

## Seneca Valley High School PTSA, Inc.

### Goals for 2011-12

- Advocate at the local, county, and/or state levels for resources, policies, and/or laws that advance student achievement, safety, and the welfare of children, as well as social and ethical responsibility.
- Enhance parent-school communication by providing opportunities for parents and staff to interact, present information, and share experiences.
- Increase PTSA membership.
- Encourage student artistic, social, and ethical development.



### National PTA

**Vision:** Making every child's potential a reality.

**Mission:** The overall purpose of PTA:

- A powerful voice for all children,
- A relevant resource for families and communities, and
- A strong advocate for the education and well being of every child.

### Why Join the PTSA?

- **Power in Numbers:** Your membership shows that we have an active parent community and policymakers take notice.
- **Get Connected.** There's no better way to know what's happening in your school.
- **Discover Great Resources.** The PTA offers a variety of programs designed for parents as well as students.
- **Tap into a Network.** PTA functions are opportunities to meet other parents and teachers, building rapport and discussing issues that are on your mind.
- **Watch Yourself Grow.** By volunteering with your PTA, you put your skills and hobbies to use for a noble cause—your child and all children in the community.
- **Speak Up.** PTA can be a way for you to more effectively suggest change at your child's school.
- **Witness Improvement.** By getting involved at your child's school you'll be part of the solution, helping make positive changes.
- **Be a Role Model.** By becoming a PTA member, you'll be demonstrating to your child the importance you place on education.
- **Enjoy Substantial Benefits.** Members can take advantage of a host of benefits and discounts from MetLife Auto & Home, Office Max, Parenting Magazine, Sharp Electronics Corp., and T-Mobile. National PTA partners with these businesses to negotiate special discounts and benefits.

### SVHS PTSA Accomplishments 2010-11

*Recipient of 2011 National PTA Take Your Family to School Week Grant to support parent involvement. Open house and numerous programs and events held in February.*

#### ➤ Parent Communication

- ✓ Six electronic newsletters to all families with email or Edline accounts on file and mailing to all else.
- ✓ Maintain listserv, Eagles Bulletin, to report timely and vital information to families, students, and staff.
- ✓ Student directory.
- ✓ Support of SVHS website.
- ✓ Columbus Day Open House for parents to visit their students' classes.
- ✓ Representation on the Instructional Council.

➤ **Staff Support**

- ✓ Staff appreciation events and “thank yous” to let our staff know they are most appreciated.
- ✓ Over The Top (OTT) Award presented to staff member with most student and parent recommendations.
- ✓ Support of Eighth Grade Parent Night, financial aid workshops, Career Day, Senior Ethics Day, etc.
- ✓ Maintain active volunteer base.

➤ **Student Support**

- ✓ After prom event to promote a safe evening for our students.
- ✓ Jane Sowers Scholarship and Nate Pearson Scholarship to deserving seniors.
- ✓ Reflections program for student participation in arts recognition.

➤ **Advocacy**

- ✓ Advocate for traffic and pedestrian safety issues around SVHS.
- ✓ Participation in feasibility study and design meetings for new building.
- ✓ Advocacy at the local and county levels to support our students and school resources.