

***“The single most important action a parent can take in their child’s education is to get involved.”***

- National PTA

**We welcome your involvement in South Orangetown Central School District activities and discussions.**

This brochure lists the many ways that you can get information and be involved in our District activities and programs.

Please refer to this brochure throughout the year. Many other numerous events are listed on the District Calendar.

**Board of Education Meetings:**

The five member Board of Education meets publicly two times a month on Thursdays at 7:30 pm in room 165 in the South Orangetown Middle School. For confirmation of these meetings, please call 680-1012 or visit our website at [www.socsd.org](http://www.socsd.org).

**2010-2011**

August 26; September 2 & 15; October 7 & 21; November 4 & 18; December 2 & 16; January 6 & 20; February 3 & 17; March 10 & 24; April 7 & 28; May 10 & 17; June 2 & 16.

**Budget Vote & Board Election  
May 17, 2011  
Budget Discussions & Public  
Input will occur at each Board  
meeting December – April**

**Communicating with the Superintendent**

Dr. Mitchell wants to know what you think about school issues. E-mail him at [kmitchell@socsd.org](mailto:kmitchell@socsd.org).

**Website:** [www.socsd.org](http://www.socsd.org)

Visit our site to learn about meetings, school and group activities and other related information.

*TOGETHER WE CAN!*

**Principal Coffee Chats:**

Each principal welcomes the public to an informal discussion of issues that pertain to their school. For a schedule of Principal Coffee Chats, please call your school directly or visit our website and click onto your school.

**PTA:**

SOCSD has five Parent Teacher Association Units: SOCES PTA (elementary schools), SOMS PTA (middle school), TZHS PTSA (high school), ECP & SEPTA. The Units are unified by the PTA Council. Anyone is welcome to be a member, and volunteer or participate in any PTA activity.

Each PTA unit and Council meets once a month and offer a wide range of opportunities to participate in school activities.

Visit the PTA webpages on [www.socsd.org](http://www.socsd.org) for schedules and information or call:

PTA Council:	Michelle Jones	359-7920
TZHS PTSA	Mary Paul (co-pres)	365-3889
TZHS PTSA	Trish Bakker (co-pres)	365-5264
SOMS PTA	Evan Karzhevsky	893-8158
SOCES PTA	Victoria Caramante	365-4799
SEPTA	Orli Irgang	348-0195

**District News:**

Information focusing on our district's activities and achievements can be found on the website. In early May a Budget Newsletter is mailed to the entire SOCSD community.

**School Flyers & SOCSD mailings:**

In our effort to go green, most flyers (PTA, community groups, etc.) will be posted through a link on the homepage of our website. An email will be sent out weekly with all current flyers. **NOTE: please sign up for E-NEWS on the homepage of the website.**

**Key Communicators:**

Parents, empty nesters, civic association members and business owners who would like to share SOCSD information with the community, can be on our special e-mail list to receive SOCSD information. To be a key communicator, e-mail [bgreco@socsd.org](mailto:bgreco@socsd.org).

**The SOCSD Education Foundation:**  
[foundation@socsd.org](mailto:foundation@socsd.org)

**Family Resource Center:**

Located in the William O. Schaefer School on Lester Drive, parents and caregivers of pre-school children can learn about SOCSD programs and community resources. For a schedule of events call 680-1314.

**Parent/Community Organizations**

**GEAR (Gifted Education Advocates of Rockland):** Sponsors monthly meetings and workshops.

**Contact:** Michelle Jones 359-7920

**Generation Exchange:** Organizes the senior citizen “café” before the TZHS Spring musical and other senior citizen outreach programs.

**Contact:** Rosemary Pitruzzella 359-9269

**Lend-A-Hand:** Operates the Coat Drive in December and Circle of Books in the Spring.

**Contact:** Gail Rogo 359-5671

**Project Graduation:** Operates the all night, alcohol-free party on Graduation night.

**Contact:** Nicole Glazer 641-1054

**South Orangetown Schools Sports Club (SOS):** Sponsors award nights for SOMS and TZHS sports.

**Contact:** Tom Wanamaker 642-5548

**How we communicate in an emergency:**

**For weather related closings, we:**

- Will send a pre-recorded message to your contact numbers via our emergency notification system (*please be sure your contact information is up-to-date*)
- Post notice on website
- Send you an e-mail (**please sign up for ENEWS on the homepage of the website.**)
- Notify the following radio & television stations:  
WCBS 88 AM, WOR 710 AM, WFAS 103.9 FM/1230 AM, WHUD 100.7 FM, WRCR 1300 AM, WNBC TV Channel 4, WABC-TV Channel 7, WNYW – TV Channel 5

**Other emergencies:**

- Sex Offender Notification – Information received from Police Department will be sent via e-mail and posted on website