



**Newport Mill Middle School PTSA**  
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## NMMS PTSA General Membership Meeting

November 10, 2020

### Welcome

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm

PTSA limited in what we can do, but we want to continue to be a place where we can assist the community as we can

### MYP Program

There are Homeroom student activities this year to introduce students to the program. Hopefully two per semester. Once a semester they reflect on the MYP attributes in each class. They will be assigned in myMCPS classroom like normal assignments. Designed to help students prepare for IB classes in high school. MYP report cards will be sent home at the end of each semester (0 - 8 scale with instructions on how the grading system works). Slideshow is on the MYP section of the school website.

MYP slideshow:

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1z6DNhe5QRewD0BAaEsiKT\\_p1hUZ7uhHqW\\_aJXihXE0A/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1z6DNhe5QRewD0BAaEsiKT_p1hUZ7uhHqW_aJXihXE0A/edit?usp=sharing)

### Ms Tsonis Updates

Grades finalized this week; Challenging with the two platforms. Deadline for teachers to turn in grades is Friday. There are issues syncing grades between Canvas (MyMCPS Classroom) and Synergy. Available next week on parent view. All parents should have access before parent teacher conferences. If you don't get a response to a teacher, ask the admin team. Ms Tsonis asked the teachers to make sure that you can explain the grades to the parents. Maryland has reverted to Phase 1, so questions over how staff can be in the building.

Sign up for Parent teacher conferences will be via SignUp Genius based and will go out to parents this weekend, November 16, also on the website. 10 minutes per teacher/meeting on November 23rd. IEP/504 parents can schedule longer times if necessary. It will NOT be necessary to log into the meetings via the students' Chromebooks.

No clear information regarding reopening. Governor announced a move back to phase 1. There had been a plan for small groups to go back first. 1 Elementary school, 1 middle school, 1 high school have been identified in each area (3 areas in the county) as learning centers to bring in the most needy students. Talking about early January at the earliest for this to happen. MCPS will continue to survey parents and students. Then, down the road, they may consider bringing in other groups of students, in phases.

Tentative beginning construction of a vestibule for NMMS this summer. New gym floor and new gym curtains.

Attendance: Online attendance has been good. Only 2 students that have not had a digital footprint. Difficulty to work out consistently per teacher. Attendance notification will start to go out starting this evening.

## Fundraising Update

\$268 from Chipotle (waiting for check)

Next fundraiser will be Angel's Pizza and Pasta in Wheaton Mall food court, December 7 - 13, all day, all week. They will donate 10-15% on items sold. Look out for a flyer in a future notification.

## Tiger Grants

Hope to continue these grants, have money in the budget for it

## Questions

Teachers not always giving out assignments consistently, is there a standard way of giving out work? Ms Tsonis: Each unit/class subject is different so there may require different ways of giving out assignments. Ms Tsonis will check with the leadership team on this.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm