Damascus High School

Athletic Booster Club & PTSA

2018-2019 Membership Form

PTSA

Athletic Booster Club

- A non-profit volunteer organization that supports all DHS athletes and athletic teams
- Comprised of dedicated parents, guardians, alumni, coaches, teachers, school administrators, and community members.

Our Mission

- Provide financial support to all athletics at DHS
- Help maintain and improve the athletic facilities
- Support and recognize the efforts of our teams and athletes
- Increase the awareness of DHS Athletic events within the community

Accomplishments

- Stadium Improvements
  - Replacement of the stadium grass with Bermuda Turf
  - Installation of End Zone Backstops
  - Assisted with acquiring a new stadium scoreboard, field clocks for the main field
- Equipment Upgrade
  - New Soccer Goals
  - New Wrestling Mats
  - New Gym Sideline Chairs
  - Tiered seating for the Softball Field
  - Tournament quality Volleyball Net System
  - Tennis Practice Wall
  - Swimming Starter System
- Financial support
  - An annual monetary contribution to every team's annual budget
  - Annual student athlete scholarships
  - Community donations

Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA)

- The largest nonprofit volunteer student advocacy organization at the local, county, state, and national levels
- All family members, including students are encouraged to join. We value student input and participation.

Our Mission

- An organization where parents, school staff, and the community work together to help students succeed
- An advocate to voice your concerns about our students, our school, our staff, or our county school system
- Empower and engage families and communities to advocate for all children and to make every child's potential a reality

Accomplishments

- For Students and Parents
  - Student Scholarships (PTSA members only)
  - Post Prom - All-Night party for junior and senior students following Prom
  - Access to resources on student achievement, safety, and technology
  - Provide informative speakers for students and parents during monthly PTSA meetings and other occasions
  - Keep parents and guardians informed of school events
- For Staff and School
  - Staff Appreciation Events
  - School campus beautification

Join Us - Your donation is needed!

Our Annual Membership drive is our largest fund-raiser of the year and we need your support. Your contribution is tax deductible and will help support our students' academic & enrichment programs, athletes, coaches, teams, athletic facilities and school.

Athletic Booster Club vs. PTSA… what's the difference???

What is the difference between the Athletic Booster Club and the PTSA?

- The Athletic **Booster Club** supports all things "sports"… including the physical education department. We provide equipment for the students to use, maintain the athletic facilities that MCPS does not cover, and provide for additional equipment and items that improve the students' athletic experience while at DHS.
- The **PTSA** is your voice at the school and with MCPS! We act as your advocate to ensure the students are getting the educational experience you desire. We organize and run the Post Prom Party as well as special events to educate and engage the community with DHS.
- These organizations both provide scholarships for their member students for higher education beyond DHS.

Why should I join both the Athletic Booster Club and PTSA?

- This is the best way to support your student! Both organizations play a vital role in providing all DHS students with an improved education experience. Supporting both organizations provides funding for well-rounded students through academics, athletics, social and emotional programs.

What does all the money get used for?

- **Athletic Booster Club:** Facility maintenance, new athletic equipment, facility and equipment improvements and upgrades; provides our students with new and modern equipment to improve their athletic experience, communicates the accomplishments of our students to the community, provides scholarships to our students for post-graduation
- **PTSA:** Provides staff appreciation events every month of the school year, informative speakers for students and parents, supports our students through advocacy, provides scholarships to our students for post-graduation, funds the entire Post-Prom Party, **and much more!**

What are the best ways I can support these organizations?

1. Most importantly, become a member today!!! Your membership goes a long way when added up!
2. Use Amazon Smile when making purchases online; Amazon will make a contribution to our organizations whenever you make a purchase… without raising your prices and you still get Prime benefits!
3. Link your e-VIC card to DHS at www.harristeeter.com & we receive a portion of sales (Code 2729)
4. Order Honey Baked Ham before Thanksgiving, Winter, and Spring Breaks for pick-up at DHS. Check PTSA website for updates and the easy ordering link.
5. Participate in local restaurant fundraisers each month
6. Make donations of money, goods or services you can provide that can assist in our goals

How can I help with my time?

