

PTO Agenda | November 4, 2025



Topic

Guest Speaker

(Samantha Davis,
Social worker)

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

TJ

- Clothing drive/winter collection
 - Clothing swap will be held in Dance room Nov 22nd
 - Need warm coat donations drop off after Nov 13th
 - Thanksgiving Boxes/SkillsUSA food collection
 - SkillsUSA and DECA are excited to help provide Holiday Dinners for 50 families within our TJ community. Donations can be dropped off at the collection box inside the front entrance at TJHS. Please review the available slots in the link below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!
 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949ADAA29A2FC1-59999150-2025>
 - If you'd like to make a financial contribution to the TJ Food Bank, you can do so [HERE](#).
 - **Food resources**
 - [Hunger Free Colorado](#) 855-855-4626 They will direct you to the closest food pantry
 - [Food Finder](#) This resource will direct you to the closest food pantry. Can also install the app on your phone
 - [Same Cafe](#) A restaurant offering health fresh meals based on what you can afford to pay
 - [Tasty Food](#) Free meals for Denver Youth
 - **Clothing Resources**
 - [Clothes to Kids Colorado](#) Free clothing for school-aged kids
 - **Homeless Resources**
 - Denver families in need of shelter or services should call the centralized family shelter intake center 303-295-3366
 - Families who are unhoused and in need of school transportation, enrollment or school supplies can complete a [request for assistance](#) from DPS Highly Mobile Youth Program
 - Shelter resources, day centers and cold weather procedures can be found [here](#)
 - **Rental /Mortgage Resources/Housing programs**
 - Families who are behind in rent payments and at risk of eviction can apply through the [TRUA](#) or [CERA](#) lotteries
 - [Family Promise](#)-Can help 2-3 families a month. Apply on the 15th of each month
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- o [Colorado Coalition for the Homeless](#) Offers 20 appointments a week for case management around housing navigation and support.
 - o If you need assistance with completing the application or need additional information about rental or mortgage assistance or other housing programs, contact [Colorado Housing Connects](#)

Eviction Legal Services

More information about free legal services for qualified families facing eviction can be found [here](#)

- o **Energy Assistance**

Families with past due electricity bills that require assistance can find their nearest EOC location [here](#)

- o Families who need assistance with heating during the cold months can apply for [LEAP](#)
- o [DPS Community Hubs](#)-Contact the community hub nearest to you

Other Benefits and Assistance

[DDHS Peak System](#): Families can enter their info to see whether they qualify for any cash or benefits assistance in Denver County

- **Holiday Helpers**

- o 50 families are available for adoption to provide 1 clothing item and \$30 gift card - sign up genius is coming soon

PTO Leadership Updates

- **Teacher Appreciation Committee**

- o Winter gift idea of creating a drink and gift card cart and delivering to teacher's room week before finals

- **Food Bank**

- o **Pick-up Details**
- o Date: Thursday, **November 20th**
- o Time: **3:30–5:00 PM**
- o Location: **TJ parking lot near the Denver Health entrance**
- o **Deadline to sign up: Tuesday, November 12th**

- **Fundraising Committee**

- o Be on the lookout for "TJ Together" newsletter
- o \$2500 to allocate between grants, classes, and general fund
- o Seeking volunteers to send out request emails – may be possible to use students from Leadership

- **Spartan Grants Program**

- o Will be using Better World again this year – set to launch next week
- o Looking into ways to tie in to Colorado Gives Day through TJ Partners
- o Looking into approval for using social media page for PTO
- o Mr. Christoff has received proposed timeline for grants and distributions, waiting for his approval

- **Class Sponsors:**

- **2026** - Save the date for Prom April 25, 2026 The Island has been secured
- **2027** - Help the TJ Class of 2027 — and Pie It Forward!

-  **Order by November 12th!**

-  **Place your order here:**

- <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScxTHyqpoj6Em0dZkNdcRfzsSHjLQvloOVEuvpZ2bhs33BaVg/viewform?usp=dialog>

- Thomas Jefferson Class of 2027 Candle Fundraiser!
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- **Stay tuned for more information on our restaurant fundraiser night on Nov.18 at Noodles and Co.**
- Please consider making a donation to the Class of 2027's Class Fund. Donations will support the After Prom (held Senior Year) and other class activities.
<https://tjhsstore.square.site/product/2027-class-donations/>
- **2028** – Order your Class of 2028 Fun Run T-shirt for \$10
<https://tjhsstore.square.site/product/2028-class-donations/151>. Then email jillkrug@gmail.com or kevkrug@gmail.com to let them know what size you'd like (S, M, L & XL still available) and coordinate delivery. Donate soon for best size selection. TJ T-shirts make great holiday gifts.
 - **It's time to give \$28 to the Class of '28 to help cultivate community for our students! If each family gives \$28, we get close to our fundraising goals. You can give the \$28 for the class of 2028 through the PTO's Online Square Account:**
 - <https://tjhsstore.square.site/product/2028-class-donations/151>.
- **2029** – Interested parents to be voted in at December meeting
 - **Give \$29 to The Class of '29 through the PTO's Online Square Account:**<https://tjhspto.betterworld.org/campaigns/class-2029-donation>

Treasurer Report (Erin Kimmel, Treasurer)

- Available in December

Announcements

- Danyelle Charles is looking for a few volunteers for TJ First Fridays to assist with the games December 5th
- Suzanne Lewis (community member) is currently hosting a TJ foreign exchange student and is looking for a family to host for next semester. Any interest? Contact TJPTO at TJHSpto@gmail.com

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
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Upcoming Dates & Reminders

- Next PTO meeting: **Tuesday, December 2** at 6 pm
- Questions? Want to Volunteer? Email TJHSpto@gmail.com