

CFMS PTA Newsletter



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If you would like to contact the PTA Board,
please email contactus@cfmspta.org

MEETING DATES

The Back-to-School Nights held in August serve as the meeting obligation for August and September.

Attending this meets your obligation for both months:

6th Grade:

August 7

4:00 pm

7th/8th Grade:

September 11

6:00 pm

Regularly scheduled PTA and SAC meetings are held at
6:00 pm in the gymnasium.

You must attend one PTA or SAC meeting per month.

● **PTA @ 6pm** ●
October 14
November 18*
January 20
February 17
March 24
April 14*
May 12* ●

● **SAC @ 6pm** ●
September 9
October 9
November 13*
January 8
February 12
March 12
April 9*
May 14* ●

*If a band, orchestra or chorus concert is offered in November, April or May for CFMS students only, the parent may attend a concert that month in lieu of attending a PTA or SAC meeting for that month.

August/September At-A-Glance:

August 7 – 6th gd. Back-to-School Night (Slipp's Ice Cream on campus for purchase)
August 11 – First Day of School
August 29 – PTA Paperwork due back to school
August 31 – Spiritwear Sale ends
September 1 – 12 – PTA Fall Fundraiser
September 1 – Labor Day – No School
September 9 – First SAC meeting @ 6pm
September 11 – 7th/8th gd. Back-to-School Night (Frios gourmet pops will be on campus for purchase)



Read on for more info



CFMS ♥s Volunteers!

Looking to volunteer at CFMS?

Did you know that some volunteer opportunities can be applied as your PTA meeting obligation? There are a number of opportunities to get involved, even if you only have a little time to spare! Look for the volunteer form in your student's First Day of School Packet. Please fill out this volunteer form **every year** to receive all the volunteer opportunities for CFMS for that year.

Returning Volunteers - If you volunteered last year at a different Pinellas County school, you will need to make sure you have logged onto the Portal with your v.username and password after August 2025 and answer the questions prompt once you login.

After doing this, then you will be an "Active" PCS Volunteer.

Remember... some volunteer activities and **most** field trip Chaperones are **REQUIRED** to have a **level 2 volunteer status**. If you would like to become a level 2 volunteer, make sure you first have applied in the PCS Volunteer System. You can do that by going to:

<https://asd.pcsb.org/schoolwiresforms/volunteer/>. Then you will need to get your fingerprints screened at a PCS approved vendor. See the volunteer form for more information on getting registered as a volunteer with Pinellas County Schools.

8TH GRADE DANCE
SAVE THE DATE!
MAY 15, 2025

RUTH ECKERD HALL

Would you like to help make this a memorable night for our 8th graders? We are looking for **volunteers** for: decorations, invitations, check in, set up, and clean up. If you would like to be involved, please contact **Jessica Lovett** at atcontactus@cfmspta.org.



apex COLOR GAMES
Epic Middle School Fundraising

**Our Fall
Fundraiser
kicks off
September
1st - 12th**

Be on the look out for more info to come

STOCK UP ON SPIRIT WEAR!

Spirit Wear t-shirts and hoodies are on sale **now until August 31st!**
Click ORDER NOW or go to www.cfmspta.org/registration to make your purchase! Every purchase supports our school, and when you wear your spirit shirt or hoodie on Spirit days, you may also wear shorts! **Spirit days can be found in the student planner.**

AVAILABLE NOW



**On sale now
through
August 31st!**



ALL PRO DAD®

**Join the
All Pro Dad
program
at CFMS!**

Keep an eye out for more information coming soon on how you can be a hero to your kids by attending our next All Pro Dad event!

For all things PTA, visit www.cfmspta.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Welcome Back CFMS Families!

Dear Parents,

Welcome to all of our families – new and returning! We are proud and excited to have all of you as part of our Trailblazer family. Our school is truly a partnership between students, parents, teachers, and support staff. CFMS PTA is a proud part of this partnership and the success of the school.

CFMS PTA is committed to Families working together, Uniting school and community and Nurturing student success. The first step to F.U.N is with a PTA membership.

Please visit our website **www.cfmspta.org/register** to complete your registration for 2025-2026:

1. Join and Donate
2. Order Spiritwear
3. Keep in Touch

Please email us at: **contactuse@cfmspta.org** if you have any questions. On behalf of your PTA Board, we are looking forward to another wonderful year!

Rachel Pearson

PTA President

MENSAJE DEL PRESIDENTE:

Queridas padres,

¡Bienvenidas Familias CFMS!

Bienvenidos a todas nuestras familias, ¡nuevas y que regresan! Estamos orgullosos y emocionados de tener a todos ustedes como parte de nuestra familia Trailblazer. Nuestra escuela es realmente una sociedad entre los estudiantes, los padres, los maestros y el personal de apoyo. CFMS PTA es una parte orgullosa de esta asociación y del éxito de la escuela.

CFMS PTA está comprometida con que las familias trabajen juntas, unan la escuela y la comunidad y fomenten el éxito de los estudiantes. El primer paso para F.U.N es ser miembro de la PTA.

Visite nuestro sitio web **www.cfmspta.org/register** para completar su registro para 2022-2023.

