

Haven Middle School
PTA Meeting Notes
September 30, 2025
Google Meet

Introductions

- Haven PTA Executive Board
 - President – Margaret MacKay
 - Vice president – Open
 - Co-treasurers – Sonia Kinra & Chelsea Cooper
 - Communications – Margaret MacKay
 - Secretary – Andrea Jackson
 - PTA Council Representative – Lindsey Wade
 - PEP Representative – Venee Garnett

Join the PTA

- The PTA's goal is to help organize and fund programs, extracurricular activities and community events at school.
- Membership is free, but we encourage donations
- To be a voting member of the Haven PTA, each adult in a family must register individually.
havenpta.com/home/membership

Directory/Eblast

- The Haven Middle School Directory is powered by Membership Toolkit
- Brand new to Haven and would like to sign up? [Havenpta.com/home/directory](https://havenpta.com/home/directory)
- If you are a current family and have questions about your account status, email HavenDirectory2417@gmail.com
- Email with access instructions to be sent out in a few days

Mr. Latting updates

- The school year is off to a great start!
- Introduction to Mr. Latting principal and Mr. Smith assistant principal
 - Mr. Latting's preferred method of contact is phone 847-859-8201
 - Email lattingc@district65.net
 - Mr. Smith's preferred method of contact is email smitht2@district65.net
- Please take the beginning of the year parent/caregiver survey:
<https://forms.gle/RUXcowxHTBiavBd68>
- If you aren't receiving texts from Haven, please email instructionaltech@district65.net
- A date hasn't been set yet for 8th grade graduation. This will happen after the first of the year
- Conferences are this week. PTA to send out email tomorrow with Latting's conference Smore newsletter link.

Teacher Update Mrs. Martin

- Grading changes for this year—the district has clarified the standards based grading and has added a category for Learning Habits. [More Info Here](#)

Fall Fundraising Appeal

- Overview of PEP provided as well as a plea to donate to the drive and to our fall appeal. Right now we are 30% to our goal.

Budget

- 2025/26 budget was presented
- The vote on the 2025/26 budget will be sent out via email with a deadline of Saturday 10/4/25 for the vote to take place

Activity Updates

- Clubs link to clubs: <https://haven.district65.net/students/clubs-activities> We currently have 15 clubs happening as well as...
- Haven Play
- Band & Orchestra
- Intramural Sports

D65 Community

- NU game at Wrigley—part of the ticket price will benefit OneFund
- PEP Fest is this Saturday 10/4/25 at Chute. 12pm-5pm

Volunteers needed

- Volunteering for the Haven PTA is a smaller time commitment than elementary school PTAs
- Volunteers are needed in the following areas. Visit <https://www.havenpta.com/home/volunteer> and let us know your area of interest
 - Community engagement
 - Fundraising
 - Translation
 - 8th grade celebration

Miscellaneous

- Subscribe to Haven E-News
 - havenenews@gmail.com
- Join the Haven Middle School PTA group on Facebook
- Join the PTA if you haven't already!
- We are trying a group calendar! Instructions to join coming in the nest Sunday EBlast