

# San Mateo High School Bearcat PTO



Dear Parents/ Guardians,

San Mateo High School's Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) extends a warm Bearcat welcome to you for the 2022-2023 school year. San Mateo High School is known for a broad range of academic programs, enriching co-curricular activities and for its unrivaled Bearcat spirit! These impressive qualities are a direct result of the dedicated teamwork between our students, parent community, teachers, administrators, and staff.

The **SMHS PTO** helps to foster an environment of cooperation and solidarity by providing parents opportunities to **connect with** the **SMHS** community, to **be informed** on matters impacting SMHS and their students, and to **become involved** with SMHS activities.

Become part of the Bearcat PTO community by completing the attached membership form with your payment. (Donations are Tax-Deductible; Tax ID# 94-3373211)

We encourage you to use our online payment option <https://squareup.com/store/SMHSPTO>

Alternatively, forms and payment may be submitted:

- To the school office
- By mail to "SMHS PTO", 506 N. Delaware St., San Mateo, CA 94401
- The membership form (as well as a volunteer form) can also be found online. Visit our website: [sanmateohigh.org](http://sanmateohigh.org) and click on "FAMILIES" and then "PARENT GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS"

## **WHY JOIN THE SMHS BEARCAT PTO?**

The Parent Teacher Organization is a vital link between you and the school. Through your membership, you, and ultimately your student, support:

- Daily emails of the Daily Bulletin
- Periodic email blasts regarding special school events, meetings, and other school functions
- Zoom meetings, Town Halls and Bearcat gatherings
- Informational meetings where parents can share their questions and concerns about the high school experience
- Parent education classes, covering a wide variety of relevant topics

The PTO also works hard to recognize our students and teachers for their accomplishments. We provide recognition through Bearcat Awards, Scholarships, Jefferson Awards, Staff Appreciation Week, and other events. We also coordinate volunteers to assist in our Career Center, Textbook Room, classrooms, the Library, office and at many school events.

As we start the school year in an uncertain environment, the PTO plans to support Bearcat families by utilizing Zoom and other opportunities to promote school spirit and community building.

Please join us by donating generously through your PTO Membership, volunteering whenever you can and subscribing to our communications.

Have a wonderful year and GO BEARCATS!!!

Thank you for your support and assistance,

Flora Chen

San Mateo High School PTO President 2022-2023