



OSCAR F. SMITH HIGH SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Volume 1, Fall 2009

President's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians:

On behalf of the PTSA, I would like to welcome you to the 2009-2010 school year and hope you enjoy reading our *new* Monthly Newsletter. The PTSA continues to be committed to the parents, students, and teachers of Oscar Smith High School (OSHS). We are in the community and in the school working to improve the lives of your student.

We are seeking your membership and volunteer hours to make the difference that matters. Your PTSA membership is necessary if we want to support and sponsor activities. Contact me or any PTSA Officer if you have questions, concerns or would like to support your school in a more meaningful way.

Thank you for all you do!
Denise Robinson
PTSA President

Useful Numbers

Oscar Smith HS Office	548-0696
Guidance Office	548-0992
School Nurse	548-0908
Transportation	547-1617
Attendance	548-1097
For checking in late, leaving early, etc. <u>Please do not call attendance for an absence.</u>	
IB Office	548-3286
Athletic Director	548-0608

Membership

Annual membership is \$5.00 per individual. Anyone can join...friends, relatives, students. Membership envelopes are available in the Office. When you join the PTSA you join the 4 million Virginia members and 6.5 million national members who advocate for our children and reap exclusive benefits for PTSA members. Email OSHSPTSA.MEMBERSHIP@COX.NET for more information.

Link up and help OSHS !

There are easy ways to help the PTSA meet its fundraising goals at no cost to you. Remember to link your following cards the next time you shop. OSHS benefits *every* time you shop. Enroll your friends, co-workers and relatives. We appreciate your support!

Harris Teeter: Oscar Smith Code is **4813**

Farm Fresh = Collect, save and turn in your receipts to the office.

Target – To date we've earned over \$4,000. Just link your Target card with the Oscar Smith code (**103436**) and we earn \$ through their Take Charge of Education program.

Office Depot – OSHS code **70103378**

Join the PTSA & win a "Back 2 School" Basket! (\$35 value)

- One winner will be drawn from each class year
- Entries must be received by Oct.15th

Once a Tiger.....Always a Tiger!

Legislative Items

The PLP, Proposed Legislative Program, contains issues and proposed positions on which PTA members are asked to vote upon. These members will decide if VA PTA members should advocate for these issues.

Legislative Action #1

The VA PTA/PTSA seeks and supports programs that support programs that prevent crimes against children. The VA PTA/PTSA supports legislation that increases funding for government agencies in identifying and prosecuting those who have committed crimes against children.

Policy Statement #1

VA PTA/PTSA supports local school boards in evaluating their grading policies for middle school and secondary schools to reflect current academic trends, local norms, and student achievement expectations in their school divisions.

Policy Statement #2

The VA PTA/PTSA supports the requirement that all public school teachers are fully funded, unencumbered planning time.

Ballots available at Open House.
Please see www.vapta.org for more info.

Volunteer Opportunities

PTSA membership doesn't mean you *have* to volunteer. There are countless ways to be involved, just let us know....

Main Office	Beautification	Guidance
Hospitality	Community Service	
Membership	Corporate Liaison	Athletics

For more information, email
OSHSVOLUNTEER@AOL.COM

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Upcoming Events....

Open House

Monday, September 21nd, 6:30 P.M.

PTSA Fundraiser Lone Star Steak House
Thursday, September 24th 5:00 -9:00 P.M.

HOME COMING

Friday, October 9th, 7:00 P.M.

SAT TEST DATES

[SAT Dates - SAT Test Dates and Registration Deadlines](#)

PSAT TEST DATE

Wednesday, October 14 ...see Guidance

REPORTS CARD ISSUED

Friday, October 16th

Thank You!

Special thanks are due to Chick-fil-A (Battlefield Store) for providing each new PTSA member with a free sandwich coupon and for their support in our Teacher's "Back 2 School" Breakfast.

Thank you Home Depot (Battlefield store) for supporting our Teacher's Breakfast.