



Welcome to another great year at City!

Please join us on Sept. 12th at 5:30pm for the first PTSA meeting of the 2018-2019 school year (with snacks!) and City's annual open house will immediately follow. This first PTSA meeting and open house is a great opportunity to meet teachers, staff, students and other city families as well as tour the school. Watch for more details on cityptsa.com and our City PTSA Facebook page. PTSA stands for Parent Teacher Student Association - all of us working together.

Will you consider joining other volunteers to make City great this year? If you're contemplating a "yes" to that question, and if you're anything like me before I joined the PTSA Executive Board, you probably have a few important questions. We've tried to answer some of them below:

1. Who are these PTSA people and why are they always asking for money and HELP? We are just like you – interested parents who got involved to make the many great opportunities at City happen, which often requires raising money. (See the back of this letter for a list of fundraisers & events). You can make a difference in so many ways! Donations are always appreciated and volunteering is needed both during and after traditional school hours. As a bonus, we have a great time together! Please join us so we can continue to support our students, teachers and staff.

2. Do these PTSA people ever leave school? (Don't they have jobs?!) Our PTSA Executive Board, members, and volunteers are a diverse group of parents (moms, dads, full-time workers, full-time parents, part-time workers...you name it, one of us does it) who are committed to helping City be the best it can be. We always welcome and encourage you to join us in that endeavor in whatever capacity works for you and for your family. Even if you can only give a couple of hours at one fundraiser or event this year – your help matters!

3. Are they going to want me to commit to doing something ALL THE TIME? You don't have to overcommit; we don't want you to overcommit! We want you to feel like you are helpful and needed when it is convenient for you. We are immensely grateful for ANY time you are able to give. If each family at City could give a couple of hours of their time on a committee, at an event, or behind the scenes at school helping out, we would greatly increase our presence and ability to make a difference for our kids. A volunteer form is included with this letter. Many hands make light work...City can't be great without the time and attention our awesome parents give to our fundraisers & community building events every year.

4. Do I have to be a member of the PTSA to volunteer? Nope! ANYONE can help (and you can opt to only receive our communication emails/volunteer opportunities if you wish) ...but PLEASE join our PTSA. Your membership fee of \$6.00 helps us pay our yearly dues and keeps us in good standing with the Michigan PTA (the organization that grants us non-profit (501c3) status). Your completed membership form also makes it easier for us to get in touch with you to let you know about events and fundraisers.

PTSA Sign-Up

COMMUNICATIONS: Fill this out to receive PTSA email communications about events and volunteer opportunities.

Name	Email	Phone

MEMBERSHIP: Parents, Guardians, and Students can become voting members for \$6 each. Please pay at your school Registration session or send to school in an envelope marked "City PTSA." Checks made out to City PTSA, cash accepted, or you can pay online at www.cityptsa.com/ptsa/join/

Name	Email	Phone	Parent /Guardian (✓)	Student (✓) & Grade
How many members:				
x \$6 each =			\$	

I am willing to volunteer: Yes No I prefer to volunteer for **morning/afternoon/evening** (please circle any or all)
 You may send me text messages: Yes No If yes, preferred phone number for texts: _____
 You may share my contact information in a PTSA directory: Yes No

PTSA Fundraisers & Events

PTSA Business Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of every month at City, location and time to be determined (likely 6 or 7:00pm)

September 2018: Open House

January 2019: Winter Chili Cook-Off

October 2018: Annual Pie Sale

March 2019: City Nights City Lights Auction

November 2018: Recycled Art Market

April 2019: PTSA New Family Picnic

Watch for more information on events & fundraisers on our website, www.cityptsa.com

To volunteer at any of these events, visit www.cityptsa.com/volunteer

For PTSA use: CREDIT CARD/CASH/ONLINE/CHECK# _____ Amount \$ _____