



Parent Teacher Student Organization

2015 – 2016 PTSO

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Welcome to the 2015 – 2016 School Year

The Cab Calloway Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO) would like to welcome you to the 2015 – 2016 school year. For those of you who are unfamiliar with the PTSO, we are a volunteer organization made up of parents, teachers, administrators, and support staff who are all dedicated to the successful education of our children. The purpose of our organization is to aid the students and staff by providing support for educational and recreational needs; to promote open communication between administration, teachers and parents and to encourage CAB school spirit and pride. The PTSO uses its resources, both manpower and monetary, to support our school. We work hard to help make the school year both enjoyable and exciting for students, teachers, and parents.

Please consider the "value" of your PTSO membership and submit your 2015-2016 membership dues. Your dues support the exciting programs of *your* PTSO and will allow for new programs as we grow and expand our impact at CAB. Here are a few PTSO highlights:

- 8th Grade Finale Dance and Closing Reception celebrating the successful completion of the middle school years.
- Junior/Senior After Prom providing our students an amazing event to continue the magic of Prom in a safe and fun environment.
- The PTSO provides two \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors and sponsors the May 1st College Day "Signing Celebration" each year.
- Financial support is given to teachers for classroom supplies, programs and equipment. Funding is also provided for special projects such as software, a sound system for the cafeteria, chairs, and lighting for Showstoppers in the Gym.
- This year we are implementing the Square Register system to allow for credit card payments at Cab events.
- The "Snack Shack" utilizes parent and student volunteers to provide students with community service hours, help them develop customer service skills, and earn funding for their programs.
- And don't forget: Spirit Days, Rita's Spirit Nights, Cabby Wear, Adopt -a-Teacher Program, Teacher Appreciation Week & Teacher In-Service Day meals and so much more!

We are looking forward to a great school year! The PTSO is always looking for volunteers to help make a difference in the lives of our children; however we understand not everyone can provide their time. We greatly appreciate any assistance you can provide the PTSO; becoming a member, baking cookies for an event or participating on a committee. Please complete the attached membership form, send it to the main office with \$10 cash or check payable to "CCSA PTSO" in an envelope marked 2015-2016 PTSO Membership. Thank you!

PTSO Membership Form 2015-2016

- The PTSO at CCSA sponsors many fun-filled activities for students, provides equipment and supplies to teachers to facilitate classroom instruction and fosters communication with parents.
 - **All** membership dues and other revenues remain at Cab Calloway to support our school (\$10.00 for 1 year / \$20.00 for 2 years / \$30.00 for 3 years & \$40 for 4 years per family).
 - Meetings are generally held the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm. All parents are encouraged to attend.
 - In keeping with the school's goal to conserve resources, all announcements, newsletters and meeting minutes will be posted on the School's List Serv. To sign up for this service, simply send an e-mail to
 - [CCSANews-SUBSCRIBE- REQUEST@NETPALS.LSOFT.COM](mailto:CCSANews-SUBSCRIBE-REQUEST@NETPALS.LSOFT.COM)
 - This info along with PTSO events, contacts, committees and forms can also be found at
 - <http://www.cabcallowayschool.org/ptso/>
 - If you do not have access to a computer, we are happy to mail the information. Just drop a note in our mail box in the office.
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Member Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Student Name _____ Grade _____ Major _____

Student Name _____ Grade _____ Major _____

Student Name _____ Grade _____ Major _____

Volunteer with the PTSO! Your talent is needed!

