



# Parent/Teacher Org. Newsletter



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Have you seen the Parent Survival Handbook? Want links to more resources? Visit the high school website, and click Families at the top, then see the PTO page link on the left bar. You'll see how to Join PTO and access Membership ToolKit. Have a question not answered yet? Email: edinahighschoolpto@gmail.com

### CALENDAR - SAVE THE DATE!

#### **Nov. 10 Self Defense Training**

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This program is full, but we have a Waitlist and will run program again in April 2020. St. Patricks Church, 1 -4 pm Girl /Mom program. Cost \$40.  
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#### **PTO BOARD Meetings: November 6, Dec. 4, Jan. 8, Feb. 5**

8 am Community Room

#### **Up Close with the Principal Recap**

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Principal Andy Beaton and our on site officer discussed the success and challenges of vaping prevention. Our school psychologist spoke about the Tiered interventions. A brief Q&A followed.

## Membership Update

The PTO has 811 families who joined, to date, out of 2,740. That's 29.5 percent represented at the high school, With the \$40 membership fee, our PTO budget is approximately \$32,500. Read on to see how we use the funds to benefit the students and the high school as a whole to benefit our student body. We sponsor the Self Defense Training, Hospitality for Academic Awards, Faculty meals, Scholarship Breakfast, Parent Forums, PCN Dues, Student Planners, Graduation event, and more!

## Mini Grants

The PTO Board invites all teachers to apply for mini grants. Recent awards are already benefiting the students.



In 2019, the Board awarded \$10,000 to Student Services, matching a grant from the Edina Education Fund of \$10,000. This has allowed a Fraser Health Services therapist to be onsite. This full time position will be self funded, but required start-up salary grants to establish on site staffing. There is now a wait list, as the Fraser therapist has 20 cases, to date. The same services that would need to be scheduled outside of school can be accessed in the building, and one hour a week is used to communicate with teachers and staff about the availability of mental health services on the premises. The PTO also funded the following grant requests:

## How to Access the School Directory

Go to [edinahspto.membershiptoolkit.com](http://edinahspto.membershiptoolkit.com)

You can log in and view the Directory. However, If you haven't yet verified or added your student, update or create a record, and please pay the \$40 dues. Membership Toolkit also has a user friendly app available on App Store and Google Play. Questions? Contact Greta Golfis [ggolfis01@gmail.com](mailto:ggolfis01@gmail.com)

## Volunteers - Openings on the PTO Board.

Here are current openings:

- Secretary,
  - Go Green,
  - PCN Liaison,
  - Board Members-at-Large.
- Want to know more? Email our Volunteer Chair: [priya@performixbiz.com](mailto:priya@performixbiz.com)

## Edina Education Fund Needs You

You can match teacher donations! To date, teachers are giving out of their paychecks on average \$60 per year. Visit [edinaedfund.org](http://edinaedfund.org)

\$3200 for two cameras, bringing the total to 40 on school grounds. \$1000 for Marching Band music folders, reusable, as a two-part request. \$518 for the Health Office temporal thermometer, and \$182 for Nursing reference books and updated educational posters on Nutrition, Vaping, and Drinking/Driving. \$300 for the office paper folding machine. \$234 for school supplies needed by the Options coordinator. \$280 for the Orchestra Music Library storage boxes. \$265 for the Social Studies Economics classroom Quiz Competition buzzer system. \$250 for the French specialized HDMI Cable AV cord and \$157 toward World Language Latin novellas

Your PTO reviews each request on how the grant may fit our mission of helping and enhancing the education of a large group of students. After diligent review, we may offer partial or gap funding or full funding, or discover alternative sources of funding.

**How the process works:** Teachers can apply using the form on the PTO website. After the Principal signs off on the form, it is emailed to PTO Board Mini Grant Chair: Betsy Pfeifer [brpfeifer@comcast.net](mailto:brpfeifer@comcast.net)

## School Board Elections

*November 5 Please Vote! Choose 3 of 7 candidates.*

See the choices on our School Board web site. Watch Candidate Forums! Search /click links: **Parent Leadership Council Candidate Forum** :[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XGRoueN\\_Oo4&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XGRoueN_Oo4&feature=youtu.be) and [lwvedina.org](http://lwvedina.org)

## Supply Donations

Bring items to the office Disinfecting wipes, tissues, white-board dry/erase markers, batteries, packing tape, Highlighters, Manila Folders, PostIt Notes, Loose leaf paper. Amazon orders: [Edina High School Donations School Supplies link.](#)

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