



August 15, 2022

Dear Mineola High School Families,

We hope that the summer is bringing your family relaxation! As we approach September and the start of a new school year we wanted to bring to your attention the 4 organizations that parents/guardians can join to be involved. The High School offers the Mineola High School PTSA, the Mineola Athletic Booster Club, the Mineola Music and Art Parent Association and SEPTA.

Mineola High School PTSA

The Mineola High School PTSA is similar to the PTAs in the other buildings. Our mission is to promote the welfare of the students and to enhance their education. One difference is now students can join. PTSA stands for Parent Teacher STUDENT Association. With the support of our fundraisers we are able to provide: a barbeque for the 8th on the first day of school to welcome them to the High School, Grades 9-11 get “gifts” such as journals for the 10th graders to enforce the skills learned at Challenge Day, we subsidize the Senior Bost Trip as well as award 10 scholarships to graduating seniors. Our newly former Health and Wellness Committee is planning different events throughout the year. We are happy to announce that we will again be joining the National PTA Reflections Program to welcome students of all grades and abilities to explore and be involved in the arts. We are proud to have had a winner, Bridget Cunningham, in our inaugural year last year.

Our monthly meetings are listed in the calendar, usually on Wednesday nights. If information and knowledge is what you seek you will definitely leave each meeting knowing everything that is going on in this building. Please visit <https://mineolahs.memberhub.com/store> to join online. You can also leave a donation for the staff appreciation lunch and our Volunteer Thank You event! Our first meeting is scheduled for September 14th at 7pm in the HS Library where you can join in person. In person signup will also be available at EAST.

Mineola Athletic Booster Club

If your child is interested in participating in a sport you are encouraged to join the Booster Club. The purpose of the Mineola Athletic Booster Club is to support, encourage and acknowledge the endeavors of all students participating in athletic programs at the HS. Besides the proceeds from the snackstand at Hampton Stadium our main fundraiser is the Mustang Stakes, a fun night of raffles and races, held in late Winter or early Spring. Our funds provide: in school ceremonies which honor and recognize the Junior Varsity athletes, in school ceremonies which honor and recognize Tri Athletes (who are students on a varsity team for each of the 3 seasons in a year: fall winter and spring), a formal year end Varsity Dinner, Scholarships for seniors, Camp stipends for athletes in grade 8-11, as well as donations to the athletic department for designated sports or event equipment.

The monthly meetings are listed in the school calendar and are typically on Tuesday evenings. To keep informed about all the different sports teams in the school please consider joining the Booster Club. Please visit <http://mineolaboosterclub.weebly.com> for membership information.

Mineola Music & Art Parents Association

Mineola Music & Arts Parents Association, (MMAPA), provides support for students in music and art activities both during and after school. Parents and friends of music and art students are cordially invited to attend our meetings to give encouragement to these programs. The MMAPA meets monthly throughout the year on the dates listed in this calendar. Meetings are held in the Mineola High School library. The MMAPA's activities include fundraising, hospitality, publicity and communication with the community. One important function is to provide a "support audience" at art shows, concerts, parades, band competitions and other events throughout the community. The website <http://mineolamusicparent.weebly.com> can provide additional information about the operational phases of this fine community group. The president, Nicole Matzer, can be reached at 516-567-6379 or mineolamatzers@gmail.com.

SEPTA

The Mineola Special Education PTA also known as Septa advocates for the rights of all children and provides resources and partnerships between parents, teachers and students. Special Education includes all children with 504's, IEP's and those students in the AGP program for our gifted and advanced students. Septa sponsors inclusive events for all such as Kindness Day, the Winter Holiday party and the Carnival. Please support these events and a few new ones by joining Septa today.

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Parent involvement in education is crucial. No matter your income or background, students with involved parents are more likely to have higher grades and test scores, attend school regularly, have better social skills, show improved behavior, and adapt well to school. Please consider joining and participating in the PTSA, Booster Club, Mineola Music & Fine Arts Parent Association and SEPTA.

Thank you,

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