We understand, most of us do not have time to volunteer. There are so many ways you can help… here's a few ideas:

1. Come to our monthly meetings. They only take an hour each month. Get informed and educated on what our organizations are doing to help your students!
2. Help in the concession stand during sporting events. Even helping once during a season makes a difference.
3. Provide baked goods or store-bought treats for our staff appreciation events.
4. Help make our school look better! Donate a few minutes of time each year during our "campus beautification" days
5. Serve on one of many special committees to GET THINGS DONE! Post Prom Party, Spring Booster Party Fundraiser, Staff appreciation, membership, sponsorship, merchandise sales, concessions staffing, special events planning, scholarship team… the list goes on.
6. Join our boards to really make a difference

Who do I contact for more information or to volunteer?

For Athletic Boosters, please email dhsboosterclubpresident@gmail.com and for PTSA, please email damascusptsa@gmail.com.

DHS Athletic Booster Club & PTSA Membership Form

Please complete this form and return it with payment to the DHS Office or mail to:
DHS Athletic Booster / PTSA, 25921 Ridge Road, Damascus, MD 20872.
You can also join on-line at: https://squareup.com/market/damascus-high-school-ptsa

(1) Full Name (First & Last):_____

(2) Full Name (First & Last):_____

Phone Number (Primary):_____ (Alternate):_____

E-mail Address:_____

Alternate E-mail Address:_____

*Please note – all communications will be by E-mail, Facebook, and Twitter

Student(s) Name (First & Last):	**Grade:**
_____	_____
_____	_____

MAKE IT EASY… WRITE ONE CHECK FOR BOTH MEMBERSHIPS AND SAVE $10.00!!!

Use the chart below to select your desired memberships. If you select membership in both organizations, take a $10.00 discount at the bottom of the form. **Please make checks payable to DHS PTSA.**

If you only desire to join one of the organizations, simply check the appropriate box in that organization's column.

MEMBERSHIP DUES (Select all that apply). **Take a $10 discount when you join BOTH organizations!!!**	
Athletic Booster Membership	**Amount**
☐ Family Membership - $25	
☐ DHS Coach and/or Staff - $20	
☐ Athletic Booster Club Patron - $250**	
☐ Additional Tax Deductible Donation to the Athletic Booster Club	
☐ Would you like to be added to our list of 'on call' volunteers? (Yes/No)	
PTSA Membership	**Amount**
☐ Parent/Guardian - $35/household	
☐ DHS Staff - $15	
☐ DHS Student - $10	
☐ Additional Tax Deductible Donation to the PTSA	
Would you like to volunteer? ☐ Post Prom ☐ Staff appreciation ☐ Other (See back for Additional Volunteer options)	
Less $10 Discount if joining both organizations	**-$10 (if joining both)**
Total Amount Due	

** Booster Club Patron Membership includes an annual membership, reserved parking at all home football games (**only held until the playing of the National Anthem**) and 2 adult annual all-sports athletic passes. This membership is available to any fan of DHS! **Offered on a Very limited basis!**

Thank you for your support!

PTSA Volunteer Opportunities

Let us know if you have a skill you can lend to PTSA efforts. Be a speaker for a program. Be a baker for a staff appreciation event. Be a committee leader or member. Be a donor for a scholarship. Don't hesitate – email us at damascusptsa@gmail.com.

*Full Name (First & Last):*_____

*Phone Number (Primary):*_____ *E-mail Address:*_____

Please choose at least one area where you can help our PTSA this year (check all that apply):	
☐ Post Prom	A fun-filled event held overnight, after the prom, to keep our kids safe. We need help planning, shopping, decorating, and chaperoning.
☐ Staff Appreciation	Help us thank our wonderful staff by providing baked goods or purchased snacks.
☐ Fundraising	Selling concessions at events, planning a restaurant night, or other fundraising.
☐ Campus Beautification	Help to improve the look of our school grounds with planting, weeding and simple landscaping activities twice a year.
☐ Advocacy	Summarize for our DHS community the events and proposals happening at the Board of Education and county level.
☐ Community Outreach	Help to promote our PTSA in the community.
☐ One Time Event	Can't commit to a year-long commitment, but willing to help out once.
☐ Programs	Help plan speakers or events
☐ Liaison	Act as liaison for Special needs or Hispanic community.
☐ Other	Talents/interests you would like to share – please let us know!

Music Boosters: If you are interested in helping to support to the Music program at Damascus HS, e-mail Dhsmusicvolunteer@gmail.com. Music Booster membership is free. Opportunities include working in the Band Stand at home football games, helping with the Marching Band, fundraising and assisting at concerts.