



PLAINVIEW-OLD BETHPAGE JFK HIGH SCHOOL PTA
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Dear Parents or Guardians:

Thank you for taking the time to read this important letter. You are well on your way to a successful and rewarding school year for you and your teen(s). As you begin to plan for the upcoming school year we hope you consider joining the Plainview Old Bethpage John F. Kennedy High School PTA. A question you may ask yourself is "what are the benefits of joining PTA"?

The top five reasons to join PTA:

5. It is good for your high school student

- research shows that children whose parents are involved in their school earn better grades and have fewer disciplinary problems.

4. Knowledge is power

- you will be the first to hear about important decisions and proposed changes for the school.

3. Become part of a network

- you will be connected to other parents who share the same goals.

2. Lead by example

- you will be a role model. Your children will see you working towards a goal of educational improvement and chances are they will work towards the same goal.

The number **one (1)** reason to join PTA is

YOUR OPINION MATTERS

- you will make a difference in the quality of education for your teens and their peers.

Now that you can answer the question "what's in it for me" complete the form on the reverse side so you and your family can join PTA and continue to receive our daily emails.

Membership for one family member is \$12. Additional adult membership is \$8 and student membership is \$5. Additionally please consider contributing to the PTA College Awards Campaign, which will be used to award scholarships to select class of 2017 graduates. Membership cards will now be available online and delivered to your email address.

Debbie Edelstein
PTA V.P. Membership

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Dear Parents or Guardians:

On behalf of our Executive Committee, I would like to wish everyone a great start to the 2016-2017 school year. Our Membership Vice Presidents have clearly outlined why you should become a member of our Plainview-Old Bethpage John F. Kennedy High School PTA. I would also like to encourage you to attend our PTA meetings, and get involved in various school and PTA-run activities. These four years fly so quickly, and they are critical years for preparing both you and your children for the time after graduation. As a parent attending PTA meetings you will hear information about proposed and new school policies, courses, issues and events. We have representatives sitting on various district-wide committees so that our members can get the latest information and so that we can raise questions as necessary in furtherance of our advocacy for all of our children. I urge you to attend our first meeting of the year on September 26th at 7:30 p.m. Our PTA does not run numerous fundraisers—we leave that to the many student run clubs and organizations. Our membership dues let us provide hospitality at parent events and parent/teacher conference nights, support our annual College Fair in conjunction with our Guidance Department, College 101 sessions for graduating seniors, staff welcome breakfast, Freshman welcome party and Senior Sign & Dine. This year we are looking forward to a fun night out on December 8th, so mark your calendar.

Separately, we conduct our PTA College Awards campaign, which provides several graduating seniors with scholarship money. We are very grateful to our many families and local business who contribute to this fund. Please show your support by becoming a PTA member, and also contributing to our scholarship drive. Whether you are a PTA "regular" or haven't been to a PTA meeting for years, I also hope you will give PTA meetings a chance. I will try to make them as informative as possible, and to that end I ask you to email any questions you have, or even topics you would like to see addressed at future meetings, to pobjfkhspta@gmail.com.

Remember, after October 1st only paid members will continue to receive our PTA emails containing daily announcements and other important information.

I look forward to working with you this year, and hope you will join us!

Best regards,

Debbie Baer
PTA President

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