Welcome Back! I want to welcome all new families to CMM. I remember back to my family's first year here—5 years ago-- and I can't believe my daughter is now in 7th grade and my son is a sophomore! Time really does fly by!

I am honored to work with an amazing group of parents this year on the PTSA Board. The PTSA is an integral part of CMM. I know some of you think your child is too old to want you around...and yes, they are getting older, but you can still be a powerful contributor to their education. There are so many opportunities to be involved with our children during the middle school years. The PTA is ALWAYS looking for people to volunteer...so if you have a passion or interest, let us know!! And if you don't see a committee that channels that energy and want to start up a new committee, please reach out!

The MOST important first step you can take to get involved is to become a PTSA member. The form is available by clicking <u>HERE</u>. After you become a member, you can serve as a Committee Chair, an Officer, have a voting voice on new business at the monthly PTSA meetings and receive weekly email communications about the latest news and happenings at CMM!

The old adage, "It takes a village," comes to mind when I think about all the wonderful things that happen at CMM. With your help, we can strengthen and build our village. We hope to see you at the first PTA meeting on **Monday, September 11**th at noon in the PAC foyer.

I look forward to another great year at CMM, and I am excited to work with all of our PTSA members, teachers and staff to make that happen! Don't hesitate to contact me with questions, concerns or suggestions.

Go Stallions!

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