



### **Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year Marauders!**

On behalf of your Marcus PTSA board, I want to express our excitement in welcoming everyone back for in-person learning. We are excited to see what the 2021 – 2022 school year will bring.

I am your new PTSA president, Michelle Hernandez. I have been involved with PTA since 2008 when my now graduated son entered the halls of Timber Creek Elementary for the first time. I bring to Marcus many years of experience in almost all PTSA roles and a deep belief in the mission of PTA.....**To make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.**

### **Did you know?**

Marcus PTSA awards 10 scholarships to graduating seniors who have been student members for their Junior and Seniors.

From our humble beginnings in 1909, Texas PTA has grown into the state's largest child advocacy association with over 500,000 members.

Anyone can join PTSA and back the future. Siblings, grandparents, neighbors, anyone.

### **Why PTSA?**

Here are 10 reasons you should consider joining our PTSA.

- 1 It's good for your child(ren). When parents get connected to the school, children get better grades, do better on tests, and have fewer discipline problems. When you build a relationship with your child's teachers, principal, and office staff, it will be far easier to communicate about any problem (or victory) that occurs throughout the year.
- 2 It's important to the school. Schools are becoming more and more dependent on parent groups. The parent groups are responsible for almost all the school's fundraising revenue. We provide support to teachers and administrators, and we create a caring and supportive atmosphere in the school.
- 3 You'll get connected. There's no better way to know what's going on in the school than to be on the school's parent teacher group. You'll be first to hear about important decisions and changes the school is thinking about making, and you will get to know teachers and administrators on a familiar basis.
- 4 You'll discover great resources. The PTSA offers a variety of programs designed for parents as well as students.
- 5 You'll tap into a network. PTSA functions are opportunities to meet other parents and teachers, building rapport and discussing issues that are on your mind. You can share ideas, concerns, and experiences. The common bond all parents of school-aged children share is that we care about creating the best possible educational experience for our kids. We are neighbors and peers and as a result, many friendships are forged via this connection.

- 6 You'll watch yourself grow. By volunteering with the PTSA, you put your skills and hobbies to use for a noble cause—your child and all children in the community. Your child will beam for weeks after his parent comes to school and shared his career, hobby, or even just their time helping out at school. Stay-at-home parents as well as working parents all have individual talents they can share. Parent groups work to establish a supportive and encouraging community for the entire school. The goal is to create the most educational environment possible for our children.
- 7 You can speak up. Your voice and opinion matters! It makes a difference when you speak up. Your voice and ideas can help improve the quality of education for your children and their peers. PTSA can be a way for you to more effectively suggest change at your child's school.
- 8 You'll witness improvement. By getting involved at your child's school you'll be part of the solution, helping make positive changes.
- 9 You'll be a role model. By becoming a PTSA member, you'll be demonstrating to your child the importance you place on education as well as on being involved in their world. They'll see you taking a stand to make education better for them and their peers, and chances are they'll do the same.
- 10 You'll help raise necessary funds. Your PTSA membership fees are the major source of PTSA fund which provides more educational services for children to improve the quality of the school overall.

### **Action Items**

**Please** join PTSA today! - Joining PTSA doesn't require a time commitment. Your membership will help all the children of Marcus High School and Marcus 9.

**[www.joinpta.org](http://www.joinpta.org)**

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**Please** back the future today and join Marcus PTSA.

I look forward to working with you and do not hesitate to email me with questions.

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