

# Cedar Park High School PTSA

December 2016/January 2017

## Clothes Closet News

Our next volunteer date at the Clothes Closet is Tuesday, February 28th, from 9:45 AM to 12:15 PM. Click [here](#) to sign up on the CPHS PTSA page if you'd like to help.

Hi! My name is Shelley Helms and I currently serve as CPHS PTSA membership chair. It has been my pleasure to be involved with PTA in many different positions for 10 years. PTA has not only brought new friendships into my life, but it has also given me insight as to what helps make a school great ... student involvement, teacher involvement, and community involvement. PTA works to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children!

Concerning CPHS PTSA, let me report some great news: we now have 239 members! We received the Fall Membership Increase Award for recruiting more than 100% of last year's members. Membership is open all year, and it's never too late to join. Students are especially encouraged to join; seniors, if you would like a chance to receive one of two \$500 CPHS PTSA scholarships, you must be a member. Your PTSA membership affords you as an individual some corporate discounts, but more importantly, it helps the entire school community by funding teacher appreciation events, student activities, and community programs sponsored by CPHS PTSA. ("No Fundraiser Fundraiser" donations are always accepted as well!) Won't you join us and carry CPHS's tradition of excellence into the realm of PTA? Click [here](#) to join, and we thank you for your support.

Teachers really enjoyed the appreciation luncheon provided for them by PTSA in November. Thanks to everyone who donated and helped make it happen!



## Be It Resolved...

You know how you always make a New Year's resolution to start working out? And then you join a gym and commit to pay a monthly fee whether you go to said gym or not? And then you really **never do go** to said gym again after January 15th? Well, **HAVE WE GOT A DEAL** for you!! **Join PTSA instead!** It's cheaper, you only pay once, and you'll smell a lot better in those first few weeks of January. Click [here](#) to join. And remember, gym memberships are for chumps! PTSA memberships are for champs!



save the date

for a CPHS PTSA program:  
"Success Starts at Home"  
February 1, 2017  
6:00 to 7:30 PM  
Presented by Larriann Curtis,  
Texas PTA



Kudos to Hannah McQueen and Sean Wright! As PTSA members, they each applied for a \$1000 Texas PTA senior scholarship. They learn on April 1, 2017, if they have been selected to receive one of these coveted awards. We're rooting for you!

## Member Spotlight

We hope you'll enjoy this new feature! Each month we will introduce you to three CPHS PTSA members: a student, a teacher, and a parent. Join PTSA if you haven't already; you too could be a Spotlight STAR!



**Student name: Emilee Kitzmann**  
**Age: 14**  
**Grade: 9th**  
**Favorite thing about CPHS: The freedom of being able to do what is necessary to get your work done. We have a lot more time that we can be flexible with because of the A/B Day schedules. Also, the teachers are super friendly and patient!**  
**Something about you that people would be surprised to know: I grew up in New York for about 10 years! The people there are actually not that rude, despite what you may hear from others.**



**Teacher name: Adam Babich**  
**Teacher of: Pre-AP and AP biology**  
**Hometown: Cumberland, Maryland**  
**Activities you are involved with at CPHS: Student Council, Harry Potter Club**  
**Something about you that people would be surprised to know: I am terrified of spiders and dark water.**  
**If you could give a holiday gift to CPHS on behalf of PTSA, what would you give? I would want to give all students the resources they need to be successful during their time at CPHS...an endless account where we could buy school supplies, clothes, anything that students need.**



**Parent name: Claire Ellis**  
**Name/grade of your CPHS student: Nasreen Marikar/9th**  
**Something about you that people would be surprised to know: During Christmas vacation in 2004, my family and I were in Sri Lanka when the tsunami hit. We were in the mountainous region when it hit, which saved our lives.**  
**If you could give a holiday gift to CPHS on behalf of PTSA, what would you give? I would give CPHS the gift of seeing the Broadway musical "Hamilton." It has won many awards and is about the life of Alexander Hamilton, one of our Founding Fathers.**

## LAST THING



Some of our LISD principals and staff will be "Dropping the Mic" on January 28, 2017, at 6:00 PM at the LEEF Gala! Details [here](#).

