# Cazenovia High School Parent Teacher Student Association



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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am pleased to be able to present the annual report of the PTSA's activities for the 2022- 2023 academic year. Once again, the PTSA's activities were led by a small but enthusiastic group of volunteers.

The Cazenovia High School PTSA serves to support all aspects of the high school community. This year the PTSA contributed to the high school community through 1) facilitating connections of parents, teachers and students to the school community, 2) acting as a social forum for parents, teachers, and students, 3) recognizing and celebrating contributions of teachers and staff, and 4) raising funds to support PTSA programs.

### **Facilitating Connections:**

**PTSA Membership**- The 22-23 PTSA membership was 93 members. Members received a monthly newsletter.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Movie Nights- In September and December, the PTSA hosted movie nights in the auditorium for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.

**Candy Cane Grams**- In the weeks leading up to the winter holiday vacation, students were invited to purchase candy canes with personalized messages to friends, admirers, or teachers. All students received a candy cane gram from the PTSA.

**Ugly Sweater Contest-** Parent volunteers were stationed outside the cafeteria a few days before holiday break inviting students to enter an Ugly Sweater contest. The ugliest sweaters were selected, and awards were given.

**PTSA Caz Night-** Students were invited to the school in April for an evening of games and activities hosted by teacher volunteers.

**Popcorn Sales-** Starting in February, parent volunteers popped and sold popcorn to students and teachers during the lunch periods.

**Burton Street Childcare-** On 3 separate occasions, the PTSA organized and recruited high school students to supervise Burton Street students during after school hour events. Parents of the children were in the building at the time while high school students led BS children in different activities. High school students received community service for their time.

**All-Around Senior Award-** A monetary award will be given to a Senior that was selected to be a well-rounded student that has maintained a credible academic average, participated in a variety of extracurricular activities, shown true school spirit, and involved others in extracurricular activities.

**Complementary Yearbooks-** The PTSA arranged to have 5 students selected to receive a yearbook. These students were selected because they did not purchase a yearbook for themselves, maintained a credible academic average and participated in extracurricular activities.

**Rising Senior Award-** The PTSA arranged for a Junior in good academic standing to receive a complementary Senior Photographs session with a local photographer.

**Regents Review Snacks-** The PTSA purchased and created boxes of snacks for teachers hosting exam review sessions before or after school. All teachers that requested a snack box was delivered a 20L tote of individual snacks and candy.

#### Acting as a Social Forum:

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation & Open House- The PTSA was present and available during these school events that are mostly attended by parents.

**Social Media-** The PTSA created a Facebook and Instagram page to increase awareness and communication of PTSA activities.

**Regular PTSA Meetings-** The PTSA held 7 regular meetings through the year. All community members were invited through principal email updates, district calendar, and social media.

Get to Know Your Principals- In November, the PTSA hosted a meet and greet reception in the HS library where Chris Bubble and Molly Hagan were available to meet and parents and caregivers.

**Build Belonging-** In September, the PTSA applied for a grant that would allow the PTSA to support high school students and parents navigate the digital world and social media. The PTSA was awarded the grant in December. In March the PTSA organized and hosted a workshop for parents, students and caregivers that worked through strategies for dealing with tricky only situations.

#### **Teacher Appreciation:**

**Back to School Gifts-** Teachers were welcomed back to school in September with some cookies left in the staff lounge and the restocking of K-cups.

**Faculty Meeting Cookies-** For each monthly faculty meeting, the PTSA provided cookies for the faculty.

**Teacher Appreciation Week-** In May, the PTSA organized a staff breakfast, a staff luncheon, and a mobile snack cart for teachers. Teachers were invited to participate in a raffle of 12 gift baskets. Students were invited to write compliments for their teachers and the messages were posted throughout the school. A banner of appreciation was hung and letters to the editor were written expressing the PTSA's appreciation of Cazenovia teachers and staff.

### **Fundraising:**

**Spirit Wear Sales-** In September and March, community members were invited to order custom Cazenovia printed apparel. The PTSA coordinated the ordering and distribution of the spirit wear sales. Proceeds went to the PTSA.

**PTSA Holiday Shop-** In November and December, the PTSA partners with a local business, By Kelly, and invited the community to purchase custom Cazenovia themed items. The PTSA coordinated the sales and distribution of orders. Proceeds of the sales went to the PTSA.

**Panera Restaurant Night-** In November, the PTSA encouraged members of the community to eat at Panera in Fayetteville. A portion of the proceeds went to the PTSA.

**Coin Challenge-** In March, the PTSA coordinated a coin drive. Homeroom students were encouraged to bring in cions in competition themed drive. The PTSA raised funds through the deposit of the coins.

**Chipotle Restaurant Night-** In April, the PTSA encouraged members of the community to eat at Chipotle in Fayetteville. A portion of the proceeds from food sales went to the PTSA.

**Caz Cans**- A bottle and can redemption account at Caz Cans is available for all patrons to donate their redemptions to the PTSA.