



WEST MORRIS MENDHAM PTO DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2023

BACK TO SCHOOL

IN AUGUST THE PTO HOSTED A WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL BREAKFAST FOR TEACHERS AND STAFF WITH BAGELS, PASTRIES, COFFEE AND JUICE .

IN SEPTEMBER, THE PTO PROVIDED REFRESHMENTS AND A WELCOME TABLE FOR PARENTS ON BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT. IT WAS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT AND REGISTER FAMILIES FOR MEMBERSHIP.

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD THAT MEMBERSHIP IS STILL OPEN!



FALL 2023, THE WMMHS PTO GOT LAUNCHED ON SOCIAL! FOLLOW & LIKE US



FACEBOOK: WMMHS PTO
INSTAGRAM:
WMMHSPTO_FUNDRAISING



NO FRILLS FUNDRAISER

We kicked off Fall with our Annual PTO Membership Drive and our No Frills Fundraiser. As of October 2023 we had raised \$2,507. We thank everyone who donated to the *No Frills Fundraiser* and signed up for their PTO membership.

We use the annual funds towards:

- Student Scholarships distributed at the Senior Awards Ceremony
- Parent Programs on topics related to our teens
- Teacher appreciation events
- Project Graduation

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR 2023-24 PTO BENEFACTORS:

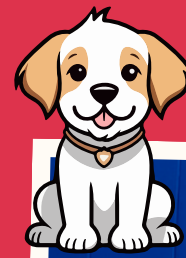
COLLEN GANGLE
THE LUING FAMILY
KENNETH WILSON
THE ZAIRI FAMILY
THE PEPIN FAMILY

We appreciate parents spreading the word that membership remains open all year and you can make a No Frills Fundraiser Donation to our PTO at anytime!

Questions: WMMHSPTO@gmail.com

THERAPY DOGS PROGRAM FUNDED!

District Wellness Counselor, Mrs. Cartier reached out to the PTO this Fall to sponsor the new Therapy Dog Program at the school. The PTO Board reviewed the proposal and approved the funding. The program launched on November 30th and gives all of the students, who wish to participate, a chance to enjoy time with the trained therapy dogs monthly.



8TH GRADE ORIENTATION

On November 14th the current area Eighth Graders who will be rising Freshman visited WMMHS for an Open House. Our PTO hosted a welcome table, provided refreshments and helped direct students and families. Our fantastic Peer Leaders gave tours and attendants had a chance to hear from faculty and students panels. Many thanks to everyone who helped!



CLUB SPOTLIGHT: SURF CLUB

Did you know The Mendham Surf Club was founded in 2021? Collin McCarthy is the current President and coach Smith is the faculty moderator. The club meets monthly to plan events, have discussions on all types of surfing and watch surf films. Annually the club has taken a trip to Skudin Surf wave pool at American Dream, they are currently planning this year's trip. Club participants have competed at NJ state surf competitions and last year placed first & third! Members have gathered to do annual beach clean-up day at a local beach. Students with all levels of surfing experience are welcome, please check them out on their instagram page @mendhamsurfclub for updates on meetings, events and surf merch!





RAISE RIGHT - WMMHS PTO FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

LAST YEAR THE PTO BOARD RECOGNIZED THERE WAS A NEED FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDRAISING THAT WOULD BRING NEEDED FUNDS TO OUR PTO PROGRAMMING (SCHOLARSHIPS, FACULTY APPRECIATION, EDUCATIONAL SPEAKERS FOR STUDENTS) AS WELL AS CONTRIBUTE TO EACH PROJECT GRADUATION CLASS THROUGHOUT THE YEARS, PRIOR TO FUNDRAISING IN THE SENIOR YEAR ONLY (AVERAGE PROJECT GRADUATION COST RUNS \$80,000 ANNUALLY). WE NEEDED A FUNDRAISING PROGRAM THAT DID NOT INTERFERE WITH MONEY RAISED FOR STUDENT CLUBS OR BOOSTER FUNDRAISING.

WMMHS PTO
RAISE RIGHT ENROLLMENT CODE:

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FOR DETAILS AND TO LEARN MORE,
PLEASE VISIT OUR PTO WEBSITE
FUNDRAISING TAB:

[HTTPS://WMMHSPTO.ORG/FUNDRAISING](https://wmmhspto.org/fundraising)

DOWNLOAD THE RAISE RIGHT APP ON
THE APP STORE AND GET STARTED WITH
OUR ENROLLMENT CODE!



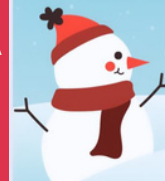
FUNDRAISING
LAUNCHED COFFEE
MEET UPS AT DUNKIN
MENDHAM!

JOIN US MONTHLY FOR
A COFFEE AND TREATS
AS WE HELP ANSWER
QUESTIONS ON HOW TO
USE RAISE RIGHT!
FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL
MEDIA FOR UPCOMING
DATES AND PLEASE
JOIN US!

