



PTO Minutes | September 9, 2025

*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
	TJ Administrator Update (Mike Christoff, Principal) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enrollment: 1360+/- students projected 1388<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ F-450, S-J-S - 300 each• Able to hire more teachers for the year• Solar Panels: city project<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Goes to city grid to provide help families with monthly energy bills• 4 EV charging stations to go live in next few months• School Performance<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Scored in green category◦ Growth in math and English◦ SAT scores highest in 8 years• Homecoming<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Monday Bonfire at 6:30pm◦ Friday 4pm game◦ Saturday Dance 8pm• Possibly changing to a Junior-Senior Prom• Conferences:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ In-person: Oct. 8th◦ Virtual: Oct. 9th• Junior's Challenge Day: Oct 21-22nd• Senior Free App Day: Oct 22-23rd• Finals:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ May 20-22nd◦ Dec 16-18th• Graduation: DU Tuesday May 26th 2pm<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Last Day: May 15th◦ Check-Out: May 18th-19th	
	PTO Leadership Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Positions for Co-Presidents, Treasurer, and Secretary will be open for next school year!	

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- **Committee and Sponsor Members:**
 - Please be sure to seek help within your community as you work within your position! Don't try to do it alone!!
 - **First 1st Friday Oct 3rd 2:15-3:30pm**
 - **Spirit Store Managers** - Monica Snyder & Jill VanAbbema
 - DECA and on-line Spirit Store
 - **Teacher Appreciation Committee**
 - In-Person conferences: please see Sign-Up Genius
 - **Fundraising Chairs Committee: 4 venues**
 - Direct Give - A Better World
 - Raffle License - on-line raffles
 - Business sponsors - direct ask
 - Auction - for teacher grants Apr 26th-May 1st
 - **Bus Stop** - Roger Morales
 - Install in October
 - Submitted grant proposal
 - **Class Sponsors:**
 - **2026** - Sleep Out was a huge success!
 - **2027** - Chipotle in October, see newsletter for sign up for Bonfire food
 - **2028** - Fun Run/Walk 9/12 at 8:30am
 - **2029** - TBD

6:55 **Treasurer Report** (Erin Kimmel, Treasurer)

- The income/expenses for the auction look odd because we took in the full amount for the trips and sports memorabilia and then paid the companies back for their share of it.
 - Teacher appreciation fundraisers over the summer earned \$367.16. I haven't received the checks yet, so it is not appearing in the spreadsheets.
 - King Soopers cards brought in \$6396.16 last year: \$2500 was distributed to classes, \$1000 to PTO expenses (insurance and QuickBooks) and the rest to teacher appreciation.
 - Category "Class of ..." added to amount tracker as a standing feature of the newsletter. This will auto-update with the total raised (i.e. it doesn't account for expenses). The donation link below the amount goes to BetterWorld (so it is not redundant with the "Give \$27 for the class of 2027"). Betterworld allows people to cover the transaction costs (it's actually the default), and also has the ability to take a monthly donation, so people could do as little as \$5/month if they wanted to spread their giving out...
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- In August we had a match from an anonymous donor come through Benevity from someone working at Cisco. Some of the money was allocated to Boys Volleyball but a large chunk simply said "Please ensure that the funds go to the correct department within Thomas Jefferson High School." If anyone has more information about this donation and what the 'correct department' for those funds would be, that would help me allocate them appropriately?
 - Per our Raffle license requirements, we now have a separate raffle account. I seeded this with \$1000 from our reserves (to avoid fees, etc.).
 - We have a debit card now, so if people want to put things on an Amazon wish list and send it to me, or want me to pre-pay expenses with the card, then we don't need to go through the whole reimbursement process. My goal is to try to set up a PTO Amazon account with non-profit status so we don't have to pay taxes, but I haven't got that far yet.
 - Here are the [balance sheet](#) and [profit and loss](#) for August. Heather can put them into the newsletter, although I have also linked the balance sheet into the amount tracker for the newsletter so people can look at that if they wish.
 - This will be Erin's last year as treasurer. We should probably start recruiting early - there is a huge Class of 2029 coming in, so maybe capitalizing on someone's energy? They could start as 'assistant treasurer' if they wanted this year and take over next.
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Upcoming Dates & Reminders

- Next PTO meeting: **Tuesday, October 7** at 6 pm
- Questions? Want to Volunteer? Email TJHSpto@gmail.com