



Talented & Gifted School For Young Scholars Parent Teacher Association

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NOVEMBER IS iPLEDGE MONTH!

Dear TAG Families and Friends:

November is officially **iPledge Month**, the PTA's core direct appeal campaign. We understand that over the last few weeks there have been a number of fundraising requests, but iPledge is central to providing programs and initiatives that benefit all students throughout the school. Over the last few years, funds have been used for Singapore Math, assistant teachers, lockers and a myriad of enrichment programs. Your contributions will allow us to support existing programs, and expand new programs.

It extends throughout the whole year, and our goal is to raise \$160,000. This may seem a lot, but it is based on the success of last year's campaign. We are lucky at the TAG School for Young Scholars. Many parents pay thousands to educate their children—but ours receive an excellent education tailored to gifted students for free.

We are asking TAG parents to contribute to the school through this drive as best they can. Money contributed to the PTA directly enhances your child's education. The funds raised this year will be directed toward the following:

- Singapore Math in curriculum for K-6th grade
- Music program for K-3rd grade
- Assistant Physical Education Teacher for K-8th grade plus recess support
- Chess in curriculum for K and 1st grade
- Middle School Debate team 6th-8th grade
- Hiring an assistant teacher for K and 1st grade
- Middle School Basketball Team 6-8th grade
- Middle School Theater program 6th-8th grade

Some parents have also proposed other programs, such as Math Robotics, Girls Scouts, 8th grade senior graduation package, and expanding upon the programs and assistants we currently have in place. However, these programs can only happen with adequate funding. Please give generously and encourage your friends and family to donate to your child's education.

Donations to the PTA are tax deductible. Please make your check payable to TAG PTA and return it via your child's homework folder in the enclosed, self-addressed envelope. Or you can drop the sealed envelope into the secure lockbox in Ms. Bruno's office in Rm. 106.

You may also pledge online at www.tagscholarspta.org, where you can set up recurring **monthly donations** via PayPal **over a six-month period**. The following are examples of the possible breakdowns by month. Please remember: these modest amounts are so much less than any of us would pay at a private school for the kind of excellent education our children receive.

Your pledge of:

\$10,000 = \$1667 a month for six months

\$1,000 = \$167 a month for six months

\$5,000 = \$834 a month for six months

\$500 = \$84 a month for six months

\$2,000 = \$334 a month for six months

\$200 = \$34 a for six months

\$1,200 = \$200 a month for six months

\$100 = \$17 a month for six months

We also know that donations of time are equally important to our success. Please return the enclosed pledge card and let us know that you will volunteer a number of hours to assist in this year's fundraising events.

This year, we are hoping for 100% participation by TAG families. High participation rates help us when we apply for grants. Please donate whatever you can in money and/or time to help us meet this goal!

Thank you for your generosity. If you have any questions please contact us at tagipledge@gmail.com.

Yours truly,

Catherine Levine and Adrienne Schulte (Co-Chairs – TAG PTA Fundraising Committee) fundraising@tagscholarspta.org



YES I pledge to enhance my child's education.

Your Name: _____

Child(ren): _____ Grade _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____ *(a copy of your receipt will be e-mailed to you)*

I Pledge the Following Amount To Support TAG

- \$10,000 or recurring payments of \$1667/month for 6 months
- \$5,000 or recurring payments of \$834/month for 6 months
- \$2,000 or recurring payments of \$334/month for 6 months
- \$1,200 or recurring payments of \$200/month for 6 months
- \$1,000 or recurring payments of \$167/month for 6 months
- \$500 or recurring payments of \$84/month for 6 months
- \$200 or recurring payments of \$34/month for 6 months
- \$100 or recurring payments of \$17/month for 6 months
- Other amount: \$ _____

Check here if your employer offers corporate matching. We will contact you to help set up matching donations.

Method of Payment

- Check enclosed (please make checks to "TAG PTA")
- Online payment(s) via Paypal – please log on to www.tagscholarspta.org

I Volunteer My Time To Support TAG

- I volunteer ___ hours to assist in this year's fundraising events.
 - ___ Annual Auction
 - ___ Talent Show
 - ___ Picture Day
 - ___ Candy-grams
 - ___ Chess Tournament
 - ___ Scholastic Book Fairs
 - ___ Annual Dance
 - ___ Spring Fair

Your generous pledge of money or time will be memorialized as a leaf on our community pledge tree in the halls of TAG. Please look for it, and thank you for your commitment to your child's education!