
TAG PTA Newsletter - October 2016

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**TALENTED AND GIFTED SCHOOL FOR YOUNG SCHOLARS PTA NEWSLETTER : : OCTOBER 2016****OCTOBER IS iPLEDGE
MONTH!!!**

TAG parents & families are encouraged to contribute to the school through this PTA fundraising drive. We are lucky at TAG. Many parents pay thousands to educate their children—but ours receive an excellent education tailored to gifted students for free. We need your help to raise funds for next year's:

JOIN TODAY!

Visit the TAG PTA Website at www.tagscholarspta.org. Join the email list to be part of our new school-wide parent directory, housed in a password protected page on the PTA website. Update your info or join today—just look for the link on the PTA site!



Also on the TAG website: all the latest announcements and the most

up to date times for meetings and events at the school. Check it out under Event Calendar.

- Singapore Math in curriculum for K-6th grade
- Music program for K-3rd grades
- Physical Education assistant for K-8th grades plus recess support
- Chess in curriculum for K and 1st grades
- Middle School Debate team
- Middle School Theater
- Hiring assistant teachers for K and 1st grades
- Chess Team for grades K-8
- Middle School Girls and Boys Basketball Teams
- Field Day for grades K-8
- Math Club for grades K-8

Our iPledge goal is \$90,000 so every contribution matters! To make a tax-deductible monetary donation AND / OR a time donation, please make checks payable to "TAG PTA, Inc.," put "PTA-iPledge Drive" in the note line, and return it to your child's teacher or drop it in the lock-box located in Ms. Bruno's office (Rm 106) OR pledge online at www.tagscholarspta.org, where you also have the option of setting up recurring monthly donations via PayPal.

Don't forget to ask if your company offers corporate gift matching.

New Parents Welcome Meeting

The membership committee organized our first New Parents Welcome Meeting. Several members of the PTA executive board participated and introduced the PTA to new parents. We discussed our activities, our budget, and welcomed new parents. We hope many will join our committees over the next few months.

Class Parents

Our Class Parents program is up and running. We are proud to announce that this year, for the first time we have class parents in each class of every grade! If you don't know who your class parent is, reach out to membership@tagscholarspta.org.

PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT



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 parents 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 these goals this year but we still want to hear your ideas as well.

We look forward to seeing you all at the second PTA meeting, on Tuesday, November 1, at 5:45 pm, in TAG's cafeteria.

Trina Edmundson
Anand Ragunath
Co-PTA Presidents



CAREER DAY IS COMING SOON!

The PTA will bring in professionals to talk to our scholars about their various career on Wednesday, Nov 2nd. If you'd like to sign up to be a speaker, head to www.tagscholarspta.org/CareerDay to sign up.



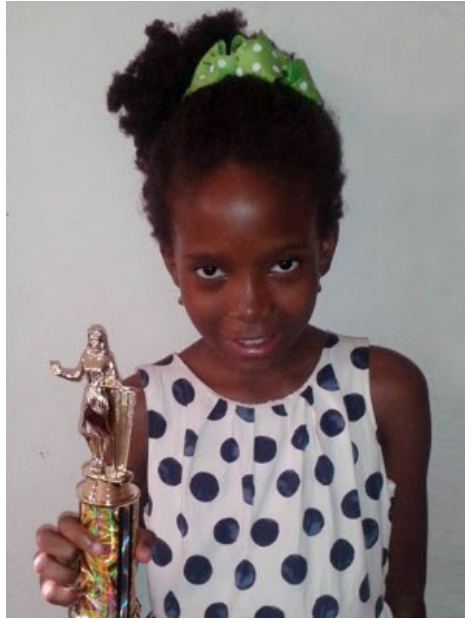
STAY IN THE KNOW

Miss a PTA meeting but want to know what happened?
PTA meeting minutes are posted on the PTA website at www.tagscholarspta.org/pta-meeting-minutes. You can find current and old minutes there.



ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

Enrichment has gotten off to a quick start this fall. The **Middle School debate club** launched and was filled to capacity within the first week. Scholars attended their first tournament on Oct. 1st to debate the following resolution: "In United States public K-12 schools, the probable cause standard ought to apply to searches of students." Shannya Campbell (6th grade) won best speaker; Shannya Campbell and Raymond Allie (6th grade) were the top team, going 3-0 in the novice public forum category. Raymond Allie, Khandker Shabnan Habib (7th grade), and Casey Gutierrez (7th grade) won top speaker awards in the top ten for novice public forum section.



