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## IT IS TIME TO GO ON-LINE AND JOIN THE OLD TAPPAN PTO!

The Old Tappan Parent Teacher Organization (OTPTO) enhances the educational experience for our T. Baldwin Demarest Elementary and Charles DeWolf Middle School students (our children), while fostering a strong sense of community through volunteerism and parent involvement.

**IT'S TIME TO JOIN, OR RE-NEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP. ALL YOU NEED IS YOUR CHILD'S GRADE AND TEACHER, AND UPDATE ANY INFORMATION THAT MAY HAVE CHANGED\*.**

Log-in to [www.OTPTO.org](http://www.OTPTO.org) and complete your August To-Do list, which includes:

- Ordering Back to School Supplies
- Order Monday Pizza Lunch
- Sign up to volunteer as "Class Parent"\*\*\*
- Find out about all the important events and opportunities coming in the new school year!

Important Updates:

\*\*Class parent sign up will be done on-line. Please review requirements.

\*New parents can sign-up by creating a new account at [www.OTPTO.org](http://www.OTPTO.org) . If you need technical assistance, please email [HelpDesk@PaperlessPTO.com](mailto:HelpDesk@PaperlessPTO.com). If you have general PTO questions, please contact us through our website.



## IMPORTANT UPDATE FROM THE OLD TAPPAN PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

Now that you have your child's classroom assignment, please go to [www.OTPTO.org](http://www.OTPTO.org) and either create your account or login to your existing account; once there, update your child's teacher information. This is *crucial* to prevent any errors with your orders (especially pizza lunch).

You must be a PTO member to participate in the programs that are PTO sponsored, including Monday Pizza Lunch, After School Clubs, Family Night Events, etc. In addition, the PTO also provides special "treats" during the year (ex. Field Day Bagel Lunch at TBD, International Food Festival at CDW, etc.) and ALL orders must be done through our website. NO EXCEPTIONS!

The schools DO NOT provide us with personal email addresses nor will we be sending announcements via the TBD or CDW email blasts this year, so it is important that you sign up on the PTO website and provide us with your email address, to be sure that your child can be included in all PTO events and activities.

The PTO website and PTO email blasts will be our main source of communication for all PTO related events and sign ups. PTO Members will be given preference as volunteers for PTO sponsored activities.

The OTPTO would like to see 100% participation....the membership dues are minimal based on all the "perks" that your family receive as an OTPTO Member. Membership is per family...not per child!

Examples of Some of the OTPTO Initiatives Supported by Your Membership & Support:

- ✓ The NEW CDW Media Center
- ✓ Supplied air-conditioners to all TBD and CDW classrooms that needed them.
- ✓ Added a poured-rubber flooring to TBD playgrounds School Author Visits
- ✓ School Assemblies
- ✓ Teacher & Staff Appreciation events
- ✓ Speakers on important subjects such as bullying, social network safety, etc.
- ✓ Scholarships & Awards
- ✓ Supplied TBD with Chromebooks, Tablets and replaced several Smartboards!

Your membership provides you with access to our OTPTO School Directory Smartphone App for iPhone and Android smart phones. This app will not only provide you with up to date contact information, but it will also provide you with email blasts, updates and more. Families often use this directory as their go-to resource when reaching out to other school families - you MUST BE AN OTPTO MEMBER to appear in the directory!