

DECEMBER 2021

# HSD PTA COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

PTA's mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.



## NATIONAL PTA STEM GRANT (SPONSORED BY BAYER) APPLICATION OPEN NOW!

National PTA has an exciting grant opportunity open to PTA units in four regions: St. Louis, MO; Pittsburgh, PA; Berkeley, CA and Whippany, NJ . In partnership with Bayer, they will be awarding \$1,000 to 40 units to host a STEM event (virtual or in-person options available) to encourage family engagement and to inspire students to choose a STEM career path. Application is completely online at [this link](#) (deadline is **December 10th**). Your unit must be in Good Standing (see article on page 2 to see what the Good Standing criteria are). National PTA is also offering help for units applying - they will be hosting a Q and A on Tuesday, December 7th at 7PM EST. You must pre-register for this Zoom at [this link](#). Please reach out to us if you have any questions.

## Dates to Remember:

DECEMBER 10 (FRI)

Deadline to apply for PTA STEM grant  
[application link](#)

DECEMBER 14 (TUES)

Board of Education Meeting,  
6:30PM (zoom)

DECEMBER 16 (THURS)

PTA Council General Meeting  
6:30pm  
[Zoom Link](#)

DECEMBER 20 - JANUARY 2

Winter Break

## MEMBERSHIP CHECKLIST



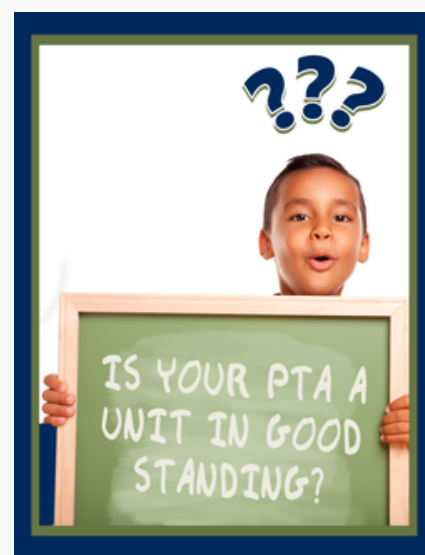
Did you know when someone joins your PTA they have also become part of Missouri and National PTA? Their voice has been added to the millions of other PTA members who actively advocate for ALL children.

Membership is an ongoing process and recruitment should continue year-round. Now is the time to regroup and think about kicking off a new membership drive for the new year. Also, think about making signing up easier by switching to an [online platform](#). [Here](#) is a great article from Missouri PTA about Membership basics. After collecting membership dues, don't forget to then forward payment on to MOPTA, due can be paid [online here](#) or you can print out the form and mail them in.

## IS YOUR PTA UNIT IN GOOD STANDING?

What does it mean to be a PTA Unit in Good Standing and why is it important? First of all, a PTA unit is essentially a non-profit business and must adhere to certain rules; being in good standing shows that your unit is being completely transparent and open to your members and following said rules. Also, being in good standing means that your unit can take advantage of all benefits available from state and national PTA (such as grant opportunities). Here is a listing of the Good Standing criteria:

- submits membership dues to Missouri PTA (see article at left for more info and links).
- turns in Year-end Financial Review and Report to MOPTA by 12/1 of each year. [Link to Financial Review Form](#); [link to PTA unit general finance article](#).
- Files IRS 990N e-postcard by due date and submits proof of filing to MOPTA by 12/1. [Link to file e-postcard](#).
- Submits officer names/contact info to MOPTA by March 31st. [Link to submit officer names](#).
- Has by-laws updated and approved every 3 years according to MOPTA procedures.



The good news is that Good Standing status can be achieved at anytime, even if due dates have been missed. The Hazelwood PTA Council is here to help ALL of our units achieve Good Standing. ***Our Area VP's are standing by to assist, please reach out to us at [hsdptacouncil@gmail.com](mailto:hsdptacouncil@gmail.com) if you need any help or have questions.***



## HELPFUL LINKS

[HSD PTA Council Website](#)

[Contact HSD PTA Council](#)

[Missouri PTA Website](#)

[HSD PTA Council Facebook](#)

[Hazelwood School District Website](#)

[Missouri PTA Facebook](#)

[Donate to HSD PTA Council](#)

[National PTA Website](#)

## 2021 TRIVIA NIGHT HIGHLIGHTS

A big thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy our 2021 Trivia Night on November 19th! We had a fun evening of testing our 90's pop culture knowledge, plus we raised money for our Scholarship Fund. Thank you also to everyone who donated items for our Silent Auction and for those who donated specifically to our Scholarship Fund.



Check out the winning team here on the left from the HSD School Board and Administration. Congratulations, Grunge Masters!

Special thank you to Sonja Stiles, our Trivia Night chair, Steven Cook, our emcee and to Trinity Church for allowing us to hold our event there!



## VIRTUAL WORKSHOP VIDEOS

The PTA Council held virtual workshop training on Saturday, November 13th. We featured sessions about by-laws, president, treasurer and secretary. If you were not able to attend you can click [this link](#) to find videos of the workshops.

**Your unit could be featured here next month! Send us your story and pics to [hsdptacouncil@gmail.com](mailto:hsdptacouncil@gmail.com)**