Please check areas where you can help during the upcoming year.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> PTSO Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Coordination | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Directory | <input type="checkbox"/> Website Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Writing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PR/Community Activity | <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Cream Social | <input type="checkbox"/> Fall Fundraising - TBD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Winter fundraising - TBD | <input type="checkbox"/> Spring Fundraising - TBD | <input type="checkbox"/> Spirit Wear |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Product Incentives | <input type="checkbox"/> Spirit Days | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality for Open Houses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other student celebrations | <input type="checkbox"/> Staff Appreciation – Breakfasts | <input type="checkbox"/> Staff Appreciation Week – May |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Grants Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt –a- Teacher Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Recycling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Junior/Senior After Prom | <input type="checkbox"/> 8th Grade Celebrations | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Upcoming PTSO Meetings

Upcoming PTSO Meeting Schedule

Mark Your Calendar

(All meetings start at 7:00 pm)

October 6, 2015

November 17, 2015

December 15, 2015

January 19, 2016

February 16, 2016

March 15, 2016

April 19, 2016

.May 17, 2016

October

At the October meeting we will be joined by Debby Fawcett. Debby will provide a detailed overview of the 6th & 9th Grade Cab assessment process.

We recap the October Rita's Fundraising Event, plan the Concessions and Cabby Wear sales for the Christmas Carol play, and kick off the Fall Scrip Program.

We will also establish our **Newsletter Committee, Membership Committee and Social Media Committee**. The **Financial Oversight & Controls Committee** will set up the October education session on Square Register & Credit Card processing.

If you are interested in helping out on either committee please let us know! Lots of helping hands makes our impact greater.

November

At the November meeting we will recap the October Defensive Driving Fundraising Event, the Cabby Wear sales for the Christmas Carol play, provide an update on the Fall Scrip Program, discuss Cabby Wear holiday shopping needs and other exciting activities.

December

At the December meeting we will recap the November Cabby Wear sales for the Christmas Carol play, finalize the Fall Scrip Program, provide an update on the 2015 -2016 Box Tops for Education program, and discuss year end Cabby Wear shopping needs.

January

The January meeting focus will be added shortly...if you have ideas please send them along.

February

The February meeting focus will be added shortly.....if you have ideas please send them along.

Upcoming Teacher Support Events

*Adopt – a Teacher Program –
All Year*

*Teacher Appreciation Week –
1st Week of May*

Upcoming PTSO Teacher Support Events

Adopt -a- Teacher Program

The Adopt-a Teacher Program at Cab Calloway is a great way to make a teacher or staff member feel special throughout the school year. When you sign up, you will receive information regarding the staff member you have adopted. About once a month (or as often as you like), you can remember your adopted teacher by sending them one of their suggested special treats! Please complete the attached form if you would like to participate in this program.

Teacher Appreciation Week

We show how much we appreciate our teachers & staff during the first full week of May. In the past we have provided breakfast, lunch, small gift items and more! Your help will be needed to coordinate this year's event and make it bigger and better than ever. Please contact Susan Spillane (spillanefamily@verizon.net) if you would like to help make this week extra special for our teachers & staff.

Upcoming Student Support Events

Student Support – All year

After Prom – TBD

8th Grade Finale - TBD

Upcoming PTSO Student Support Events

After Prom

This event provides our juniors and seniors a safe haven in which to celebrate after their prom. Parents of juniors, seniors, and all other interested parents, will turn the Hockessin Athletic Club into a wonderland of fun for their children.

The Cab After Prom is a HUGE endeavor and we will need lots of help. Planning meetings will be starting soon, so keep an eye out for newsletter updates. The first After Prom volunteer opportunities are during Christmas Carol working the concession stand. Please contact Alice Kamen (yentak@aol.com) if you would like to volunteer.

8th Grade Finale

While the 8th Graders are attending their closing ceremonies, parents set up a reception with cookies and punch in the school lobby. Then, later in the evening is the 8th Grade Finale Dance! 8th Grade parents organize this fun-filled, semi-formal dance for their 8th Graders including a DJ, food, and fun activities!

For the 2015 – 2016 school year Amy Zunino (aizunino@msn.com) and Sandy Hitchens (don't know her email, sorry) will be helping to coordinate this amazing event. Please contact Amy or Sandy if you would like to volunteer.

