

Middle School PTA Meeting
September 16, 2026, 9:30 a.m.
Middle School Auditorium (& Zoom)
Agenda

Call to Order

Welcome – Lamina Bowen, MS PTA Director

- Welcome from PTA
- Introduction of PTA Executive Board and grade representatives
- Brief overview of PTA's role and priorities for the 2026–2027 school year
- Ways for parents to get involved

Middle School Updates – Mr. Escobar, Principal

- Welcome to the new school year
- Key Middle School priorities and initiatives
- Important upcoming dates and events
- General parent reminders

Get to know the Middle School' Presentations:

- Food Services Director for GC Schools - Diana Intintoli
 - Middle School lunch program
 - Menus and meal options
 - Lunch accounts and payment procedures
 - Allergies / dietary considerations
 - Frequently asked parent questions
- Guidance Counselors – Vincent Tumminello
 - Role of the Middle School Guidance Department
 - Supporting students through the transition to Middle School
 - Academic and social-emotional support
 - When and how parents should contact Guidance
 - Resources available to students and families
- Technology at the Middle School
 - SchoolTool, Parent Resource Page - Michael Davola
 - ParentSquare
 - Parent access to grades, schedules, assignments, and school information
 - Technology resources available to families
 - Troubleshooting and where parents should go for assistance

SEPTA News and Events- Deborah Donaghy

- Introduction to SEPTA

- Programs and resources available to Middle School families
- Opportunities for parent involvement
- Upcoming SEPTA meetings and events
- ! Questions or Comments? middleschool@gcsepta.org

Middle School News and Events - Lamina Bowen

- Friday, September 18 - Districtwide Spirit Day
- Saturday, September 19 - Homecoming (Parade 1:00 p.m.; Game 3:00 p.m.)
- Monday, September 21 - Schools Closed (Yom Kippur)
- Monday, October 12 - Columbus Day
- Friday, October 23rd - 6th Grade Dance

Committee Updates:

- Sportswear
 - Online store open until October 2nd.
 - <https://gcptaf26.itemorder.com/shop/home/>
- Reflections
 - The National PTA Reflections program encourages students to express themselves creatively through the arts. This year's theme is "What My Culture Means to Me," and entries are due Wed., November 4. Visit <https://gardencitypta.org/reflections> for more information. Additional information will follow.
- Legislation Committee Volunteers
 - No legal experience is required
 - Focus on the fall semester will be to identify and actively advocate for one or more issues that are important to GC parents and students
- Nominating Committee - Stephanie Buttrill
 - To volunteer, contact executivevp@gardencitypta.org

Questions/Comments

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