



# WEST CHESTER EAST HIGH SCHOOL PTO

*To enhance the learning environment of West Chester East High School by providing materials and activities that will enrich the experience of high school for all of our students.*

## Who We Are:

All faculty and parents/guardians of East students are members of the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). Parental support, both volunteer and financial, enables the PTO to achieve our mission of helping West Chester East excel.

## What We Do:

- **Teacher Mini Grant Program:** Annually, all East staff members are encouraged to apply for PTO grants and the possibility to receive funding for special projects. The purpose of these grants is to extend opportunities beyond allocations provided through the District. In the last 5 years, over \$50,000 has been granted to teachers, counselors, and staff. Some of the most recent grants have been for:
  - Weather Station for the school
  - Standing desks for Math, English, Social Studies and Language classrooms
  - Provisions for a Behavioral Support room
  - Sanders for Woodworking and Materials Class
  - New cameras for the Art Department
  - Buzzers for the Academic Team
  - Heart Rate Monitors for Phys Ed
- **Viking with Pride Award:** A twice-yearly award (in the form of a gift card) which recognizes students who demonstrate the ideals of character and commitment that exemplify the spirit of East High School
- **Richard Dunlap Service Scholarship:** Two \$1000 scholarships are given to Seniors who demonstrate outstanding volunteer service to East High School and/or our surrounding community
- **Teacher Recognition Programs and Hospitality Events:** Including the staff buffet for Open House, the Sweet Treat table in December and breakfast during Teacher Appreciation Week
- **Water Ice** for the Water Nice student bonding program
- **Post Prom Event:** The PTO sponsors this much anticipated, all night, free admission event provided immediately following the Senior Prom for the safety of our students
- **"Stress Free Fridays" program funding:** A weekly Guidance Department Event designed to help students decompress. Some examples: yoga classes, Main Line Animal Rescue canine visits, and bananas for Banana Day

## How You Can Help Make It Happen:

**Financial Help:** We hope to raise the majority of our funds through your donations at the beginning of the year as this lays the foundation for the PTO budget. We ask for a donation of \$20 per family, though any amount, greater or smaller is appreciated! Your donations help us to offer and fund the programs and items listed above. The PTO does not run direct fundraisers such as selling wrapping paper, candles or coupon books. We also raise money by running the highly regarded SAT/ACT prep classes twice yearly.

**Volunteer Help:** Registering as a volunteer does not commit you to anything specific. Our "call me as needed" volunteers may be asked to supply a snack for a teacher appreciation event or to work coat check at Homecoming. Our largest volunteer need is for Post Prom, where 150 volunteer hours are needed to fully staff the event.

Log on to [www.wc-eastpto.org](http://www.wc-eastpto.org) to donate and/or volunteer today!!

If you have any questions about the PTO, please send them to:

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!**