Cab Student Support

If your student participates in Cab clubs, such as: NHS, NJHS, Thespian, HS Best Buddies, Piano, P4, Model UN, Class of 2018, 9th Grade Finale, Alice Kamen (yentak@aol.com) is your PTSO contact for questions.

Adopt- A-Teacher Program: Parent Form 2015-2016

Cab Calloway School of the Arts PTSO

Please complete form below and return to school office or mail to:

CCSA PTSO: Adopt -a -Teacher

100 N. DuPont Road

Wilmington, Delaware 19807

Joining the Adopt-a Teacher Program at Cab Calloway is a great way to make a teacher or staff member feel special throughout the school year. Once you've signed up, you will receive information regarding the staff member you have adopted. This information will help you select special treats and gifts for your adopted staff member. About once a month (or as often as you like), you can remember your adopted teacher by sending them one of their special treats! All gifts can be sent anonymously through the school office.

Even though this is an anonymous event, at the end of the school year you will have the opportunity to reveal your identity to your adopted teacher at the PTSO sponsored luncheon. So...try to keep it a secret until then!

Please complete all information, as this information will help us reach you whenever necessary. Your information will not be shared with others. Please remember to return this form in an envelope marked

CCSA PTSO: Adopt-a-Teacher.

If you have questions, please contact Susan Spillane at spillanefamily@verizon.net.

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Parent Name _____

Student Name _____ **Grade** _____

Homeroom No. _____ **Student Major/Minor** _____

Student Name _____ **Grade** _____

Homeroom No. _____ **Student Major/Minor** _____

Phone Number (H) _____ **(C)** _____

Parent E-Mail _____

Teacher Preference, if any 1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

***If one of your teacher preferences is not available, you will be assigned another teacher on your child's team or major/minor. If none are remaining in those categories, you will be contacted.**

Please check here if you are interested in adopting more than one faculty member.

Upcoming Fundraising Events

*Defensive Driving Course -
October, 2015*

*Cabby Wear Booth (we will
be at all "A Christmas
Carole" shows) – November
2015*

*Fall Scrip Program -
November*

*Spring Scrip Program -
February 16, 2016*

*Box Tops For Education –
All Year*

Upcoming PTSO Fundraising Events

Defensive Driving – October 2015

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND, AFTER A SELL-OUT LAST SPRING . . .



PTSO is once again sponsoring the Delaware Safety Council Basic Defensive Driving Course (10% insurance discount) on Wednesday 10/21 and Thursday 10/22 from 6pm - 9 pm and an Advanced Defensive Driving Course (15% insurance discount) on Tue 10/27 from 6pm - 9pm. Please note, the Advanced class cannot be taken until 3 years after completion of the Basic Course.

Convenience and camaraderie - open to anyone -- please share with friends and neighbors! LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE -- REGISTER NOW!! See attached form.

Hope to see you there! If you have any questions please contact Leigh Ann Flickinger (caflaf107@comcast.net).

P.S. Liberty Mutual Insurance is now REQUIRING these classes be kept up to date -- ALL companies offer the discounts -- call your agent for details!

Fall Scrip Fundraising

Earn money for the PTSO by purchasing gift cards! You can use the cards to give as gifts, to buy gifts or to purchase everyday items (like gas and groceries). It is easy and it doesn't cost you or the school anything extra. The PTSO earns between 1-13% of the value of the gift card and you can choose from nearly 400 national retail stores where you already shop. More information will be provided shortly. Please see the attached information on how the Scrip Program works.



Box Tops for Education

Cab PTSO participates in the Box Tops for Education program. The Box Tops program allows us to earn up to \$20,000 cash per year (beginning on March 2 of every year) from the Clip program.



- Box Tops is one of America's largest school earnings loyalty programs.
- Over 80,000 K-8 schools participate.
- Schools can use Box Tops cash to buy whatever they need.
- You can send Box Tops to school anytime.
- Each Box Top is worth 10¢ for your school.