1. Únete y dona
2. Pedir ropa de espíritu
3. Mantenerse en contacto

Por favor, envíenos un correo electrónico a **contactuse@cfmspta.org** si usted tiene alguna pregunta. ¡En nombre de su Junta directiva de la PTA, esperamos otro año maravilloso!

Rachel Pearson

Presidenta del PTA

WHO SHOULD JOIN PTA? YOU!

Joining the PTA is important! Why? Because joining our schools PTA is a powerful way to stay connected and make a real impact in your child's education. The PTA gives parents a voice in shaping school programs, supporting teachers, and enriching student experiences through events, resources, and volunteer efforts. It's also a great way to build relationships with other families and school staff, stay informed about what's happening on campus, and advocate for improvements that benefit all students. Your involvement, big or small, helps create a stronger, more supportive school community.

Joining is quick and easy... scan the QR code below or visit

www.cfmspta.org/registration to complete your registration today.

HOW ARE PTA FUNDS USED AT CFMS?

PTA Website

Great American Teach-In support

Donuts with Dad

Reflections Art Program

Media Center: Equipment, Supplies, Furniture

School Improvement: Student Benches

School Copy Costs

School Clinic Supplies

Social Events: Celebration Station

Teacher Hospitality

Teacher Professional Development

8th Grade breakfast

8th Grade dance

PTA Dances

Family Tech Night

Student Planners

Student Awards & Recognition

...And more!



¿QUIÉN DEBE UNIRSE A LA PTA? ¡TÚ!

Unirse a la PTA es importante. ¿Por qué?

Porque unirse a la PTA de nuestra escuela es una manera poderosa de mantenerse conectado y tener un impacto real en la educación de su hijo. La PTA les da a los padres una voz para ayudar a dar forma a los programas escolares, apoyar a los maestros y enriquecer la experiencia de los estudiantes a través de eventos, recursos y trabajo voluntario. También es una excelente forma de establecer relaciones con otras familias y el personal escolar, mantenerse informado sobre lo que ocurre en el campus y abogar por mejoras que beneficien a todos los estudiantes. Su participación, ya sea grande o pequeña, ayuda a crear una comunidad escolar más fuerte y solidaria. Unirse es rápido y fácil... escanee el código QR a continuación o visite www.cfmspta.org/registration para completar su registro hoy.

¿CÓMO SE UTILIZAN LOS FONDOS DE LA PTA EN CFMS?

Sitio web de la PTA

Gran soporte de aprendizaje americano

Donas con papa

Programa de Arte Reflexiones

Centro de Medios: Equipos, Suministros, Mobiliario

Mejoramiento Escolar: Bancas para Estudiantes

Costos de copias escolares

Suministros para clínicas escolares

Eventos sociales: Celebration Station

Hospitalidad del maestro

Desarrollo profesional docente

Desayuno de 8vo grado

Baile de 8vo grado

Bailes de la PTA

Noche familiar de tecnología

Planificadores estudiantiles

Premios y reconocimientos para estudiantes

... ¡y más!



TRAFFIC TIPS: STUDENT ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL PLEASE READ CAREFULLY:

Parents/guardians are expected to provide transportation for students enrolled in fundamental middle schools. **Students should not arrive more than thirty (30) minutes before the start of the school day—no earlier than 7:45 AM). No supervision is provided before that time. The back gates will not open until 7:45 AM. All bicycle riders will enter at the back gate off Palmetto and walk their bike to the bike rack at 7:45 AM.**

Students who must leave campus before the end of the school day must be picked up no later than 2:35 PM.

Please plan for that accordingly with in your travel. The PSTA busses take up the front driveway of the school and private vehicles will not have access to the front driveway after 2:35 PM. Access to the front entrance to the campus will not be available until after the busses have pulled away from the building.

At the end of the student day, students must be picked up by parent/guardian or a designee no later 3:15 PM. **No supervision is provided after 3:15 PM. Repeat offenders could receive school consequences and/or be referred to the Intervention and Appeals Committee**

BICYCLES/SKATEBOARDS

State law requires that bicycle helmets be worn by children under 16 years of age. Students must place their bicycles in the bicycle compound adjacent to the basketball courts in the back of the school. All bicycles must be locked. CFMS accepts no responsibility for any bicycle damaged or stolen from school board property. The riding of bicycles on school grounds is prohibited. The possession of and/or use of a skateboard on campus is prohibited. Students bringing a skateboard to school will be asked to leave it in the front office where it can be picked up by a parent/guardian.



Wondering what options are available for picking up your student? See below for the available options so that you can make your afternoon pick-up as efficient as possible:

Cell Phone Lot: Parents can park in the cell phone lot, or they can park at the neighboring Sid Lickton Field (just to the south of CFMS).

When your student calls you, you can then join the pick-up line. Please do not join the pick-up line until you hear from your student – the line is continuously moving, and you will be asked to leave the line if your student is not there.

Car Line Lot: Parents park in rows and students are released to the rows at the end of school. After about 10 minutes, the cars are released, one line at a time, to leave the lot. After all of the rows are released, any remaining students load their remaining cars.

Front of School: This is the area for the PSTA buses to pick up students. Parents will not be allowed to enter this area for pick-up until after the PSTA buses have departed. Because of this, it is not a recommended pick-up area.

*****please NO parking on the street for pick up. There are signs indicating this information and Clearwater Police can/ will issue tickets to drivers not adhering to the no parking signs****