WELCOME FALL!

The 2022-2023 school year is now underway and we hope that everyone has settled into their school routine. This is an exciting time of the year when the leaves start changing and we are preparing for the many holiday events that will happen in the coming weeks. This is also the start of flu season and we hope that everyone continues to practice good hygiene—washing hands, covering coughs and sneezes, etc.—so that we can all stay healthy.

As the school year rolls along, we would like to remind everyone again that we are an advocacy organization and we are here to help. 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!!! (no per person)

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.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank all of the people who came out to our September 20 PTSA meeting. We hope that you received some valuable information and enjoyed the refreshments that were prepared by Pat’s Pizza. Thanks also to Principal Franklin and Ms. Richardson for their presentations, and the students who attended. We hope to see even more of you there at our next meeting on Tuesday, November 15 at 6:30pm. This meeting will also include a Family Summit (Theme: Building Cultual Connections). Please join us and learn about ways that you can support your student’s learning at home. As part of our American Education Week celebration, the PTSA will host a Doughnuts with Grownups event on Wednesday, November 16 from 6:45pm-7:30am. We hope that you and your student will join us for a mini-continental breakfast. Please RSVP for this event so that we ensure that we have enough goodies for everyone. More information will follow.

For families in need of assistance:

The Missionary House of Grace A.M.E. Church
(67½ Winters Lane, 21228)
Food Giveaway
Tuesdays/Thursdays 1pm-4pm
Questions?
Contact 410.744.9479

Friday, November 4: MAGNET PROGRAM APPLICATION DEADLINE
Friday, November 4: First Marking Period Ends- Schools Close at 11:50am
Tuesday, November 8: Election Day- Schools and Offices Closed
Monday, November 14-Friday, November 18: American Education Week
Monday, November 14: First Quarter Report Cards Distributed
Thursday, November 24-Friday, November 25: Thanksgiving Holiday- Schools and Offices close

PTSA Meeting/Event Dates
*Tues., Nov. 1- Joe Corbi’s/Claire’s Gourmet Fundraiser KICKOFF
*Tues., Nov. 15- General Meeting with Family Summit 6:30pm- 7:30pm
*Wed., Nov. 16- Doughnuts with Grownups (6:45am-7:30am)
*Tues., Nov. 22- Joe Corbi’s/ Claire’s Gourmet Fundraiser ENDS
*Mon., Dec. 9- Glow Party (2pm)
*Mon., Dec. 19- Joe Corbi’s/Claire’s Gourmet Fundraiser ORDER PICKUP
*Thurs., Jan. 12- Spelling Bee 2023 (6pm-8pm) [SNOW DATE Jan. 13]
PTSA
What We Do...

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.

Please keep in mind that we do fundraisers so that we can supplement ALL of our students’ educational experience and provide positive support to our school community. When you give financial support to the PTSA, you are not benefiting the PTSA officers or the organization itself, you are helping your students/our students/our school family, so let us all work together. Aside from necessary operating costs, all monies are used for various activities/events/necessities for our students and school community. Some examples include:

* cultural assemblies for all to enjoy
* decorations for 8th grade promotion
* student incentives and recognition
* spiritwear purchases for clubs
* Doughnuts with Growups and other family engagement events
* Spelling Bee fees & awards
* teacher appreciation meals
* scholarships
* other requests as needed and more...

FALL FUNDRAISERS:
World’s Finest Chocolate
We would like to THANK all of the families that worked so hard during our WFC fundraiser to help us sell those never-ending boxes of chocolate. You have no idea how much your efforts were appreciated. We have collected money for 208 boxes of chocolate with more to collect so PLEASE RETURN YOUR MONEY IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO.

Joe Corbi’s/Claire’s Gourmet
Tues., Nov. 1 – Tues., Nov. 22
Mon., Dec. 19 (order pick-up)

*It would be great if each family/staff member could sell at least one item. More information to follow.

*Donations are also accepted.

PARENT UNIVERSITY - offers videos, workshops, and other resources that are designed to engage and empower parents as they support their students’ education journey. Check it out!
http://www.bcps.org/parentu

This month the Special Education Resource Center (SERC) is presenting 2 virtual sessions to provide parents/guardians with a more in-depth examination of their child’s IEP (Individualized Education Plan).
Understanding Your Child’s IEP:
- November 1- 12PM
- November 2- 8:30PM

See the attached flyer or the above link for more information on how to register.

KINDNESS MATTERS
Kindness: the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate (from Oxford Languages)

ALL MONTH: National American Indian and Alaskan Native Heritage Month (U.S.A.)
November 1-2: Dia de los Muertos/Day of the Dead (Mexico)
November 11: Veteran’s Day (United States)
November 13: World Kindness Day (International)
November 20: World’s Children Day (International)

THINGS SCHOOLS/TEACHERS WISH PARENTS WOULD DO (PART 2)

1-Check on homework regularly and ask questions about their child’s work.

