



THE SCHOLARLY NEWS

The TAG PTA Newsletter | October 2015



GET READY TO SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT ON
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2ND

EACH STUDENT WILL GET TO **DRESS DOWN AND WEAR A SHIRT**
IN THEIR FIELD DAY TEAM COLOR! ALL STUDENTS WILL
MEET UP AT RECESS ON TEAM DAY TO MEET OTHER
MEMBERS OF THEIR TEAM & MAKE PLANS FOR **FIELD DAY** ON:

GRADES 1 & 2 **OCT 7TH** ★★ GRADES 3, 4, 5 **OCT 8TH** ★★ MIDDLE SCHOOL **OCT 9TH**

LETTERS WILL BE SENT HOME TO NOTIFY STUDENTS OF THEIR TEAM COLOR BY
SEPTEMBER 28TH

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PTA PRESIDENTS

Dear TAG Families,

On behalf of the TAG PTA Executive Board, we are pleased to welcome new and returning families to our delightful school community here at TAG Young Scholars. We hope that you had an enjoyable summer and are looking forward to the new school year as much as we are. Each month, you will receive our PTA Newsletter via email. The newsletter will provide you with information about upcoming programs and events happening at school. As many of you know, parent involvement is key to a child's academic success. We believe the primary role of the PTA is to facilitate and support parent involvement. We hope you view the PTA as an opportunity to work with other parents on improving the educational experience for all children at TAG, in both elementary and middle school grades. We also hope it will be a place you can turn to for support in making the most of your child's time at TAG. The TAG PTA Executive Board has many specific plans for achieving both of these goals this year but we still want to hear your ideas as well.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, Oct 2nd:
[Team Day](#)

Wednesday, Oct 7th
- Friday, Oct 9th:
[Field Day](#)
(Randall's Island)

Friday, Oct 9th:
Fundraising Mtg
@ 8am & 6pm
(in library)

Saturday, Oct 10th:
[Apple Picking with TAG](#)

Monday, Oct 12th:
School Closed
(Columbus Day)

Tuesday, Oct 13th:
PTA Mtg @ 6:00pm
(in cafeteria)

Thursday, Oct 15th:
Enrichment Mtg
@ 8am
(in 2nd Fl. Science Room)

Thursday, Oct 15th:
Exec Bd Mtg @ 6pm
(in library)

Thursday, Oct 29th:
Communications Mtg
@ 8am
(in library)

Friday, Oct 30th:
Membership Mtg @
8am
(in library)

Tuesday, Nov 3rd:
Schools Closed
(Election Day)

Friday, Nov 6th:
Budget Mtg @ 6pm
(in library)

PTA MEETINGS

The first PTA meeting went great with over 50 parents in

We look forward to seeing you all at the next PTA meeting, on Tuesday, October 13th, at 5:45pm, in TAG's cafeteria.

Trina Edmundson & Anand Ragunath
TAG Co-PTA Presidents

MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCKERS ARE COMING!

After various fundraising efforts, the lockers for middle school are on the way! They will be installed the week of October 12th. Can you hear the sigh of relief from our middle schoolers' backs? Thanks to the hard work of the fundraising committee for making this happen!

AFTER-SCHOOL CHESS & PIANO

Enrollment for after-school piano & chess have begun! Enroll for both classes using the info on the PTA homepage: tagscholarspta.org. You can also pick up applications from the PTA bulletin board.

attendance! The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 13th at 6:00pm**. Because of continued construction on the building, the meeting must end promptly at 7pm. In an effort to make sure all questions are addressed, please email your questions (including your full name & child's class) to the P.T.A Co-Presidents at

president@tagscholarspta.org

and they will answer your questions during the Q&A portion of the agenda.

OH-SO-SWEET HARVEST

Be on the lookout for details about the annual Sweet Harvest Bake Sale! It will be held in October in the lobby.