PTSO Fundraising Event - Defensive Driving 2015

PTSO/DE Safety Council Defensive Driving Courses

Basic Defensive Driving:

Wednesday 10/21 AND Thursday 10/22

Both nights are required: 6pm – 9pm

\$35 prepaid non-refundable registration **fee due by 10/12**

Advanced Defensive Driving:

Tuesday 10/27 6pm-9pm

\$30 prepaid non-refundable registration **fee due by 10/16**

All classes held at Cab Calloway School of the Arts
15 person minimum to hold classes and Limited Space Available

Why take the DE Safety Council's Basic Defensive Driving Course?

The majority of roadway accidents are caused by driver error. Understanding the concept of "defensive driving" can help to reduce the likelihood of you being involved in an accident. Our defensive driving course will provide you with techniques to help prevent and avoid accidents, information on new laws and regulations and more.

BASIC classes are for anyone who has not previously taken a Defensive Driving course or has not taken Defensive Driving within three (3) years. Upon completion receive:

- ✓ A 10% reduction on the liability & personal injury portion of your automobile insurance policy for a 3 year period. **
- ✓ A 3 point credit added to all Delaware licensed drivers' motor vehicle records.

Before registering for an ADVANCED DEFENSIVE DRIVING course, you must adhere to the regulation which requires you to complete a refresher course **within** 90 days prior to the 3 year expiration date of the BASIC class. If unsure of the last date of completion, contact your insurance company. Upon completion you will receive a 15% reduction on the liability & personal injury portion of your auto policy for a 3 year period. **

***Please contact your insurance agent for specific questions regarding discounts, which drivers in the family need to take the course, or how long it's been since it was last taken.*

REGISTER TODAY since space is limited!
Complete the attached form and submit it to the main office ASAP!!
Open to the public – please share with friends and neighbors!!

PTSO/Delaware Safety Council Defensive Driving Registration Form

Basic Defensive Driving Registration
Wed October 21st and Thu October 22nd 6pm – 9pm
**** Paid registration due by October 12th ****

Name(s): _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Number of Attendees: _____

Total Enclosed (\$35 per attendee) : _____
(Please make checks payable to Cab Calloway School of the Arts PTSO)

Advanced Defensive Driving Registration Form **Tuesday October 27th 6pm – 9pm** ****Paid registration due by October 16th****

Name(s): _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Number of Attendees: _____

Total Enclosed (\$30 per attendee) : _____
(Please make checks payable to Cab Calloway School of the Arts PTSO)

PLEASE MARK ENVELOPE:

PTSO Defensive Driving Course
Send into CAB main office ASAP.

Or mail to:

PTSO Defensive Driving Course
Cab Calloway School of the Arts
100 N. DuPont Rd.
Wilmington DE 19807

PTSO Fundraising Event - Fall/Spring Scrip Gift Card Fundraiser



What is Scrip?

Scrip is a fundraising program that turns everyday shopping into cash for Cab's PTSO when our families use retail gift cards to pay for everyday purchases (like gas and groceries) instead of the usual credit/debit card or other money.

How does Scrip work?

Our parents (You) buy retail gift cards through your scrip program at face value. You can choose from nearly 400 national retail stores where they already shop. Cab Calloway PTSO then buys the gift cards at 1-13% less than face value (varies by retailer). The difference between face value and what your organization pays = Cab PTSO's earnings. Fundraising has begun!

Why Scrip is Better

Most fundraising programs sell "stuff." Supporters buy the "stuff" to "help you out." (i.e. "How little can I spend?"). With scrip, there's no need to sell "stuff." We all have enough "stuff"!

Top Organization Benefits

1. No selling random, unwanted, overpriced "stuff" to family and friends.
2. Earnings add up fast! It's easy for a single family to generate \$600 to \$1000 or more per year.

Top Family Benefits

1. Plan ahead to buy groceries, gas and other household expenses with gift cards from scrip.
2. Shop in-store or online with participating retailers. Use gift cards to pay at checkout, just like they would use a credit/debit card.
3. No unnecessary spending, families spend their planned household budget at stores they already frequent.

