

Dear Connally Parents/Guardians and Faculty/Staff,

You are cordially invited to join the John B. Connally High School (CHS) Parent Teacher Association (PTA). The PTA is a grassroots organization made up of parents/guardians, teachers and community leaders who work together to improve and enhance education for all our students.

Studies have proven that parental involvement and PTA participation improves children’s success in school. When you join the CHS PTA you become part of the largest child-advocacy organization in the nation. The Texas and National PTA support us with resources and information on how to keep our children safe, trouble free and involved in school. Through your participation in the PTA you become a more informed parent, get to know your kids’ teachers better, and most importantly, you meet other concerned parents willing to support our children and their education. Last year our CHS PTA awarded three scholarships to graduating seniors, totaling \$1500. This year’s scholarship eligibility will be limited to children of PTA members as of October 15, 2009.

Our PTA goals for the year are to:

- (1) Improve communication between parents and teachers,
- (2) Increase scholarship funds, so we can afford to offer more scholarships to deserving students,
- (3) Increase our support to teachers
- (4) Provide leadership and support for “Cougar Celebrations” planning for all classes

To accomplish these goals we need you to *join and participate* in our PTA. We invite you to work with us for the good of our children. Join us at our first meeting on **Sept. 22nd at 5:30 p.m.** in the CHS library. (Other PTA meetings will be: Oct. 19th, Jan. 19th, Feb. 16th, April 19th, and May 17th Meeting times to be determined.)

For more information, please visit our website www.CHSPTA.org or contact us directly.

President: James Sher, 835-5378 or president@chspta.org
 Vice President: Francoise Luca, 923-7663 or vicepresident@chspta.org
 Treasurer: Susanna Olivarez, 217-3757 or treasurer@chspta.org
 Secretary: Dallas Yenawine, 636-2203 or secretary@chspta.org

Thank you for supporting our children.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____ **City** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone Numbers: Home _____ **Work:** _____ **Cell:** _____

Email Address (please print clearly) _____

(Your email address will be added to a Yahoo Group used to communicate with PTA members)

Oldest Student’s Name _____ **Grade:** _____

(Please use the back of the form to list your other students in Connally High School)

Membership and Scholarship Donations: Make checks payable to: CHS PTA, 13212 N. Lamar Blvd, Austin, TX 78753. (\$10 will apply for as PTA membership, all other donations will be designated for scholarships.)

___ \$10 ___ \$25 ___ \$50 ___ \$75 \$ _____ Other

We need volunteers too! Please let us know where you can help.

___ Fundraising ___ Holiday Bazaar ___ Scholarships ___ Awards ___ Audit
 ___ Classroom help ___ Teacher Appreciation ___ Technology
 ___ Other: _____