**Dear Parents and Guardians,**

Welcome to Centreville Middle School, or welcome back for a new and exciting year. The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) hopes you will be active in the Centreville Middle School community. The PTO has many activities planned for this year. We encourage you to become involved in as many of the activities as you feel reasonably possible. We have fun together and the students have enjoyable, meaningful experiences as a result of your involvement.

A description of the various PTO jobs and committees needing volunteers, along with a sign up form, is attached. You will be able to volunteer for any of these jobs or committees by completing the form and returning it to school with your child, or by signing up at the Back to School Breakfast on **September 14**. In addition, the PTO will be meeting at the school on *August 24, 2015; September 21, 2015; November 16, 2015; January 25, 2016; and April 25, 2016 at 6:00 pm* **(first meeting August 24, 2015 at 6:00 pm)**. We invite you to attend. The school and PTO will benefit from hearing your ideas, and you will be better informed about all the past and upcoming events at the school. Even if you cannot attend the meeting this month, we encourage you to complete the attached membership form so that you will have voting rights at any meetings you choose to attend in the future.

The PTO also provides funding to the teachers for activities and items that the classes would otherwise not have. These activities and items include class trip assistance, in-school cultural programs, Young Authors Writing Books, support for the art, physical education and music teachers, activities/ support for technology in the classroom. While it may seem that these activities and items should be funded by the educational system, they are not. Since the PTO recognizes that they are an important part of our children’s education, we are proud to provide the funding for them.

As we know, raising money is what allows the PTO to provide all the activities and items that enrich our students. The PTO’s estimated budget for the current year is approximately $8,000. The PTO has planned a number of fundraisers to fund this budget. As with volunteering your time, we ask that you participate in as many as possible, but you should not feel obligated to participate in all of them. The PTO has planned a variety of fundraisers at different times throughout the year, recognizing that different families will feel more comfortable participating in certain ones over others.

With your help we are looking forward to the 2015/2016 school year being the best one ever for Centreville Middle School. If you have any ideas, comments or suggestions, we want to hear from you. Communication is essential if the PTO is to fulfill its mission. Please contact Jennifer Watts at any time by email ( jenwatts@bellsouth.net ) or by sending a note to school with your child.

For information on Centreville Middle School, please visit our website at [www.centrevillemiddleschool.com](http://www.centrevillemiddleschool.com). Our website provides information such as the school calendar, activities, and lunch menu. As the year progresses we will add pictures of all the exciting activities that take place.

Thank you,

Dr. Earnie J. Cutts

Principal

 Mrs. Jennifer Watts
Centreville Middle School PTO President

**2015/2016 PTO EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**Presidents**

Jennifer Watts

**Vice-President**

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**Treasurer**

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**Corresponding Secretary**

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**Recording Secretaries**

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**CENTREVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO MEMBERSHIP FORM**

The Centreville Middle School PTO invites every member of the Centreville School community to participate in **our** organization. Membership dues are $10.00 / year. Any donation is appreciated and will be used to offset the costs of Centreville Middle School PTO-sponsored events and activities. **The payment of dues is voluntary.** To be eligible to vote at PTO meetings, and to run in PTO elections, it is necessary to complete and return this form, even if you do not elect to pay dues.

Please detach and return this membership form to school, with your family donation in an envelope marked "PTO Membership". (Please make checks payable to *Centreville Middle School PTO*).

 \_\_\_\_\_ $10.00 \_\_\_\_\_ $20.00 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_ No donation at this time

Parent’s name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Child’s name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Grade:\_\_\_\_\_Teacher:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_