TAG's 2015

FIELD DAY

AT RANDALL'S ISLAND

GRADES 1 & 2		GRADES 3, 4, 5		MIDDLE SCHOOL
OCT 7TH	★	OCT 8TH	★	OCT 9TH

HOW FIELD DAY WORKS:

- THERE WILL BE 5 TEAM COLORS (BLUE, RED, GREEN, WHITE, YELLOW) WITH STUDENT REPRESENTATION FROM EVERY GRADE.
- TEAMS COMPETE ACROSS THE MANY ACTIVITY STATIONS.
- THE TEAM WITH THE OVERALL BEST TIME **WINS A DRESS DOWN DAY!**

STUDENTS FIND OUT THEIR TEAM COLOR IN SEPTEMBER.

STUDENTS MEET THEIR TEAM ON **TEAM DAY ON OCT 2ND** WHEN THEY WEAR A SHIRT IN THEIR TEAM COLOR.

GET INVOLVED!

This year the PTA has a variety of programs and events planned. BUT we need YOU to make them a reality! Here are some of the things you can volunteer for:

- **Field Day (10/7, 10/8, 10/9)**- each student will be assigned a team & get to participate in various activities on their fun-filled day. Parent (& other family members too!) volunteers are need on each day.
- **Basketball (Thursdays @ 2:30p-4pm)**- the enrichment committee is working to bring a new basketball after-school program to TAG's middle school. Volunteers are needed to coach, help organize, and more!
- **Theater (Thursdays @ 2:30p-4pm)**- Volunteers are needed to support the middle school Shakespeare in the Schools teacher.

TAGwear GYM UNIFORMS

TAGwear gym t-shirts & sweatpants are available for purchase! Support the PTA while easily locating those oh-so-hard to find red sweatpants! TAGwear will be sold in Ms. Bruno's office on:

- Tuesday mornings from 8:00am - 8:45am
- Wednesday afternoons from 4:30pm - 5:30pm.
- At every PTA meeting

And don't forget to pre-order the brand new sweatshirts by October 15th (see below for details). Buy items at tagscholarspta.org/tagwear-orders.

WELCOME THE
NEWEST ADDITION
TO THE TAGwear LINE

SWEATSHIRTS



In addition to gym t-shirts & sweatpants, you can show your school spirit with these new sweatshirts! Scholars can wear them for gym & parents can wear them just because!

QUANTITIES are LIMITED!!!! Place your order before they sell out! Order by Oct. 15th and receive your sweatshirt in November.

KIDS:	ADULTS:
Sizes: S-L	Sizes: S-XL
Color: Red	Colors: Red, Grey, or Black
\$ 25 for zip-up hoodie	\$ 30 for pullover hoodie
\$ 20 for pullover hoodie	

Order online or during TAGwear sales hours listed here: www.tagscholarspta.org

All TAG Families & Friends
Are Invited To Spend The Day

APPLE PICKING

Saturday, October 10th
Barton Orchards
63 Apple Tree Lane
Poughquag, NY 12570
bartonorchards.com • 9am - 6pm

Head to the orchard, buy a bag, & look for other TAG families (wear TAGwear or red shirts)! Admission is \$3. Fun Passes are \$12.50 (includes maze, hayride, haunted house, races, giant slides, bouncy house, games, & more! Food & adult beverages also available for purchase.



Questions? Email TAG parent Natasha Davis at ndavis220@hotmail.com

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

PTA committees are where the real magic happens! Each one is vital to the function and success of the PTA and each one requires different sets of skills. Check out what each committee does at tagscholarspta.org/pta-committees. Come to their next meeting on:

- Fundraising: October 9th @ 8am AND 6pm in the library
- Enrichment: October 15th @ 8am in the library
- Communications: October 29th @ 8am
- Membership: October 30th @ 8am
- Budget: November 6th @ 6pm
- Audit: TBD

There are also openings for some of the chairs for these committees! Communications and Audit need chairs or co-chairs. Go to their meetings and throw your hat in the ring!

ONGOING FUNDRAISING PROGRAMS

Do you shop on Amazon, at Staples, Kmart, Mabel's Labels, or buy products with BoxTops or Labels For Educations? Who doesn't, right? Well you can help TAG while you shop. Check out the details [HERE](#) on how to shop with these vendors so the PTA gets a percentage of your purchases.