

**Watkins Mill High School**

**PTSA<sup>®</sup>**

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*The PTSA meets the 3rd Tuesday of each  
month at 7pm in the Media Center*



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## What is the purpose of the PTSA?

**The purpose** of the Watkins Mill High School Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA), in common with those of the National and Maryland Parent Teacher Associations (PTAs), is to:

- ▶ **Promote** the welfare of children and youth in home, school, community, and place of worship;
- ▶ **Raise** the standards of home life;
- ▶ **Secure** adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth;
- ▶ **Bring** into closer relation the home and school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youth;
- ▶ **Develop** between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for all children and youth the highest advantages in physical, mental, social, and spiritual education.

## Why should I get involved?

### *According to the National PTA...*

Decades of research shows that when parents are involved, students perform better in school. **They receive higher grades and test scores, have better school attendance and lower rates of suspension, are more likely to graduate high school, and are more likely to pursue postsecondary education.** Children of involved parents also exhibit increased motivation, better self esteem, less use of drugs and alcohol, and fewer instances of violent behavior. Those great benefits come from parent involvement, a major focus of PTA.

- ▶ **Get involved.** Today, become part of something that works....your PTSA
- ▶ **Stay connected** by checking out the school website, reading Edline emails, and listening to Connect Ed phone calls.
- ▶ **Make a difference** as part of this dynamic partnership of parents, teachers, and students.

## Your PTSA membership dues make the following possible:

- ▶ Publishing the Student Directory (a valuable resource for staying connected)
- ▶ PTSA scholarships
- ▶ Hosting Staff Appreciation events
- ▶ Support to the Post Prom celebration
- ▶ The Bell Awards to recognize outstanding teachers and staff, and a number of other programs

*For senior students, a PTSA membership is required for consideration for the PTSA sponsored scholarships.*

***Together, we give voice to the issues and needs of our school and our community. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of our students, community and world.***

## 2011—2012 PTSA Meetings

October 18, 2011	February 21, 2012
November 15, 2011	March 20, 2012
January 17, 2012	April 17, 2012
May 15, 2012	