

August 2010

Dear Parents,

We would like to extend a warm welcome to each of you as your student enters the 2010-2011 school year. We hope that it is successful and rewarding. We know that as parents you want to help your student as they navigate through the high school years. The best way to do this is to remain informed and involved. We urge everyone to **join the PTO.**

The PTO is a cooperative effort of parents and faculty, whose goals are to:

- Support the school
- Foster communication between the family and school
- Sponsor programs of general interest for parents and support students programs
- Promote the positive in the school and the community

In order to meet these goals, we need your help! We encourage everyone to join the PTO and we welcome your involvement. On the reverse side of this letter you will find a **Membership Form** and a list of committees that need volunteers. Please consider helping with a committee that interests you. You have the opportunity to be included in our email message system, which keeps you informed of important (non-emergency) school events.

Included in this mailing is **The Safe Homes Pledge**. This program enables parents to communicate and work together to provide a safe, drug and alcohol free environment for our children. To participate in this program each family must fill out the form. Once you register, your family will be included each year your child is in the school. You will have the opportunity to change your status at the beginning of each year.

Throughout the year we have several PTO meetings that provide you with a way to find out what is happening in the school community. The PTO meetings alternate monthly between day and evening times in order to accommodate everyone's busy schedules. Daytime meetings will be our ever-popular brown bag lunches with the principal's report. We host staff and guest speakers at each meeting. Please come, meet other parents, and share your thoughts and ideas. Our **first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 22, at 7PM** with Jamie Walker, Freshman Guidance counselor, who will talk about the freshman transition.

Our PTO **newsletter** is a great source of information for upcoming events. It keeps you apprised of all significant dates and deadlines. We are going green and all issues will be posted online only ([www.wmmhs.org](http://www.wmmhs.org)) by clicking on the PTO link. We will send an e-mail notification to all PTO members when a new newsletter has been published. Look for the announcement of our fall speaker program and more information about our winter fundraiser, which will be a **Wellness Fair and Luncheon.**

The PTO board members are also listed on the website and if you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact us.

Looking forward to a successful and productive school year!

Mendham High School Parent Teacher Organization

# Mendham High School PTO Membership Form 2010-2011

The annual family membership fee is **\$20**.

Please Return PTO membership form and \$20 fee payable to, Mendham HS PTO, by Sept 30th

Send to: MHS PTO c/o WMMHS, East Main St. Mendham NJ 07945 or

Sue Haumersen – 13 Garabrant St, Mendham, NJ 07945

Questions? Feel free to contact Sue Haumersen, Membership Chair: 973 543-6322 Email: yamash2@yahoo.com

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Parent/Guardian name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Student(s) 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Check here for **PTO EMAIL MESSAGE SYSTEM** PTO message system will notify you via email of upcoming meetings and events going on at the HS. Emails arrive in your inbox from [mendhamhspto@gmail.com](mailto:mendhamhspto@gmail.com). The message system is operated by Marcia Asdal, contact her at [marcia.asdal@gmail.com](mailto:marcia.asdal@gmail.com) to confirm you're on the email distribution list.

## Committees and Volunteer Opportunities

\_\_\_\_ **All Purpose Volunteer:** Contacted when misc. extra help is needed on various committees

\_\_\_\_ **Caring and Concern:** Providing food, transportation and support for families in crisis.

\_\_\_\_ **Communications:** Help prepare the PTO newsletter and other website communications or mailings, as needed.

\_\_\_\_ **Hospitality:** Provide food for teacher appreciation lunch and other PTO/ MHS functions and/or assist in serving and cleaning up.

\_\_\_\_ **Programs:** Help find speakers and organize events for Parent and/or Student Programs

\_\_\_\_ **Evening of the Arts:** Help organize the Fine Art and Performing Art, Spring fundraiser.

\_\_\_\_ **Wellness Fair/Fundraising:** Help plan a luncheon/Speaker program with wellness exhibitors from the Mendham /Chester area for our winter fundraiser. Develop ideas for future fundraisers

\_\_\_\_ **Battle of the Bands:** Help plan, organize and/or chaperone this spring event

\_\_\_\_ **Great American Smoke Out:** This is a one-day national event in November. Supervise display and distribute information to students concerning the dangers of smoking.

\_\_\_\_ **Library:** Help in library as needed under direction of the MHS librarian.

\_\_\_\_ **Project Graduation:** FOR PARENTS OF SENIORS; Help plan and/or chaperone event

*NOTE: You must be a member of the Mendham High School PTO for your Senior to be eligible for one of the four \$500 scholarships awarded each year.*

**Safe Homes Program:** *SEPARATE PLEDGE FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED By Sept. 14*

Additional forms are available online @ [www.wmmhs.org](http://www.wmmhs.org) , Go to PTO link

*Mendham High School Parent Teacher Organization serves as a channel of communication between parents, faculty and the administration. We support the school community, sponsor a variety of programs and provide volunteers for school activities.*