GETTING READY FOR THE NEW YEAR

***WE NEED YOUR HELP!***

The SWA PTSA is currently looking for engaged and energetic individuals to join our volunteer ranks. Over the last couple of years we have been separated by COVID. Please consider becoming a part of the PTSA now that we are back to a more "normalized" school environment. You can devote as much time to the PTSA as you can, and your child will truly benefit from your participation. Contact the PTSA if you are interested in volunteering or assuming a leadership position.

PTSA membership is open to everyone—parents, grandparents, other family members, mentors, faith leaders, businesses, friends, community leaders, etc. Our school and our students do better when surrounded by a diverse group of people willing to contribute to the well-being of our community. Do consider adding PTSA to your TO DO LIST!

PLEASE JOIN!!! ($5 per person)

*NOTE: Diversity is not just about race, it also includes gender, age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and a host of other things. We have a PTSA that respects all members of our community, and now we would like to have a PTSA that reflects ALL members of our community. The more the merrier and the more the better we are able to understand and address the needs of every student.

WELCOME BACK!
The Southwest Academy PTSA would like to say hello and welcome back. We hope that everyone had a safe and happy summer. It is hard to believe that the new school year is already upon us. Soon the warmth of summer will be replaced by cool autumn breezes.

As you settle in to your school routine, we would like to remind everyone that we are an advocacy organization and we are here to help. If you have questions or need assistance, please feel free to contact us at ANYTIME by cell phone 443.799.5708 (Mrs. Phyllis King) or by email at swaptsa@outlook.com.

Upcoming Events
*Monday, August 29- Opening Day for Students
*Wednesday, September 7- WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATE KICK-OFF (sale through 9/29); Chocolate is available for pick-up
*Monday, September 26- Systemwide Prof Development Day- Schools Closed for Students

PTSA Meeting/Event Dates
6:30pm-7:30pm unless noted
*Tues., Sept. 20 (tentative)- General Meeting
*Tues., Oct. 11- Workshop TDB
*Tues., Nov. 15- General Meeting
*Wed., Nov. 16- Doughnuts with Grownups (6:45am-7:30am)
*Tues., Jan. 10- Spelling Bee 2023 (6pm-8pm)
*Tues., Feb. 7 (TBD)
*Thurs., Apr. 13- 2023 Talent Show(6pm-8pm)
*Tues., May 9- General Meeting/Social

BACK-TO-SCHOOL EVENTS
6th Grade Early Entry Day
August 25, 8am-11:30am
Back-to-School Nights
5pm-7pm
Grade 6- September 7
Grade 7 & 8- September 14
The SWA PTSA is a non-profit organization (501(c)(3)) that advocates for the education, health, safety, and well-being of all children. To that end, we fundraise in the fall and spring to help us fulfill this mission. It is a small, but necessary part of what we do because we are not subsidized by outside sources. We also sponsor cultural assemblies, Spelling Bees, talent shows, teacher appreciation events, family engagement events, student incentives, and much more.

FALL FUNDRAISERS:

**World's Finest Chocolate**
Wednesday, September 7 - Thursday, September 29
GOAL: sell 300 boxes

**Joe Corbi's/Claire's Gourmet**
Tuesday, November 1 - Tuesday, November 22
Monday, December 19 (pick-up)

_The more we sell, the more we can do for our students and our school. Please do what you can to help._

DONATIONS ARE ALSO ACCEPTED.

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**PARENT UNIVERSITY**

Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) has created a dynamic online tool for families called Parent University. It offers videos, workshops, and other resources that are designed to engage and empower parents as they support their students' education journey. Check it out! See the website below for more information.

[http://www.bcps.org/parentu](http://www.bcps.org/parentu)

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**2022-2023 National PTA MULTICULTURAL CALENDAR**

- September 5: Labor Day (U.S.A.)
- September 15-October 15: National Hispanic Heritage Month (U.S.A.)
- September 25-27: Rosh Hashanah (Jewish)
- September 26-October 5: Navarti (Hindu)

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**“You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose.”**

_-Dr. Seuss_

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**THINGS SCHOOLS/TEACHERS WISH PARENTS WOULD DO (PART 1)**

1. Establish a daily family routine, including eating and sleeping habits.
2. Build [your] child's self-esteem by expressing interest in the child's schoolwork and affirming the child's worth through positive messages.

