



Hello Sierra Madre Middle School Families,

August, 2019

I hope you have all had a fun, eventful and yet restful summer! It is now time to turn our thoughts back to school. I am your PTSA President for the coming year and I am really excited about working together with you, the teachers, the students and the administration to continue our school's history of excellence.

To become a member of the PTSA for 2019-2020, please follow the link on the SMMS web site "**PTSA ONLINE MEMBERSHIP LINK**". Membership is \$10 and don't forget to get a membership for your student. They are the S in PTSA and are a vital component of our community. Encourage them to attend meetings, we want their input as well! We will also have a table at the **Welcome Event on August 9<sup>th</sup> from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.** where you will be able to sign up for membership and buy SMMS merchandise.

Many of us may be feeling the pressure from our children to be less present at school now that they are middle schoolers, and while in class opportunities may be less than they were in elementary school, there is still a plethora of ways to be involved with the school through the PTSA. As parent involvement decreases, the value of those who help increases – we can't do all the great things we do without your help! The PTSA puts on many events for the school community and opportunities abound for you to help, from just watching for SignUp Geniuses, donating supplies, and helping coordinate end of year picnics to chaperoning field trips and other school events. Of course, your monetary donations are highly appreciated and just as vital. PTSA funding is a major source of support for our school and many of the programs that we take for granted are paid for by PTSA. We fund athletic equipment, class and lab supplies, PAK, IPAK, history day, the science fair and Science Olympiad, library books, educational programs and assemblies etc. It is your donations either directly or through fundraising events that make our school a vibrant community for our children.

Please don't overlook signing up at the **SMMS Parent Directory and Volunteer Form** found on the SMMS website (<http://www.pusd.us/domain/27>). This will help you stay connected to school activities and volunteer opportunities which help to make our school great. This form must be submitted prior to the Welcome Back Event and is an important part of our school's communication network.

We will be holding Association meetings quarterly, with our first meeting on August 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. We hope you will join us.

Please contact me anytime if you have questions, if I don't know the answer, I will do my best to find out at [zinnia@pacbell.net](mailto:zinnia@pacbell.net).

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