January 2026 PTO Meeting

January 13, 2026, at 8:30am

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Attendees: Alina Prescornita, Amanda Fontana, Chrissy Badger, Erin Amer, Kasia Sleczek, Ken Levin, Lee Ann Townes, May Choy, Michelle Augliera, Priya Shah, SY Q, Lauren Loffredo, Sky Chau, Colleen Herzog, Hillary Bell, Emma Jung, Yiwen Gong, Sanket Shah, Meenal Sharma, Meghan Ozekici, Ankur Bajaj, Vincent Fontana, Jose Luis Lopez Torres, Anna Faiman, U T, Maggie, Richard Qian, Rahul Agarwal, Danielle O'Donnell, Melanie Mortofolio, Peter Chu, Nikki Nachimow, Erika Lenzi, Amy Duskin, Lauren Reid, Malika Gupta, Michelle Mazurkiewicz, Nicole Jala

Administrative Attendee: Juliana Addi

Location: In Person at Connors + Virtually via Google Meet

Facilitators: Michelle Mazurkiewicz & Nicole Jala

Notes: Colleen Herzog

Meeting Start/End Time: 8:35-9:45am

Action Items:

[More details on all items listed here can be found in full minutes below]

- Want to help stock faculty lounges and monthly treat trolleys? Click here.
- Want to volunteer for Bingo Night? Sign up here.
- Want to vote for our Saturday Morning Movie? Visit this Facebook post.
- Review the many ways to Support the Connors PTO!
- **Stay Connected and "In the Know"**
  - Join the Connors School PTO Facebook Group
  - Visit and bookmark our PTO Website
  - Sync our PTO "Live" Calendar to your phone
  - Email us at connorspto@gmail.com to join our email distribution list
  - Contact connorspto@gmail.com to volunteer + share ideas/feedback

Meeting Recap:

AGENDA

- **December Recap [Michelle]**

- **Bingo Night [Michelle]**
- **Koala-Ty Career Day [Michelle]**
- **SWAG [Michelle]**
- **HCC Pantry Drive [Michelle]**
- **Rec Basketball [Michelle]**
- **Looking Ahead: Valentine's Day [Michelle]**
- **Saturday Morning Movie [Michelle]**
- **District Happenings [Michelle]**
- **HPEF Online Giving [Nicole]**
- **Upcoming Dates [Michelle]**
- **Support the PTO [Michelle]**
- **Looking Ahead: February Guest Speaker [Michelle]**
- **Today's Guest Speaker: Mrs. Christy Gaudio**
- **Stay Connected**

December Recap

- **Holiday Spirit Week**
  - **Wednesday:** Scratch-off lottery tickets for staff + "Guess How Many" marshmallows contest
  - **Thursday:** Hot Cocoa with a Cop + marshmallow contest prizes
  - **Friday:** Smores Basket Giveaway at Connors Rocks the Holidays
  - **Monday:** Staff Breakfast + candy canes for all students
    - *Thanks to The Hive for coffee donation + setup volunteers!*
  - **Tuesday:** Holiday song trivia + prizes for each homeroom
- **Faculty Holiday Gift Collection**
  - Thank you for your generosity in contributing to our collection!
- **Winter Class Crafts**
  - Thanks to PTO Liaisons for coordinating class crafts/activities

BINGO NIGHT

- **Thursday, January 29th, at 6PM**
- **TICKETS SOLD OUT - Please Join our Waitlist!**
  - Tickets sold out within 20 minutes!
  - Waitlist still open and enforced
  - Non-transferable tickets – please notify PTO
- **if unable to attend (connorspto@gmail.com)**
- **For Sale at Event: Pizza + Snacks + Drinks**
- **Sign Up Genius: day-of event help + donations**
- **Prize Donations**
  - Gift cards welcome
  - New in box/package toys & gifts from holidays/birthdays
  - Larger/more valuable items also accepted *(for Bingo or upcoming raffles)*

KOALA-TY CAREER DAY

- Thursday, January 22nd (9-10:30am)
- About 70 parents presenting
- Each class 4-5 presenters
- Variety of careers from healthcare, finance, IT, event planning, marketing, engineering, HR, fashion, law, software development
- HUGE thank you to Susie Zuckerman and Courtney Guyer for working with Principal Addi to plan and execute this awesome day
- Thank to you all the parents participating!

SWAG

- **RECAP: Holiday Online Sale**
    - Thank you to everyone who supported the Holiday Online Sale!
    - We sold over 150 items (most popular were zip hoodies + PJ pants)
- **SWAG SWAP**
    - Collecting GENTLY USED Connors spiritwear, kids + adults
    - Bring to PTO meetings or can bring to Bingo Night
    - Items will be professionally laundered and offered at Earth Day "Swap Sale"
- **SWAG Mixer!**
    - Interested in joining the Connors Swag Team?
    - Mixer TONIGHT at Snack Bar at 7pm to learn more!
- ***Email SwagConnors@gmail.com for in-stock item requests.***

HCC PANTRY DRIVE

- During the Great Kindness Challenge week, PTO will run its annual drive for the Hoboken Community Center's Pantry
- We will collect *Toothpaste + Men's Deodorant (full-size, unexpired, any brand)*
- Drop off items to Connors OR purchase/ship the items directly from our Amazon Wishlist to the school, which will be labeled for PTO Pantry Drive
- Collection bin will also be at Bingo Night!
- Click here for more information

REC BASKETBALL

- We have 6 teams (two for each 3rd, 4th and 5th grades)
    - *5 of 6 teams play Saturdays; 5th grade boys on Tues/Thurs*
- Cheer on your fellow Koalas; wear Connors swag; fun + free indoor activity
- Link to all Connors rec basketball info on our PTO website
    - Schedule changes likely! Will update if we receive info.
    - *Q: Is there an automated way to handle updates to the schedule? No, but the website will be updated as changes are made.*

LOOKING AHEAD: VALENTINE'S DAY

- Friendship Bears + Caring Cards: The PTO will once again sponsor the exchange of friendship teddy bears along with supplies for cards the students will make in school for each other. Students will be paired by their teacher to exchange a card and bear.