CHOCOLATE CHECKOUT FORM

I would like to checkout 1 box of 60 $1.00 chocolate items. I understand I am responsible for selling the entire box and turning in money no later than _________________.

Chocolate cannot be returned once it is checked out.

Student: ___________________________ Teacher: ___________________________ Grade: ___________________________

Email: ___________________________ Coll: ___________________________

Parent’s Signature: ___________________________

Chocolate must be paid for before additional chocolate can be checked out.

Southwest Academy

Please help our school by selling one or more boxes of $1.00 World's Finest Chocolate. Money raised will be used to improve our school for our students.

SAFETY FIRST. NO DOOR-TO-DOOR SELLING. ASK FAMILY & FRIENDS FOR SUPPORT.

EASY AS 1, 2, 3!

1. RETURN checkout form to receive your first box of chocolate!

2. RETURN money.

3. CHECKOUT another box by signing your money collection envelope. Earn more prizes.

It’s That Easy!

IMPORTANT DATES

Sale starts September 7
Last day to turn in money September 29

For every box a student sells, their name will go into a raffle to win a 32 inch TV!

Cash, check/money order payable to Southwest Academy PTSA or PayPal: swaptsa@outlook.com

For more information on this fundraiser: Please contact: swaptsa@outlook.com
Mrs. King ~ 443.799.5708

Top Seller Rewards:

1st Place: $100
2nd Place: $75
3rd Place: $50

Parents must come to school to sign out chocolate.
Wed 9/7 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Fri 9/9 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Wed 9/14 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Fri 9/16 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm
Mon 9/19 7:00 am to 7:30 am
Chocolate can also be signed out by appointment. Please contact Mrs. King at 443.799.5708
READY, SET... GO!!!

EARN THE PRIZE FROM EVERY LEVEL YOU REACH
GANA EL PREMIO DE TODO LOS NIVELES QUE ALCANCES

LEVEL A SELL 1 BOX
LEVEL B SELL 2 BOXES
LEVEL C SELL 3 BOXES
LEVEL D SELL 5 BOXES
LEVEL E SELL 7 BOXES
LEVEL F SELL 10 BOXES

WIN ALL THREE PRIZES
GANA LOS TRES PREMIOS

**In the event of a tie a drawing will be held**
**En caso de empate se realizará un sorteo**
A MESSAGE FROM THE SOUTHWEST ACADEMY (SWA) PTSA...

Welcome!

We are a non-profit organization (501(c)(3)) that advocates for the education, health & safety, and well-being of all children.

We also provide additional support to the school where needed. We have sponsored cultural assemblies, Spelling Bees, talent shows, teacher appreciation events, American Education Week events, Muffins with Moms/Doughnuts with Dads, student incentives, student organizations, scholarships, and more.

We are working our way back to “normal” with in-person events for the 2022-2023 school year (although we may still do some things virtually).

Interested persons should contact Mrs. King, PTSA President, at 443.799.5708 or via email at swaptsa@outlook.com.

PLEASE JOIN!

Membership dues are $5 per person (adult/student).
Membership cards will be sent via U.S. mail.

✓ Administrators, staff members, grandparents & other family members, friends, and community members are all welcome.

✓ You can pay your PTSA dues securely and electronically through PayPal at swaptsa@outlook.com. (Please use the family and friends option.)

✓ You can also pay via cash, check/money order (payable to SWA PTSA) by returning your form and payment to the PTSA mailbox in the Main Office.

___________________________ cut and return the bottom of this form to the PTSA mailbox in the Main Office ____________________

2022-2023 Membership Form

Please provide the following information with your membership payment or send an email to swaptsa@outlook.com. Thank you!

Member Name:

Home address:

Email address:

Preferred phone number:

Student Name(s)/Grade: