

Panther Creek High School



Parents, Teachers, and Students,

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year. The Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) is excited to welcome you back to campus for a fabulous year to come! Your active engagement in the life of our school is critical to the success of our students. The PCHS PTSA invites you to unite with us throughout the year ahead in our quest to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children and students.

Our PTSA works to create strong relationships between the parents, teachers, and students at our school. **We invite you to be a part of this exciting work.** While much of that is done without expending funds, we are always asked what our PTSA dollars go to support. Our PTSA has historically spent the majority of its funds on two main areas: (1) **student support** through such things as supporting Freshman Orientation and Senior Class Activities, as well as student recognition and citizenship/positive behavior programs, and (2) **staff appreciation**, including teacher of the year recognition. We also have historically provided funding for a number of other smaller projects throughout the year. Our PTSA members are encouraged to attend our general membership meetings where funding matters and budgets are discussed and approved by our membership.

PCHS PTSA Member Benefits include advocacy, networking and engagement, information and knowledge collection and distribution, and volunteer opportunities. *While there are no volunteer requirements, we make opportunities available to you.*

We hope you'll consider joining our PTSA this year. You may do so online using PayPal or credit card by visiting ncpta.org/join and selecting "Wake County" & "Panther Creek High" in the "select your school" box. Our base membership dues are \$10 per person, and we gladly accept donations along with membership dues. For tax purposes, Panther Creek High School PTSA is a registered 501-c3 nonprofit organization under Federal EIN: 06-1782944.

We also **invite you to join our Facebook Groups**, which serve as a means to get information to our community via social media. The groups available are as follows:

- PCHS – UPDATES (recommended for ALL PCHS parents, regardless of student class year)
- PCHS Class of ___ Parents (fill your child's graduation year into the blank – please join for each class year you'd like)

In the past year, we sent PTSA news through Dr Hedrick's Catamount Messenger channels. If you have not already done so, we encourage you to enroll for 2016-2017 by clicking through the link on the PCHS homepage. **Even if you've enrolled in the past, you must RE-ENROLL EVERY YEAR.**

Questions? Contact 2016-17 PTSA President Sarah Martin at sbmmom@gmail.com, Vice President Beth Graff at beth.graff@gmail.com, Secretary Tricia Cernock at triciab4@hotmail.com, or Treasurer Jennifer Simis at jensimis@aol.com. We're counting on your support to make the year ahead a great one. Thanks!