- Treats: The school has asked that NO treats, food, candy, goody bags be sent in (including not to be put in backpacks) due to severe food allergies.
- Cards + Non-Food Items: Optional but welcomed; must bring for entire class
- Celebrations: Valentine's Day will be celebrated on Thursday, 2/12 (1pm dismissal day); more info to be shared by Principal Addi in all channels
- *NOTE FROM MS. ADDI: Students cannot give cards and gifts to select friends in other classrooms.*

CHOOSE OUR SATURDAY MORNING MOVIE!

- February 21st at 10am at Hoboken Grace
- 150 Capacity
- Free entry; concessions for purchase
- Movie Choices: Inside Out; Space Jam; Clifford; Secret Life of Pets; Dog Man
- Vote at the PTO Meeting:
    - Inside Out: 9
    - Space Jam: 8
    - Clifford: 4
    - Secret Life of Pets: 4
    - Dog Man: 0
- Parents can also visit the Connors PTO FB Group to vote!

DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

- Winter Concert on January 21, 2026, at Hoboken High School – Chorus performance at 6pm and Band & Strings at 7:30pm
    - Tickets are limited to 4 per family
    - Only available at door
    - $5 for one show; $8 for both shows
- School of Rock Auditions: 2/23-2/27
    - Must register by 1/29!
- District Talent Show: 3/20 at 6pm at HHS Auditorium
    - Must register by 2/10!

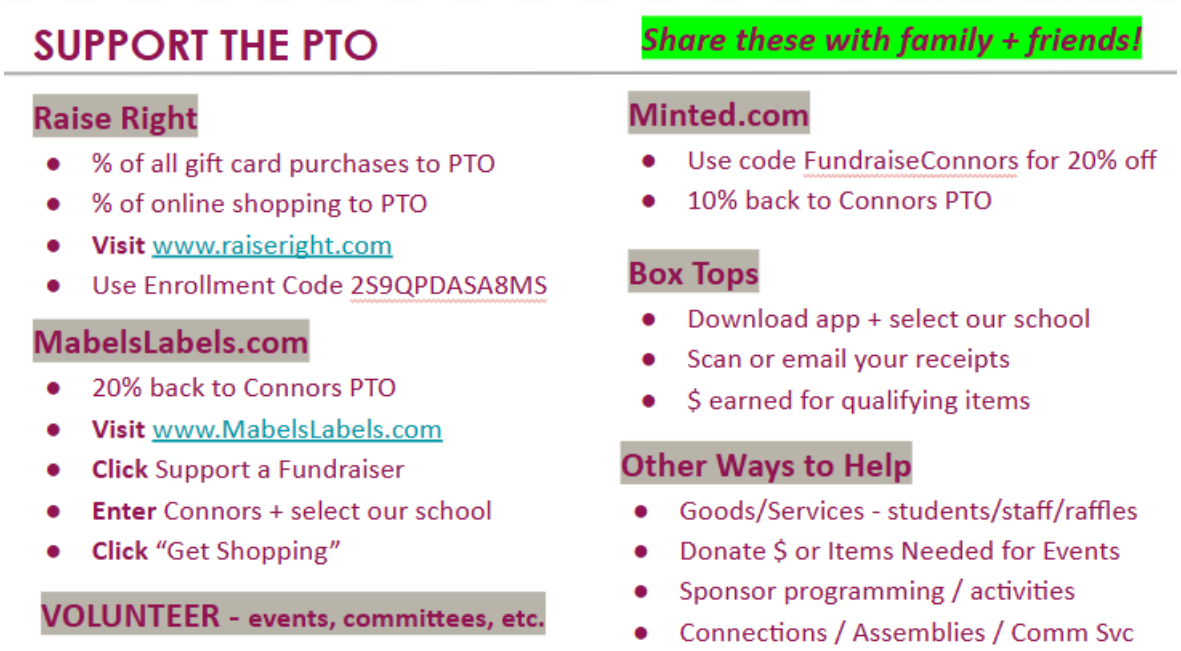
HPEF

- HPEF is a non-profit foundation that supports district-wide initiatives like field trips, chromebooks, etc.
- Moms' Night Out is on February 4th at the Hoboken Biergarten
    - Get tickets here!
- 2nd Annual Dads' Night Out is on March 12th
    - More details coming soon!

UPCOMING DATES

- Please refer to PTO Meeting slide (and PTO calendar) for all upcoming dates
- Flagging – 1/16 early dismissal and theater showcase

SUPPORT THE PTO



Preview: February PTO Meeting Guest Speaker

- Dr. Christine Johnson, *Superintendent of Schools*
- *Topic:* ENROLLMENT, FACILITIES & OUR STRATEGIC PLAN

Stay Connected

- Stay connected by attending PTO meetings, reading weekly "PTO Corner" emails, and PTO's section of the Scoop emails.
- Join Facebook Group!
- PTO website has everything – entire page of links
- Sync the PTO calendar!!
- Email us at connorspto@gmail.com

Guest Speaker: Mrs. Christy Gaudio

- Topic: COGAT ASSESSMENT AND JOHN HOPKINS CTY PROGRAM
- Click here to view presentation
- Common Q during Q&A – if child tests into G&T programming, will they automatically be enrolled/eligible every year? Yes.

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING!