



**THOMAS  
JEFFERSON**  
HIGH SCHOOL

# PTO Agenda | September 5, 2023

*The PTO's Mission is  
to support the educational experience at TJHS and  
to foster a stronger school community for students, parents and staff.*

Time	Topic	Notes
6:00	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b> (Krista Zizzo, PTO President)	
6:10	<b>Treasurer Report</b> (Erin Kimmel, Treasurer)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total Assets: \$112,651.53</li> <li>Activities/Sports: \$38,622.33</li> <li>Total Liabilities: \$57,626.43</li> </ul>	
6:12	<b>New Business: Election / Appointment of New Officers</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Election of PTO Secretary: Heather Fall               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1<sup>st</sup> Kendall Mullins</li> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> Megan Perkins</li> <li>Vote was unanimous - Welcome to the Board, Heather!</li> </ul> </li> <li>Appointment of Class of 2027 Parent Committee Chair:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kendall Mullins was appointed with a second Co-Chair TBD</li> </ul> </li> <li>Members-at-Large for 2026, 2027: please email TJHSPTO@gmail if you are interested</li> </ul>	
6:17	<b>Annual Calendar of PTO Activities</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review PTO mission, goals and plans for this school year</li> </ul>	

<b>August</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ninth Grade Academy</li> <li>Welcome Back BBQ</li> <li>Senior Sleepout</li> <li>"Stadium" Party</li> </ul>	<b>January</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PTO Meeting</li> </ul>
<b>September</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First PTO Meeting</li> <li>Back to School Night</li> <li>Homecoming game - spirit store</li> <li>Homecoming bonfire - Junior class sells food</li> <li>Senior Parent Meeting</li> </ul>	<b>February</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PTO Meeting</li> <li>Teacher Appreciation event</li> <li>Teachers submit Grant Requests</li> </ul>
<b>October</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PTO Meeting</li> <li>CCT Fall Open House</li> <li>Parent/Teacher Conference meal</li> </ul>	<b>March</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PTO Meeting</li> </ul>

<b>November</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PTO Meeting</li> <li>• TJ Open house - PTO table, spirit store</li> </ul>	<b>April</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online Auction?</li> <li>• Prom/After Prom</li> <li>• PTO meeting to approve grant requests</li> <li>• Teacher Appreciation event (during testing)</li> </ul>
<b>December</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PTO lunch for staff during finals</li> <li>• PTO gift to staff</li> <li>• PTO Meeting</li> </ul>	<b>May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teacher Appreciation Week</li> <li>• PTO lunch for staff during finals</li> <li>• PTO Meeting / Celebration</li> <li>• Graduation</li> </ul>

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6:30 **PTO Leadership Updates** *(see key dates at the end of agenda)*

- **Spirit Store Managers** - Monica Snyder & Jill VanAbbema
  - Sold at Homecoming and at School Events
  - New partnership with TJHS DECA to expand sales
  
- **Hospitality / Teacher Appreciation** - Susan Dolson
  - Let's spoil our teachers this year! We provided gifts and meals totaling over \$6,000 last year. There's a spot on the TJ Store for donations from parents.
  
- **Food Bank** - Megan Perkins & Becca Mahoney
  - Supports between 15-40 families each month
  - Partnerships with other food banks, donations and a generous corporate sponsor provide the funding
  - To help email: Email: [megandperkins@gmail.com](mailto:megandperkins@gmail.com), [beccaandjoemahoney@gmail.com](mailto:beccaandjoemahoney@gmail.com)
  
- **Auction Chairs/Fundraising – Vacant**
  - Online Auction has been the main PTO fundraiser the last 7 years
  - April 2023 Auction raised \$17,654 for TJ.
  - After raising close to \$100,000 the past 7 years, our Co-Chairs have hung up the gavel!
  - King Soopers Community Rewards: raised \$6,812 last year with 132 households
  - Parent Class Committees: Raise funds for After Prom and senior year activities, plan social events and community building activities
  
- **Bus Stop Art Gallery** - Robyn Schiff, VP
  - In 2016, Denver City Councilwoman Kendra Black provided funding and worked with RTD to build a bus stop near TJ.
  - The PTO signed the "lease" with RTD and provides insurance and liaises with TJ teachers and staff to get student art installed quarterly. DECA students provide maintenance.
  - A parent is needed to help liaise with the school for quarterly art installations
  
- **Spartan Grants Program** - Brooke Bolinske
  - Last year the PTO funded 21 grants, totaling \$22,645
  - Clubs and Activities Supported: Speech & Debate, Flag Football, Unified Sports, SkillsUSA, DECA, ROTC, Student Activities Advisor Fund (provides snacks and lunch so teachers don't have to pay for this themselves)
  - Departments/Classrooms Supported: Art, CCT (grants for Robotics, Audio Production, Journalism), Math (Problem of the Week Program), Science (Physics), Exceptional Student Services (field trip funds), Student Support

(School Social Worker and Counselors)

- The PTO has provided over \$60,000 in grants in the last 4 years!

- **Class Committee Chairs:**

- **2024** – TBD
  - Senior Sleepout (August) and After Prom (April)
- **2025** - Kerry Muhovich & Heather Reeder
  - Junior class fundraiser - Homecoming Bonfire Concessions Sale
  - End of year event: “Juniors & Junk food”
- **2026** - Carrie Alleman & Sheila Tyler
  - Past years annual event: “Sophomore S’mores”
- **2027** - Kendall Mullens
  - Recent years have hosted an event at the end of freshman year: “Bottom of the 9th”

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6:50 **Adjourn to “Meet & Greet” with each PTO Leader/Committee Chair**

***Got Questions? Feel free to stick around and ask any questions that did not get answered during the meeting.***

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Don't forget to...

- Sign up for the school newsletter and follow TJ on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram
  - Register your King Soopers Card for Community Rewards Program
  - Questions? Want to Volunteer? Email [TJHSpto@gmail.com](mailto:TJHSpto@gmail.com)
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## Upcoming Dates for PTO Activities:

**Thursday, 9/7 - 5-7pm:** Back to School Night (Spirit Store Sales before and after!)

**Tuesday, 9/12 - 1-9pm:** Birdcall Restaurant Fundraiser for 2024 Prom (use CODE: TJHS0912).

## **HOMECOMING / SPIRIT WEEK IS SEPTEMBER 18-23**

**Monday, 9/18 - 5:30-7:30pm:** TJHS Bonfire Concessions Fundraiser for 2025 After Prom  
Parent Volunteers and food donations needed: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E45AFA62BAA8-homecoming#/>

**Thursday, 9/21- 4-5:30pm:** Food Bank September Distribution  
Families in need can sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B094FA4AB4-21september#/>

**Friday, 9/22 - 3:30 - 6pm:** Spirit Store sales at Homecoming Game (All City Field)  
Parent Volunteers will be needed!

**Saturday, 9/23 - 9am - 1pm:** Paint Recycling Fundraiser for 2026 After Prom (TJ parking lot)  
Parent Volunteer Sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CADA72FA31-class#/>

**Saturday, 9/23 - 8pm:** Homecoming Dance at TJ *(date provided as an FYI, no PTO involvement!)*

**Wednesday, 9/27:** Chipotle Restaurant Fundraiser for 2024 Prom

**NEXT PTO MEETING: Tuesday, October 3 at 6pm**

- **School Safety and Transportation**