Rocia Prass, Bank of America Debate Invitational



Rocia Prass-front row, Raymond Allie-2nd row



Khandker Shabnan Habib, Raymond Allie, Ethan Vilallobos, Juan Diego Castro,
Casey Guiterrez, Shannya Campbell



Shannya Campbell & Raymond Allie-Top Team!

The middle school team was also busy over the summer, with students participating in the summer debate camps at Hunter College. Rocia Prass (6th grade) was a winning participant in the Bank of America invitational during these summer camps.

The next debate tournament is on Saturday, October 15th at PS 161. We are always looking for parent judges to support the team (email: enrichment@tagptascholars.org).

After school chess (grades K-8) will start on Friday, October 14th and **after school piano** (grades K-5) starts the week of October 17th. There is also a new **middle school piano/songwriting** program. See PTA website for enrollment information for all enrichment activities.

CCNY's Poetry Outreach Center will partner with TAG for the 5th year, and poets will work with all the 5th and 6th grade writing classes.

The **middle school theater program** is set to launch in late October (Tuesdays, from 3:30 pm -5:00 pm). If you think your child (grades 6-8 only) might be interested, email enrichment with your complete name, your child's complete name, and your email address. We are compiling an outreach list, and as soon as plans are firm, we will email all interested families!

The two kindergarten classes are off to a production of Mr. Popper's Penguins in October at the **New Victory Theater**.

K-3 Music program: Ms. Basia Revi has returned to TAG to work with our lower elementary scholars. Thanks to PTA funding she has been able to move into the library where all of her instruments are now stored in locked cabinets and the students have a colorful rug to congregate on. She is very happy to have a dedicated work space and reports that the children seem happier and more focused as well.

Parent Corner: Please email enrichment at enrichment@tagscholarspta.org if you can help with:

1. Field day -May 16th-19th (This will include ALL scholars this year)
2. Parent volunteers for after school piano and Mandarin
3. Help with locating gym space for Basketball local to TAG (so we can launch both a boy's and a girl's middle school basketball team for 2016-17)

PTA CALENDAR October - November

Mon, Oct 10	Columbus Day: NO SCHOOL
Tue, Oct 11, 8:15 am – 9:15 am	Grants Committee Meeting
Tue, Oct 11, 6 pm – 7 pm	General PTA Meeting
Wed, Oct 12	Yom Kippur: NO SCHOOL
Thu, Oct 13, 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Class Parent Orientation
Fri, Oct 14, 8:15 am – 9:15 am	Class Parent Orientation
Mon, Oct 17, 8:15 am – 9:15 am	Communications Committee Meeting
Thu, Oct 20, 6 pm – 7 pm	Executive Board Meeting
Fri, Oct 21, 8:15 am – 9:15 am	Fundraising Committee Meeting
Fri, Oct 21, 5:45 pm – 6:45 pm	Fundraising Committee Meeting
Fri, Oct 28, 8:15 am – 9:15 am	Enrichment Committee Meeting
Tue, Nov 1, 8:15 am – 9:15 am	Grants Committee Meeting
Tue, Nov 1, 5:45 pm – 6:45 pm	General PTA Meeting
Wed, Nov 2, 8:30 am - 11:30 am	Career Day
Thu, Nov 3	Parent Teacher Conference
Thu, Nov 3, 8:15 am – 9:15 am	Budget Committee meeting
Thu, Nov 3, at dismissal	Used Uniform Sale
Fri, Nov 4, 8:15 am – 9:15 am	Membership Committee Meeting
Sun, Nov 6	Daylight Saving Time ends
Tue, Nov 8	Election Day: NO SCHOOL

More info: <http://www.tagscholarspta.org/event-calendar.html>

Contact the TAG PTA Executive Board

We have **NEW** Board Members for 2016-2017 (**in bold**). Please welcome them and help us do even more for our TAG kids! Please don't hesitate to reach out to anyone on the board with your questions, ideas, and concerns.

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