

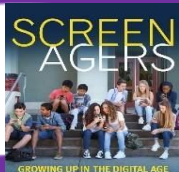


SEPT 4<sup>TH</sup>  
6PM

PTA General Mtg and  
BACK to SCHOOL  
Night

Back To School | PTA | 2018-19

# Small



OCT 11<sup>TH</sup>  
6:30PM  
SCREENAGERS

Documentary and  
Discussion



VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE [www.smallmiddleschool.org](http://www.smallmiddleschool.org)

All the dates found in this newsletter can be found on the website under Events

## President's Message

Welcome to Small Middle School. My name is Michelle Mattalino. As PTA President, I am thrilled to start off this school year with you! We will focus on providing support to critical educational areas of our school. Our PTA meetings focus on gaining new tools on parenting and pre-teen social emotional learning in the world of technology and social media and fundraising to mitigate cuts to our campus.

Maria Archuleta-Skelley is the PTA Vice-President and a wonderful support to our PTA members. If you are interested in joining PTA Crew, reach out Maria:

[Archuleta.skelley@gmail.com](mailto:Archuleta.skelley@gmail.com)



We have many opportunities for you to get to know Prinipal Nelson, the School Councelors and the school.

Join us!

- Coffee and Kleenex: August 20<sup>th</sup> 8:30 – 9:30 Small Café
- Counselors Coffee: September 27<sup>th</sup> Your Middle Schooler and Social Media 9:00 – 11:00 AM Café

## Middle School.... YOU CAN DO IT!

From their changing brains and emerging puberty to social drama and academic challenges, you're probably wondering how your kids (and you!) are going to survive the next three years. With the help from some of our Parent Toolkit experts and their guest writers, they compiled the ultimate guide to navigating the tumultuous time that is middle school. Read More...[Read Parent Toolkit Here!](#)

Shop Amazon Smile and a portion of your purchase will go to Small PTA! Look for PTA Texas Congress 645 Clint Small Jr Middle School to set it up.

# focus

## FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENTS

We plan on three school wide Family Events: One in the Fall, Spring and End of Year Splashfest.

Plan on attending monthly Spirit Nights at local cateries and businesses. These events will be fundraising opportunities for different programs at school and be a way for us to gather as a community.

Sept 27 Austin Pizza Garden Benefitting the Dance Team

Dec 2 Paint Paws for a Cause



## Support Businesses that Support Small

**Our Sponsors from 2017-2018: Royal Blue Grocery, Double Daves Pizza , Camp Balcones Springs, RSVP Events, Mary Kay Becher Orthodontist, Best Home In Austin, Eberly, Southern Cross Electric, and Sage Blossom Massage. See our web page for other businesses that support your children!**

If you own or work at a business that would like to get involved with, or support, Clint Small Middle School, please contact Rebecca Walston at [walston76@yahoo.com](mailto:walston76@yahoo.com).



## Why Join Us?

The PTA is a recognized group of parents and teachers that work together for the benefit of their school. Taking an active role in your children's school is critical to their success. We've compiled a list of 10 reasons why joining the PTA will greatly improve your child's education experience.

### It's good for your child.

Research shows that children whose parents are involved in their school make better grades and have fewer disciplinary problems at school. When parents get plugged in at school, their children do better.

### It's important to the school.

Schools are becoming more and more dependent on parent groups. The parent groups are responsible for almost all of the school's fundraising revenue. They provide support to teachers and administrators, and they create a caring and supportive atmosphere in the school.

### You'll get connected.

There's no better way to know what's going on in the school than to be on the school's parent teacher group. You'll be first to hear about important decisions and changes the school is thinking about making, and you will get to know teachers and administrators on a familiar basis.

### You'll be part of a network.

Every function is an opportunity to meet other parents in the same situation as you. You will be connected with a group of parents who share a

### You'll make a difference.

By volunteering with the PTA, you'll be able to use your skills for a noble cause. Parent groups work to establish a supportive and encouraging community for the entire school. The goal is to create the most educational environment possible for our children.

### It's fun!

You'll connect with a group of people who are all concerned with creating a better environment for their children. You will help plan fun events, socials and get together that the whole family can attend.

### You'll be a role model.

You'll show your children that not only are they important to you, but their education is as well. They'll see you taking a stand to make education better for them and their peers, and chances are they'll do the same.

### You'll help raise necessary funds.

The PTA fundraises to provide more educational services for children. Fundraisers remain important to improving the quality of the school overall, and parent groups make them possible.  
**How to Join PTA:**  
<https://sites.google.com/site/smallpta/home/PTA-membership> or swing by the office for an envelope

### It's flexible.

The PTA has progressed to meet the changing needs of parents. There are a variety of small ways parents can help and be involved in the PTA. Project responsibilities are flexible and can be adjusted to fit with your time constraints.

### It's for every parent.

Your voice and opinion matters! It makes a difference when you speak up. Your voice and ideas can help improve the quality of education for your children and their peers. You'll see the smiles on their faces and know that you've played a part in making school a little more comfortable and fun.

10 Reasons to Join the PTA  
 © 2010 Believe Kids

## Just One Thing!

*You don't have to do everything. We ask you to start with just ONE thing. If everyone did one thing, we could make such a difference!*

*Maria Archuleta  
 PTA VP Membership*

*Contact me to find out how you can help!*  
[Archuleta.skellely@gmail.com](mailto:Archuleta.skellely@gmail.com)

## How to STAY CONNECTED



### Q: How do parents get regular news/updates about school activities and events?

A: As soon as you enroll your student, we recommend signing up to receive the Cougar News, our weekly e-newsletter. Visit the [www.smallmiddleschool.org](http://www.smallmiddleschool.org) home page and scroll down to the left to sign up.

Also check out the following additional communication channels:

- Official CSMS Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Clint-Small-Middle-School-158631217489809/>)
- Parent-led Parents of Small Middle School Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/SmallMiddleSchoolParents/>)
- The Cougar Online student newspaper
- Join our CSMS Google Calendar <http://csmscougars.dreamhosters.com/news-events/event-calendar/>