2-Communicate openly with the school and contact the school when they are aware of issues concerning their child’s school success.

3-Express high but realistic expectations for their child.

4-Read or talk with their child. Connect everyday experiences to what is being learned at school.

2022-2023 National PTA MULTICULTURAL CALENDAR
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).

Officers and volunteers are needed.

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:
Family Summit @ SWA

Bringing families, community, and culture to the classroom.

Please join SWA on:

- **Tuesday November 15**: Building Cultural Connections and PTA meeting 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday February 7**: Cultural Responsiveness and PTA meeting 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday March 14**: Culture and the Adolescent and PTA meeting 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- **Thursday May 25**: Cultural Arts Primavera: Celebrating Culture through Art 6:00-8:00 p.m.
**Maths and Relationship Skills**

**SET Skills:** Self-awareness, Self-management, Social Awareness, Responsible Decision.

**Skills and Strategies** and integrate them into academic content. Teachers will explicitly teach and model social emotional learning (SEL).

### Action Steps:

- Teachers will use a process for formal assessment including checks for proficiency in every lesson.
- Teachers will incorporate authentic literacy experiences, reflective of

### Goal:

We will maintain a safe, healthy, and secure learning environment.

### Next Steps:

- Teachers will need to adjust teaching based on student progress.
- Understanding during instruction and use responsive strategies to demonstrate.

### Process:

- Reading
- Writing
- Vocabulary
- Inquiry
- Social studies
- Mathematics
- Science
- Literacy

### Other Learning Opportunities:

- Regularly use flash cards to regularly reinforce learning at home.
- Work on word recognition and fluency, work on word recognition, comic strips, directions, anything to maps, menus, fliers, novels, reading with them. This includes reading with them. This includes reading with them. This includes reading with them.

### Evening Events:

- Meetings, conferences, nights, and Parent-Teacher Association.
- Family Summits, PTAs, and Staff.
- Communicating with teachers.
- Checking schoolwork weekly.
- Progress by:

### Partnership:

- We are a partnership with behavioral, and social emotional development.

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**Mathematics and Literacy**

**Goal:** All students will achieve mathematics and literacy proficiency as

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**We are a Partnership**

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Magnet Programs

Elementary, Middle, and High School programs available

Available inside:
Application & Admission Information
Program Descriptions
Transportation Information
School Showcase Schedule

Multiple Languages Available Online

2023-2024 School Year Application Deadline:
November 4, 2022
Southwest Academy PTSA
Fundraiser

Our goal is for every family to sell at least 10 items, more if you can!

**IMPORTANT DATES**
Sale Starts: TODAY
Due Date: Tuesday, November 22nd
*Online Ordering ENDS on above date*
Delivery Date: Monday, December 19th

*Your promptness is appreciated, as we cannot be responsible for products picked up after this date.*

**EASY ONLINE ORDERING**
***Help us share your Fundraiser via TEXT, EMAIL AND SOCIAL MEDIA & get a coupon for up to 50% OFF your first item ordered online!!!***
Go to www.joeCorbi.com and click PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION (top of page) and Click REGISTER NOW.

USE ORGANIZATION #2869.

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**CONGRATULATIONS! YOU COULD WIN $20,000!**
Go to www.joeCorbi.com & use your participant code to CRACK THE VAULT!

**TOP SELLER – $150 CASH**
(Must sell a minimum of 30 items to qualify for Top Seller Award)

**DRAWING PRIZE - $100 CASH**
(Earn 1 chance for every 10 items sold)

Sell 10 Items - Earn A $5.00 Chick Fil A Gift Card!
Sell 15 Items - Earn $10.00 Cash!
Sell 20 Items - Receive $20.00 Cash!

**WOW! EARN GREAT GIFTS!** Refer to “METAMAZING PRIZES” Award Program to find out how! Check Out Our Prize Video @ www.joeCorbi.com/prizes

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**IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS**
- **ONLINE ORDERS:** Supporters who use your participant code to order online can choose “ship to school” at checkout to avoid shipping charges. Out of town supporters can pay to ship to their home.
- **PAPER ORDERS:** Record customer orders on order form inside brochures and collect all money. Keep the customer order forms for your customer reference.
- Total all order form totals and transfer to SUMMARY SHEET. Fill in group name, seller’s name, phone number, email and prize selection.
- Return only the SUMMARY SHEET AND TOTAL MONEY DUE in the envelope provided. *We will accept cash, money orders or checks made payable to: Southwest Academy PTSA*

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Thank You For Your Support!!
October 2022

**October 12 – 6:30 PM**

**Roots & Wings: Preparing Your Child & You for Life After High School**

Virtual

Presented by Special Education Resource Center (SERC)

A two hour workshop for parents who are considering college for their child with a disability. It will offer academic, social/emotional, and self-advocacy strategies that parents may use in supporting the successful transition of students with disabilities from high school to college.

