



Silver Spring International Middle School  
Parent, Teacher, and Student Association  
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Dear SSIMS parents,

Welcome to Silver Spring International Middle School! We have a community of approximately 1150 students and are lucky to be one of the most diverse school communities in the county. The PTSA is an important and energetic part of the SSIMS community. We're committed to supporting every student, teacher and staff member at our school so that all students have what they need to thrive and succeed.

We hope that you will embrace this wonderful community and that you will share your time and talents with our students, teachers, and staff. We guarantee you that your assistance will have huge rewards for the students and that you will find tremendous satisfaction in helping at SSIMS.

Our signature fundraising effort, the Jag Jog, is a community fun run for the whole school. SSIMS students, faculty and staff will run, walk, jog and skip around our track to raise money for the school. Over the last two years, the Jag Jog has funded a variety of mini-grants such as our international flag project (purchasing & displaying flags from all the countries that our students come from), a new chapter of the National Junior Honor Society and purchasing supplies for our arts and music programs. The Jag Jog is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> and many volunteers are needed to ensure that the Jag Jog is a huge success! You will receive information confirming this date no later than the first week of school.

**Some other early fall dates and events to look out for include:**

- Thursday, 8/23 - 6th Grade Parent Orientation, 6-8pm, Sligo Creek Elem
- Thursday, 8/30 -- 6th Grade Picnic, 5-7 PM, SSIMS Courtyard
- Wednesday, 9/12 – Back to School Night, 6:30PM
- Wednesday, 9/12 – First PTSA Meeting (6-6:30PM - immediately before BTSN)
- Tuesday, 10/9 - Second PTSA Meeting, 7pm, SSIMS Media Center
- Tuesday, 11/13 - Jag Jog (*tentative*)

Each of you has a unique set of skills and expertise to share and your talents can play an important part in making SSIMS the best school in the county!

It's going to be a great year at SSIMS. We have a tremendous school leadership team, committed and dynamic teachers, and amazing students and families. We look forward to seeing you in the school, in the community and as an active member of the PTSA.

Please email us directly at [SSIMSPresidents@gmail.com](mailto:SSIMSPresidents@gmail.com) if we can answer any questions about the PTSA or connect you with an exciting volunteer opportunity to support our school. We also welcome you to join the SSIMS community listserv (send an email to: [ssimsptsa-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:ssimsptsa-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)) to stay up to date on the happenings at SSIMS.

In Jaguar Spirit,

*Maryse Mills-Apenteng and Courtney Peterson*  
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