10, 2015	Annual Title I Meeting/Curriculum Night 6:00PM
TBD	<i>Underclassman Pictures</i>
September 15, 2015	<i>4 1/2 Week Progress Report Issued To Students</i>
September 24, 2015	PTSA Meeting 6:30 PM (Auditorium)
October 9, 2015	Professional Learning Day (Students Do Not Report)
October 12, 2015	Columbus Day (Students Holiday)
October 14, 2015	PSAT
October 15, 2015	9 Week Progress Report Issued To Students Parent Teacher Conference Night 4:30 – 6:30
TBD	Picture Makeup
October 18, 2015	Homecoming Football 7:30
TBA	College Fair 9:00 – 1:00 (GYM)
November 16, 2015	13 1/2 Week Progress Report Issued To Students
November 19, 2015	Parent Teacher Conference Night 4:30 – 6:30 PTSA Meeting 6:30 PM (Auditorium)
November 23 – 27, 2015	Thanksgiving Holiday (School Closed)
TBD	Winter Holiday Concert
December 18, 2015	End of 1 st Semester



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PTSA Membership Form 2015-2016 School Year

Type of membership: Parent/Adult Faculty/Staff Student Other
PTSA membership fee is \$10 per person

Receipt Number
Member #

Member's Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Please add to MGHS PTSA Text Messaging Database

E-mail Address (required): _____

Please add to MGHS PTSA E-mail Database

Student's Name: _____ Grade Level: _____

(If applicable)

Type of Payment: Cash or Check (number) _____ Total paid: _____

Make checks payable to MGHS PTSA. All returned checks will be charged a "return item" fee

What committee(s) are you willing to offer volunteer services? (See attached descriptions)

- Membership
- Finance/Corporate Sponsorship
- Parental Involvement
- PTSA Newsletter and/or PTSA Website
- Academic
- Hospitality
- Youth Services (Community Service)
- Arts/Reflections
- Legal & Legislative
- Other _____

Are you willing to serve on more than one committee? Yes No

Are you willing to serve on the PTSA Board of Directors? Yes No

Are you willing to serve as a Chairperson of any of the PTSA Committees? Yes No

Are there specific skills you can offer as a volunteer? (Ex: administrative and grant writing) Yes No

If you cannot offer volunteer services, can you give a 100% tax-deductible monetary donation to support 2015-2016 PTSA program initiatives in the amount of: \$10 \$20 \$50 Other _____

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Please list any suggestions or concerns:

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

ACADEMIC COMMITTEE

This committee's responsibility is to see that the membership understands the issues, methods and techniques that affect students' education.

Members of this committee will:

- Increase parental/community involvement in student academic success.
- Collaborate with school counselors to implement college fairs
- Collaborate with school counselors to disseminate information regarding SAT and ACT
- Work closely with Student Council to implement tutorial program
- Educate PTA membership and community about educational trends initiatives and reform

ARTS/REFLECTIONS

The PTA Reflections Program is designed to enhance quality arts education for students in preschool through grade 12, encouraging them to create works of art in the areas of dance choreography, film production, literature, musical composition, photography, and the visual arts. Members of this committee will:

- Coordinate the PTA Reflections Program at MGHS
- Work with the state PTA office for the year's updated rules and materials
- Promote the Reflections Program to parents, students, and teachers

- Distribute the rules, deadlines, and Student Entry Forms
- Collect and catalog entries
- Recruit judges and set up the judging process and judging dates
- Announce and recognize winners
- Submit winning entries to the next level of judging
- Submit required forms and track participation
- Returning artwork to participants

FINANCE/CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE

Fundraising is not the primary function of the PTSA. The Finance/Corporate Sponsorship is committee is designed to promote financial support for PTSA supporting programs and events and provides the community the opportunity to sponsor Miller Grove PTSA with financial, goods, or services in return for public acknowledgement of that donation. These services will support the aims, programs, and

goals of the PTSA. Members of this committee will:

- Obtain consistent financial member support for designated programs
- Identify and contact potential Corporate Sponsors in the community
- Provide sponsorship opportunities to all businesses in the Miller Grove H.S. area
- Provide a positive relationship and opportunity to advertise with Corporate Sponsors
- Research, write and submit applications for funding to obtain financial support for



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specific programs

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

The Hospitality Committee function is to greet members or non-members of Miller Grove PTSA. The Hospitality Committee also provides food, beverages and decorations at Miller Grove general meetings. Our primary goal is to support Miller Grove High School in most functions and provide a warm welcome to our students, teachers, parents and visitors. Members of this committee will:

- Encourage more parental involvement
- Provide incentives for parents who attend PTSA meetings
- Secure guest speakers for PTSA meeting
- Work closely with other committees to ensure parental involvement
- Support faculty and staff appreciation and recognition programs

YOUTH SERVICES/COMMUNITY SERVICE

LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

The Legal and Legislative committee is designed to promote advocacy and legislation by using the committee members' time, energy, experience and knowledge to bring about changes in laws, policies and programs for the benefit of children. Members of this committee will:

- Support initiatives to improve discipline, increase attendance, reduce truancy, decrease the drop-out rate, and improve graduation rates.
- Advocate for youth, parents and teachers on issues directly affecting our school

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

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