HELLO WMMHS PARENTS OF
SENIORS/CLASS OF 2024

December

IS YOUR  RAISE RIGHT/ REBATE
MONTH. HALF OF ALL \$ RAISED THIS
MONTH ON RAISE RIGHT E-GIFT CARDS
GOES TOWARDS YOUR PROJECT
GRADUATION! SO GET GOING AND
RAISE SOME BIG HOLIDAY BONUS \$



RAISE RIGHT (FORMERLY KNOWN AS SHOPWITHSCRIP) IS A BBB HIGHLY RATED FUNDRAISING PROGRAM USED THROUGHOUT N.J. AND THE U.S. IN PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS. OUR PTO TEST- LAUNCHED AND ROLLED IT OUT THIS PAST SPRING OF 2023.

THE EXCITING NEWS IS THE TOTAL RAISE RIGHT PROGRAM DOLLARS RAISED THIS YEAR AS OF DECEMBER 7 WAS \$1, 958. 70.

THIS PROGRAM IS A SHOPPING ONLINE ELECTRONIC-GIFT CARD PORTAL TO OUR DESIGNATED SCHOOL ACCOUNT. AS YOU SHOP FOR MANY NAME BRAND RETAILERS, THE SCHOOL AUTOMATICALLY WILL BOOK DIRECTLY TO OUR PTO ACCOUNT THE % OF REBATES EARNED IN SMALL INCREMENTS. PROVIDING SECURITY, AUDITING CHANNELS AND TRANSPARENCY IN A FUNDRAISING PROGRAM.

OUR FUNDRAISING GOAL IS TO HAVE ALL OF OUR FAMILIES WITH STUDENTS INVOLVED IN THE PTO PROGRAMS ANNUALLY. PLEASE CONSIDER A LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION IN OUR RAISE RIGHT PROGRAM THAT IS COMFORTABLE TO YOU. THE MORE FAMILY PARTICIPATION THERE IS, THE MORE SUCCESSFUL THE PROGRAM IS.

IT IS SIMPLY A SHOP WHERE YOU WANT, WHEN YOU WANT, FOR HOWEVER MUCH YOU WANT. THE MORE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY USE IT, THE MORE THE SCHOOL AND YOUR CHILD'S PROJECT GRADUATION CLASS WILL EARN, SINCE THE PTO HAS SET UP A PROGRAMMED CALENDAR BY MONTH IN WHICH EACH CLASS RECEIVES THE 50% SPLIT, WITH SENIOR CLASSES RECEIVING THE ADDITIONAL SUMMER MONTHS .SIGN UP TODAY!

PROJECT GRADUATION 2024

THE FIRST EVENT THIS YEAR FOR PROJECT GRADUATION 2024 WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11TH. SENIORS WERE TREATED TO A CHIPOTLE LUNCH AND LAWN GAMES, ICE CREAM AND T-SHIRTS DOWN ON THE ATHLETIC FIELDS. SPECIAL THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE IT A GREAT DAY!

CLASS OF 2024 PARENTS!

*PLEASE PAY YOUR PROJECT GRADUATION DUES OF \$150 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON VENMO @WMMHSPG PLEASE PUT YOUR SENIOR'S NAME IN THE COMMENTS SECTION.

THERE ARE LOTS OF OPPORTUNITIES COMING UP TO SUPPORT PROJECT GRADUATION. PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP AND FUNDRAISE SO SENIORS CAN HAVE A GREAT SPRING!



SAVE THE DATE!

JANUARY 20TH COME TO BERNIE'S TO HEAR "SHOULDER MONKEY" AND SUPPORT THE CLASS OF 2024!

\$20 COVER CHARGE
DOOR PRIZES AND CASH BAR
OPENING AT 7PM

SEE YOU THERE...

Mendham High School
CLASS OF 2024
PROJECT GRADUATION

12/1 -
12/22!

Candle Fundraiser!

SHOP THE EXCLUSIVE MENDHAM HIGH SCHOOL CANDLE AND OTHER CHESTER CANDLES ONLINE WITH OUR LINK FOR A PORTION OF YOUR SALE TO GO TO THE MENDHAM HIGH CLASS OF 2024 PROJECT GRADUATION

Shop Online at

chestercandle.com/mendham

or Scan:



PLEASE REACH OUT TO PG 2024 CHAIRS LAURA COUTTS OR MAUREEN HALL WITH ANY QUESTIONS? OR TO GET INVOLVED WITH PG WE ARE LOOKING FOR PG CAPTAINS FOR EACH CLASS EMAIL US AT WMMHSPTO@GMAIL.COM!

THE PTO WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR BEING A PART OF OUR PTO COMMUNITY. OUR BOARD IS COMMITTED TO CONTINUING OUR EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN OUR INVOLVEMENT WITH THE SCHOOL.

WE WISH EVERYONE A HAPPY & HEALTHY HOLIDAY SEASON!

PLEASE FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND JOIN US AT A COFFEE HOUR! IT IS A GREAT WAY TO STAY INFORMED AND WE WELCOME NEW IDEAS AND PARTICIPATION!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO MAKING THE SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR EVEN BETTER...