Presented by, Robyn McCray, LCSW-C; Associate Director Disability Support Services, Towson University #SERC

[For registration click here](#)

**October 20 – 6:30 PM**

**Financial Aid for College Planning**

Virtual

Presented by BCPSC Office of School Counseling

Join Stephanie Campbell, a College Counselor in BCPSC, for a virtual information session focused on preparing families for seeking financial aid for college. #collegeplanning #financialaid

Available to BCPSC juniors and seniors, along with their parents/caregivers. Space is limited!

[For registration click here](#)

**October 25 – 12:30 PM**

**Parenting and High Functioning Autism: Skills and Strategies to Better Support Your Child or Teen**

Virtual

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Parent University Schedule of Events
Presented by Special Education Resource Center (SERC)
Children and Adolescents with high-functioning autism (HFA) face many challenges. This workshop will assist parents to better understand the complexity of HFA, and learn skills and strategies to improve interactions with their child or teen. Parents will learn how to reduce overstimulation, stress and anxiety; and, how to improve social interactions to bring about overall improvements in functional daily living and self-esteem. Presented by Tana Hope, Ph.D. The Child and Family Therapy Clinic Department of Behavioral Psychology at Kennedy Krieger Institute There are two sessions being offered for this presentation. #SERC
For registration click here!

October 26 – 7:00 PM
Parenting and High Functioning Autism: Skills and Strategies to Better Support Your Child or Teen
Virtual
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November 2022

November 1 – 12:00 PM
Understanding Your Child’s IEP
Virtual
Presented by Special Education Resource Center (SERC)
This training is designed to give parents a more in-depth examination of the components of their child’s Individualized Education Program (IEP) document. A closer look at the IEP will help you learn what you need to know to become more effective as an equal member of your child’s IEP team. Presented by Leslie Seid Margolis, Managing Attorney, Disability Rights Maryland. There are two sessions of this presentation being offered. #SERC
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Parent University Schedule of Events

**November 2 – 6:30 PM**

**Understanding Your Child’s IEP**
Virtual
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For registration click here

**November 3 – 12:30 PM**

**Lunch & Learn: Rising UP - Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) & Enhancing Resilience**
Virtual
Presented by BCPS Office of Mental Health Services
Current data suggest an overwhelming need for schools and communities to be trauma-informed to meet the social-emotional needs of their students, especially when considering the effects of the pandemic and social injustices on children. These effects are "likely to increase the risk of depression and probable anxiety, as well as possible post-traumatic stress" (Nagesh, June 2020). Research also shows that the strongest protective factor linked with resilience to childhood trauma is the reliable presence of a sensitive, nurturing, and responsive adult (Bartlett and Steber, 2019). This is a free presentation for all BCPS parents/caregivers. Register today as space is limited. *This event will not be recorded. #mentalhealth*
For registration click here

**November 15 – 12:30 PM**

**Lunch & Learn: E-CPR**
Virtual
Presented by BCPS Office of Mental Health Services
We know young people often turn to their friends first when they are having an emotional crisis. However, many teens may not think they have the skills to be prepared to support a friend in crisis. This training will help families learn ECPRI - Emotionally Connect Partner and Respond when faced with someone who is experiencing a mental health emergency/emotional crisis. You will learn some warning signs to look out for and have the opportunity to work through some scenarios to practice some of the strategies that will be taught. You know CPR can help to save a life, so can ECPRI #mentalhealth
This 60-minute presentation is for adults. Information to join will be shared via email 24 hours before the event. **This event was originally scheduled for October 12th and was rescheduled to this new date.**
For registration click here
November 16 – 7:00 PM
ABLE Accounts: A Savings Tool to Promote Independence and Financial Stability for Your Child’s Future
Virtual
Presented by Special Education Resource Center (SERC)
Maryland ABLE is a way to help people with qualifying disabilities and their families save for everyday needs, save and invest in a tax-free account, and prepare for the future without losing state or local benefits such as SSI and Medicaid Waiver services. Join us to learn about eligibility criteria, enrollment, account management, tax benefits and how to use an ABLE account to pay for qualified disability expenses. Presented by Kelly Nelson, Outreach & Communications Manager for Maryland ABLE #SERC
For registration click here