

# North Middle School/

**P**arent-**T**eacher-**S**tudent **O**rganization

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Dear Families and Friends of North Middle School:

On behalf of the North Middle School **P**arent **T**eacher **S**tudent **O**rganization (NMS PTSO), we want to welcome you to the new school year and extend a special greeting to those families who are new to North this year. We hope you had a relaxing summer and are ready for an exciting school year.

NMS PTSO plays an important role in supporting the school's students, staff and the greater school community. We provide programs that benefit students, advocate for excellence in our schools, educate parents and the community about the school and its needs, encourage parental involvement and provide an important link between family and school. We hope you'll join us by becoming a member and having your child do the same. NMS PTSO membership fees are \$10 per family. Student members will receive discounted or waived admission to PTSO sponsored events. Please visit our table at North's Schedule Distribution Day.

As you know, we must raise funds each year in order to provide our programs. Perhaps the simplest option of all is our "Un-fundraiser." This allows you to give a direct, fully tax-deductible donation to NMS PTSO just by writing a check. Our fundraising programs offer everyone the chance to support the school in a way that makes the best sense for your family. We also will have a catalog fundraiser in the fall and our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Color-A-Thon this spring as well as restaurant fundraising nights throughout the year.

We also offer an online web store via **RevTrak**. Visit our web store by going to **northmiddleschoolptso.revtrak.net** Click on the item you would like to pay for (membership and/or unfundraiser) and make a payment using a credit or debit card. You can then print a copy of your receipt to use for tax purposes.

Our PTSO uses its funds to give back by offering Gifts and Grants to teachers and staff. We also award scholarships to seniors who are alumni of North Middle School. In addition, we make a donation each year to Youth Art Month, contribute towards busing for field trips, and provide silent auction donations to the scholarship foundation.

Please consider attending our PTSO meetings. It's a great way to find out what is really going on in our school and the District. We meet on the fourth Tuesday in September, November, January, March, and May. Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. in the Library Media Center. We hope to see you there. Watch for PTSO news and updates in the monthly school newsletter and on the website.

Looking forward to a great school year!

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