How Much Can a Scrip Program Earn?

If one family were to use scrip for their ordinary purchases (groceries, gas, dining out, online shopping) Cab could earn approximately \$1,000 per year. Now, imagine if Cab had 10, 20, or even 50 dedicated families of scrip shoppers! The impact to the students would be amazing with no additional cost to our families!

Scrip Vocabulary for Success

- **Auto Orders** - Auto orders refer to family orders for ScripNow, Reload, and ReloadNow products paid with PrestoPay.
- **Reload**- Add funds to a plastic gift card overnight for retailers that offer a Reload product.
- **ReloadNow®** - Add funds to a plastic gift card immediately for retailers that offer a ReloadNow product
- **ScripNow®** - Electronic gift cards are available from many of our retailers, and can be ordered and printed from your ShopWithScrip account.

PTSO Committee Summary

We would love all Cab PTSO Committees to have a Chair and Co-Chair

Teacher Support

Chairperson: **Susan Spillane**

Focus: This committee makes arrangements to show student and PTO appreciation for teachers & staff.

Student Support

Chairperson: **Alice Kamen**

Focus: This committee plans and organizes the PTSO Student Support events; plans & organizes volunteers for events throughout the year.

Fundraising

Chairperson: **Leigh Ann Flickinger**

Focus: This committee plans and organizes the PTSO fundraising events and plans & organizes volunteers for fundraising events throughout the year.

Hospitality Programs

Chairperson: **Open**

Focus: This committee plans and organizes greeters, guides and baked goods for special events throughout the year.

Newsletter

Chairperson: **Open**

Focus: This committee plans and organizes the monthly PTSO newsletter, compiles upcoming events & dates, and coordinates the distribution of the newsletter.

Cabby Wear

Chairperson: **Joanne Baker**

Focus: This committee coordinates sales of Cabby Wear at school events throughout the year. This would involve managing the register, manning a sales table and collecting order forms.

Social Media

Chairperson: **Open**

Focus: This committee coordinates the PTSO Facebook page, and any other social media outlet used to communicate our activities and impact.

Financial Oversight & Controls

Chairperson: **Joe Weeks**

Focus: This committee helps with cash register operations, event cash/check controls, and reviews the fiscal controls within the PTSO.

Snack Shack

Chairperson: **Alice Kamen**

Focus: This committee makes arrangements for volunteers, and orders food and snacks to support the operation of the Snack Shack.

After Prom

Chairperson: **Alice Kamen**

Focus: This committee coordinates the after prom for our Juniors and Seniors.

8th Grade Finale

Chairperson: **Amy Zunino & Sandy Hitchens**

Focus: This committee organizes an afternoon reception and evening dance following the 8th grade finale.

Script Program

Chairperson: **Janice Shute**

Focus: Focus: Coordinate the Script Gift Card Fundraiser; includes advertising, ordering, collating and distributing the cards to participants.

Ice Cream Social

Chairperson: **Joe Weeks**

Focus: This social is usually held the week before school starts. This committee will order ice cream & accessories, and organize a welcome event with representatives from various school activities/clubs.

Box Tops for Education

Chairperson: **Open**

Focus: This committee will coordinate and advertise the PTSO Box Tops for Education program

Featured PTSO Event – CAB Spirit Night Rita’s Water Ice, Hockessin



Thursday October 1, 2015 @ 6:00 pm

Come out and show your school spirit! Enjoy a refreshing Rita’s Water Ice! Relax to the soothing sounds of Mr. Lassman’s Vocal students! It will be an enjoyable evening and supports the Cab Calloway PTSO.

We will have Cabby Wear available for sale!! They make great birthday gifts and it is never to early to start your holiday season shopping!

News flash!! Starting with this event, we will accept, cash, checks & **CREDIT CARDS!**



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