



Dear Pershing Middle School Families:

Welcome to the 2019 – 2020 school year! The Pershing Middle School PTSA would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new and returning families. We are fortunate to have a wonderful group of teachers and staff at Pershing Middle School that are dedicated to guiding our children through their middle school experience.

WE ARE PERSHING PROUD

At Pershing Middle School, we are proud to send our students to a school that encourages growth in academics, activities and athletics which allows each student to find their passion and pursue their interests in a welcoming environment. To name just a few opportunities available to your students: **Academics** Math Club, Robotics, Scholar Bowl, Science Olympiad, Speech & Debate and National Junior Honor Society; **Activities** Band, Orchestra, Choir, Pep Club, Spanish Club, Student Council, Chess Club and Book Club; **Athletics** Football, Volleyball, Wrestling, Cross Country, Archery, Boys and Girls Basketball and Track.

PERSHING MIDDLE SCHOOL ORIENTATION AND OPEN HOUSE

To prepare for the upcoming year, please mark your calendars for the following:

6th Grade ORIENTATION on Wednesday, AUGUST 7th

Voyagers Team 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

**formal program, please arrive on time and plan to stay

Travelers Team 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

PTSA will be hosting informational tables from 6:00 to 7:30

7th and 8th Grade OPEN HOUSE on Monday, AUGUST 12th

All Students 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

**come and go event

JOIN PERSHING MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSA



We would like to encourage everyone to join the Pershing Middle School PTSA. This is the best way to hear about important decisions and changes in the school, to connect with other parents and to participate in supporting our students. **PTSA can only happen as a result of your support!** There are endless possibilities as to how you can support the PTSA, no matter your schedule. Memberships are available to parents, grandparents AND students. To join please scan this QR Code or visit:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfMzbOfu-UdgK9F8laJAzyc-HPEmNFfGZDgHonV5fHrDbbMvQ/viewform>.

PERSHING MIDDLE SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR

Pershing Spirit Wear is an easy way for your student to show that they are Pershing Proud. PTSA, Pep Club and the Spirit Brigade encourage spirit wear to be worn at school for all home athletic events. **Pershing Spirit Wear is only available at our online store** which is located at: bit.ly/PershingGenerals. This year we have expanded our selection and sample sizes will be available at the Orientation and Open House for viewing. Please see the enclosed flyer for style and ordering information. **The on-line store will be open July 19th through midnight of August 18th.** Order now as this will be your **only** opportunity to purchase Pershing Spirit Wear during the school year.

SUPPORTING PTSA, STUDENTS AND PERSHING MIDDLE SCHOOL

Exciting **new things are happening at Pershing Middle School this year.** The school is expanding the school day to establish **student led clubs that focus on leadership development, character education, mentoring and enrichment in the cultural arts and sciences.** These programs are student driven and will rotate in 4-week increments throughout the school year. **PTSA is playing a vital role in this initiative** by providing funding throughout the school year for these clubs. In addition to funding, PTSA meetings will be used to support the students in securing guest speakers and experts in the field. PTSA will also **boost teacher impact in the classroom by providing mini-grants** every quarter during the school year.

We know everyone is busy so funds will be raised this year through a **Write-A-Check Donation Campaign.** Our **goal is \$6,000.** With a record Pershing Middle School enrollment at over 800 students, this is only \$7.50 per student. Donations in any amount are welcome and tax deductible. **Every Student Counts. Every Gift Counts.** Please see the enclosed flyer for your guide to giving or visit: gf.me/u/tzyntt.

STAY CONNECTED TO PERSHING MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSA

Here's how you can keep up with what's happening at school:

JOIN PTSA and receive our newsletter!

Facebook: @PershingmiddlePTSA

Twitter: @PershingPTSA

Remind Text Alerts: Text @pershptsa to 81010

Web: <https://www.sps.org/Pershing/PTA>

Email: pershingmiddlepts@gmail.com

Our **first PTSA meeting will be Thursday, August 22nd at 8:00 am in the Pershing Library.** For the returning families, you will notice that this is a new time and day. Our hope is to catch more parents interested in participating. If you have an elementary student with an 8:50 am start, we encourage you to bring your younger ones even if it is only for a half hour!

Regards,

Michele Risdal-Barnes

Pershing Middle School PTSA President 2019 – 2020