

## GREETINGS SHEPARD MIDDLE SCHOOL FAMILIES AND STAFF!

We are looking forward to another great, but unique school year & are busy preparing for Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. Since we are starting school remotely, there are a lot of changes to our typical PTSO calendar. What has not changed is purchasing your PTSO membership!

### **PTSO ONLINE E-STORE OPENS ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 14<sup>th</sup>.**

We strongly encourage you to place orders for PTSO items and register for PTSO sponsored events online. The following items are available for purchase now:

- **PTSO membership**
- SMS car magnet
- Donating a book to Learning Commons
- Families in Need Donation Fund
- Teacher/Staff Holiday Gift Fund

We are once again using the PaperlessPTO, and your PTSO Membership includes registration for the PaperlessPTO app (directory), access to directory, PTSO weekly updates, discount membership rates for advance purchase of PTSO sponsored events, and more.

**\*WHY JOIN SHEPARD PTSO:** Join to help support your child's school experience and enhance life at Shepard. The SHEPARD PTSO relies on membership fees to provide programming, sponsor events, and purchase educational items for our school that would otherwise not happen without the PTSO.

***We do NOT have an annual fundraising event and membership dues are a main source of fundraising.*** Help us reach our goal of 100 percent family participation/membership!

**What does the PTSO Fund:** Last year, thanks to our membership support, the SHEPARD PTSO was fortunate to have the funds to purchase many things that benefited all the students, including: **The Book Fair, Cardboard Challenge, Support for the STEM lab, Learning Commons materials, Guest Speakers & much more.**

**If you did not pre-order school supplies, they are still available for purchase! Please contact ShepardPTSO@gmail.com.**

Once we phase into in-person learning, the PTSO will once again provide school lunches from Lunch Solutions.

Please check out our website at [www.shepardptso.org](http://www.shepardptso.org). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at ShepardPTSO@gmail.com.

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