

# South Orangetown Central School District PTA Council

Welcome Parents/Guardians to the 2011-2012 school year!

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The South Orangetown Central School District PTA Council and all of our unit members at the various school levels are eager to invite you to join us in partnering with the SOCSO staff to create the best school experience possible for our students. It is the PTA's purpose to advocate for our children and youth and to provide resources and information for families. We encourage you all to support and be active in your child/children's lives and education by joining your PTA unit.

It's easy to get involved even if you're the parent of a high school student and have never been active. You just have to be interested, have an idea or want to see a change and want to make a difference. Start by joining the PTA unit level of your child/children. In SOCSO we have three units: SOCES PTA for families with children grades K through 5, SOMS PTA serves the middle school grades 6,7 and 8 and TZHS PTSA serves our young adults in the high school. It's easy to access each unit's information by going to the SOCSO website at [www.socsd.org](http://www.socsd.org). The dropdown tab labeled "PTA" will provide links to each unit where you will find contact information, meeting times and meeting minutes. All of our units are represented at SOCSO PTA Council, where we work collectively at the district and state level on behalf of our children and families.

Our PTA Council meetings for the 2011-2012 calendar year are: Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, Mar. 6<sup>th</sup>, Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup>, and our annual meeting on June 19<sup>th</sup>. They meet at 7:00pm in the TZHS library. In addition, PTA Council hosts three events: **Founder's Day Award Dinner, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm at Casa Mia Restaurant:** The PTA honors those outstanding individuals in the community who have made significant contributions to our youth. **SOCSO Candidate Forum, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 in the TZHS Library:** Before you vote, this is your opportunity to meet and ask questions to the candidates running for a seat on the school board. **PTA Installation, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm at the TZHS Cafeteria:** This evening welcomes our newly elected officers and says goodbye and thanks to our outgoing officers. We also, at this time, honor some of our hardworking volunteers.

Please feel free to join us at any regular PTA meeting. We always are happy to welcome new faces. Become involved in your child's education and school life. You can make a difference in your child's life and the lives of others by caring enough to give of your time and effort to make a change for the better and to learn and be informed about our children's school community. I look forward to meeting you during the course of the year. Best wishes to you all for a great, educational, inspirational, productive and happy school year.

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