



PITTSBURGH SCITECH PTO

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The SciTech PTO (Parent-Teacher Organization) Board warmly welcomes all new and returning families to Pittsburgh SciTech!

The PTO is an all-volunteer group of parents, teachers (and sometimes students) who work together to support the school and promote family engagement. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend our monthly meetings. Being a part of the PTO does not mean you have to volunteer or donate money – BUT the more participation we have, the stronger our community will be. Many parents feel they cannot participate because they are still learning English, or because they work full time. Please don't let that discourage you. Whether you have 30 minutes or a few hours, your time, your ideas, your talents, your connections and your voice are truly needed and appreciated!

A big part of what the PTO does is fundraise to help pay for things that are traditionally underfunded. Last year, the PTO funded lots of requests from teachers and student groups including t-shirts for our Student Ambassadors and middle school soccer team; Mock Trial supplies; BSU events, Math Pi Day Fun; classroom supplies; transportation for students to attend the NACAC College Fair, Student Summit, and helping to pay for buses for several field trips. We also help fund and support SciTech's annual STEM Fest in the fall, Staff Appreciation Week in May, and the carnival in June.

The **SciTech PTO Fall Gear Sale** is open Aug 26 - Sept 23. Get your T-shirts, sweatshirts, and SciTech gear! Visit the online store to choose items and pay. Items will be delivered to your student at school around Oct 21. <https://scitechspiritwearfall2024.itemorder.com/>

Please join us at an informal get together on **Wednesday, September 11th** at Pins Mechanical at SouthSide Works (407 Cinema Drive, Pgh, PA 15203). We will be outside on the rooftop between 5:30 to 7:30pm. Drop in anytime! Kids are welcome. Pins Mechanical is very kid-friendly and all the video games and most games are free. Note that this is not an official PTO event, just a way to get to know other families.

Thanks, let's all have a wonderful year! SciTech PTO Board: Kim, Heather, Brent and Andy