

# A Message from Your PTSA President

This year has been unusual to say the least, but we are determined to make lemonade out of lemons! At this point in the year, our PTSA has typically hosted or helped with several large events. COVID-19 has changed our plans greatly, but as a PTSA our mission has not changed at all – to provide education enriching activities and events for students while supporting our amazing faculty and staff.

I would like to take a minute to welcome our new 6<sup>th</sup> grade families. We are so glad you are here! In a normal year, entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade is a little nerve racking, but add the new virtual/hybrid model to the mix and it has been extra challenging. Your new Stallions have adjusted beautifully to bell schedules, zoom instruction, mask wearing, virtual learning and we know that has not been an easy task. Now that we are in the second nine weeks, everyone seems to be settling in and embracing (for the most part!) this new normal. Middle school goes by quickly...too quickly, it seems. Blink, and you'll be helping your new sixth grader select a high school!

Although these years are short, there are still many opportunities to be involved in your student's education and school. In middle school, we add the "S" for "student" to PTA making it the PTSA. This year, our PTSA looks a little different since we are not yet able to be on campus while students are there, but we are hopeful the second half of the year will allow us to have our usual presence on campus. Our job as a PTSA is to help provide for the education and well being of each student and teacher. Our fundraisers and volunteer opportunities support professional development for the faculty and program enhancement for the school.

Speaking of fundraising, our only scheduled fundraiser this year is our Lilah's King Cake fundraiser to be held in January. Please consider supporting the PTSA by participating in this fundraiser. Many of you have already joined the PTSA, but you may still purchase memberships on Local Level. In addition, CMM spirit items are also available on [Local Level](#).

If you are looking for a way to volunteer, the PTSA is hosting "Thanks & Joy" events each Friday to encourage and appreciate our faculty and staff. Read more about this opportunity in the Thanks & Joy article.

Stay "in the know" by subscribing to Mrs. DeBusk's Friday email blast and the PTSA's Monday Memo. You may subscribe to both [here](#).

We always welcome volunteers, and we are looking forward to the day we can utilize our volunteers more regularly again! For now, our PTSA meetings are being held via ZOOM calls. An active PTSA membership is all you need to attend, and we'd love to have you! Remaining meetings will be held February 1<sup>st</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup>, April 12<sup>th</sup> and May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

We know this year has had its challenges, but we look forward to serving with you at one of the TOP middle schools in the state of Louisiana! It is a privilege and honor to be a part of this school.

Sincerely,

Melanie Peacock, 2020-21 CMM PTSA President