

Thornton Central School PTO

2023 Welcome Packet



Welcome to TCS PTO - Included in this Packet:

- Welcome Letter
- Membership Form and Dues Information
- Meeting Dates/Volunteer Opportunities
- PTO Top Ten Reasons to Join

Ways to support Thornton Central School Community

1. Become a member- Right to vote on decisions, active role in event planning and activities
2. Attend our monthly meetings- Have your voice heard and ideas shared.
3. Join an event committee- Organize, plan, and implement amazing events with others.
4. Volunteer Time- Give back to your school and make the best experience for your children.
5. Donate or Sponsor- Provide financial support for amazing events for you children
6. Spread the Word!!- Tell everyone you know about the PTO and encourage joining!
7. No Pressure or Judgment- Support the PTO any way you can!

Officers for 2023-2024 School Year:

President:

Amanda Goodwin

thorntoncs.pto@gmail.com

Treasurer:

Briana Feather

brianacd@gmail.com

Vice President:

Anita Ross

vortex.ross97@gmail.com

Secretary:

Brittany Sylvester

brittanysylvester@gmail.com

Support your PTO! Together we can make a difference!

Edited 8.7.23 AG



**Thornton Central School
Parent Teacher Organization**

Dear Families,

On behalf of the TCS PTO, we would like to welcome everyone back to school. You ask what is PTO? PTO stands for Parent-Teacher Organization, consisting of parents and teachers working together to support and enrich all students. We support school staff, help promote student self-esteem, and assist in efforts to solve school needs through volunteering and funding.

What is the PTO and who can be a member?

The PTO is made up of several officers: President, Vice president, Secretary, Treasurer, and not to mention our wonderful school staff and volunteers. So, who can be a member? If you're a parent, grandparent or guardian, and/or a person who teaches or instructs at Thornton then we would like you to become a member.

PTO Monthly Meetings

The PTO Welcomes everyone to join our meetings, especially those who are curious, confused, have ideas for activities or those who simply just want to get involved. You do not need to be a voting member to join. Even if you attend one meeting a year, your voice and presence will be greatly appreciated. The first PTO Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 20th at 5:30p in the library. This meeting gives us a chance to meet with members and get ideas regarding the upcoming school year and answer any questions. Our meetings are generally held on the third Wednesday of the month from 5:30-6:30p (no more than 1hr) at the Thornton Public Library.

PTO Programs & Fundraising

Our primary objective as a PTO is to increase school spirit and build positive community connections. To meet this important objective we fundraise, organize, host and/or support events. Here are a few programs that we sponsor and/or support: Kindergarten orientation KinderKisses, First Day of School Popsicles, Halloween Dance, Santa Visit, Valentine Treats, Teacher Appreciation, College Scholarship, 8th Grade Graduation Pins, Field Day, and various other fundraisers throughout the year.

Become a Volunteer...Why YOU should get involved!

We are a small and busy group. This is where you can come in! We need your help, and so do your child(ren). A special thanks to all of our volunteers from last year for all their hard work and dedication. **We are a laid-back group with no expectations or parent guilt. We will love whatever you can offer, and no judgment on what each family can contribute.** We are in need of growth and are seeking volunteers to continue re-establishing the organization. We have planned some exciting events this year in hopes to get more parents involved in their children's education. The PTO is a team effort in which we cannot succeed on our own.

Sincerely,
TCS~PTO



Thornton Central School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

Thornton Central School PTO Membership

You are invited to join the Thornton Central School PTO (Parent/Teacher Organization)! If you are a new or renewing member, please complete the form below and include the membership dues as necessary. Please include your email so we can keep you up-to-date on our meetings should you be unable to attend and to keep you informed on any important information that may come up. You can send it to the front office with your child or bring it to the first meeting.

Your PTO needs your unique talents, whether it's volunteering a few hours a month or a few hours a year, serving on the board, or attending meetings. Contribute what you can, whether its financial support (Membership Dues), baking skills, or some physical help. Come join us!

Types of Memberships:

General Membership/Honorary Membership: All Parents, Grandparents, and/or legal guardians of students that attend TCS are automatically general members. No Dues Required. Provide your email to hear about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities. Right to attend meetings, participate in meetings and volunteer. However, will not have the right to vote or hold office.

Voting Membership: General Members who are current in payment of Annual Dues. Right to vote on all issues before the membership, to elect officers, and to hold office. Fill out the form below and provide Dues to support our students and school!

Thornton Central School PTO Membership

- One adult \$5
- Two adults \$10

Make checks payable to **Thornton Central School PTO**. Please sent this completed form with payment in to the Thornton Central School Front Office. Thanks!

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Child's name: _____ Grade: _____

Child's name: _____ Grade: _____

Child's name: _____ Grade: _____



**Thornton Central School
Parent Teacher Organization**

General Membership Meetings

Meeting dates are typically the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5:30-6:30pm in the library. You can also log on virtually by going to <https://doxy.me/thorntonpto>. This year's dates are as follows:

- September 20th
- October 18th
- November 15th
- December 20th
- January 17th
- February 21st
- March 20th
- April 17
- May 15th
- June 19th

We may add a meeting, or a service type event/project to this schedule. This will be announced in an email, the TCS PTO newsletter and/or on our website www.tcspto.org.

Volunteer Opportunities

Thornton PTO would love to have you be a Parent Volunteer this year!

We have many opportunities for you to choose from to enrich your child's education:

- Organize a class party as a Room Parent
- Make treats for a class party/event
- Donate 1-2 hours at the Halloween Party by donating time, supplies, or prizes
- Donate Materials or make materials for events
- Make event Posters
- Join an event committee
- Organize, Plan, Set up, Purchase materials for events
- Fundraiser organization and promoting
- Update website/Facebook content
- Seasonal Newsletter
- Take Pictures of Events
- Anything else that may need some support.
- Your time is appreciated no matter what you decide to do

If any of these opportunities interest you or you have a unique skill that would be helpful to the PTO please reach out to Amanda Goodwin, President at thorntoncs.pto@gmail.com. Emails will also be sent periodically requesting volunteers for specific events and needs.