



## Prospect PTSA November Newsletter - 2017

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### PTSA November

#### Calendar

#### Open House

Nov. 4th, 1-4pm

Prospect HS

Starts in Staff Lounge

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#### PTSA Meeting

Nov 14th

Staff Lounge

**6:30-7:15pm**

PTSA General Business

**7:30-8:30pm**

Teen Alcohol &

Dear Prospect Families,

November brings our Open House, this Saturday, Nov. 4th, from 1-4pm and our General Meeting and Parent Topic - Teen Alcohol and Substance Use on Tuesday evening, Nov. 14th. Last month we had 2 very successful parent education events, our Parent CPM Match Night run by our Prospect Math Teachers and "How to Communicate with Teens" by Life and Parent Coach Mary Eschen. If you were unable to make either, we would love to update on what we learned, see below.

#### Open House

Each year in November, PTSA along with Prospect Staff and our students, host our Open House to prospective families interested in coming to Prospect the following year. This is the opportunity for Prospect to show the community the great education and high school experience we offer. Since this is the first time many families

Substance Use

Coming Soon:  
Teacher Gift Giving  
made easy

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will see Prospect, we at PTSA want to make them feel welcome. We are looking for a few more parents to help assist with the tours our students will be leading. If you volunteer, you will get the added benefit of seeing inside some classrooms that you have never been in before. Please come out and help if you are able! Your presence and support of Prospect helps build our pride and community. [Sign Up Here!](#)

### **PTSA General Meeting**

Our next PTSA General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14th in our Staff Lounge. We will have a new SAT Prep program director doing a short presentation of their SAT prep class we are planning to offer in the spring and having our general meeting where we will share what is happening on campus from our Principal, Career Center, Membership, Panther Paws and upcoming interests in Parent education nights to name a few. This meeting is only 45 minutes. We keep them short and sweet!

At 7:30pm, we will host our Principal and School Counselors in a presentation and discussion of alcohol and substance abuse among teens. They will share the trends they are seeing and what you need to know as a parent to prevent this from happening in your teen and/or what to do if your family experiences this. This will last until 8:30pm.

### **Parent CPM Math Night**

Last month our Parent Topic was Parent CPM Math Night. Our teaching staff, led by Mr. Chang, our Math Department Chair and assisted by Ms. Peck, Ms. Schoehair and Mr. McGowan gave us an overview of our new CPM math curriculum and explained how it is different from the way we learned math all those years ago. To be blunt, it

is not intuitive for us parents. This new method involves students experiencing math problems first and working out how they might approach a problem. This is so students can understand the why they are doing a problem. At first our parents were quite skeptical, so Mr. Chang and the team put us into groups of 4 and we worked together to solve a problem. We each were assigned 1 of 4 roles:

**Task Manager** - Makes sure all parts of task are completed & all participate.

**Resource Manager** - Ensures all resources are available to solve problem.

**Facilitator** - Coordinates team members in working on problems.

**Reporter/Recorder** - Team Spokesperson, responsible for written & oral responses of team.

Then we received a problem to solve as a group.

We were asked to talk about how we would go about solving this problem, not with a math equation, but what process we might take. This was so we could get an intuitive feeling of what the problem might be. Once we did that, we were given the math symbols and formulas needed to use to further solve the problem. This way we had an understanding of what we were trying to do first, instead of just plugging numbers into a math equation. It was very eye opening for all and made sense once we went through it. No new, real math knowledge was needed to begin this problem and the math language and equations were introduced as we needed them.

To see the PowerPoint: Prospect HS Math Departmentv2 , Sample Problem we solved:

Slope.activity and Parent Resources:

CPM.Resources to help your child, [click here](#) and scroll down.

## **"How to Communicate with your Teen" by Mary Eschen**

Excellent talk on how to better communicate with your teen. Mary promotes a "consultative" style of parenting with teens instead of a "helicopter" or "drill sergeant" approach. The more we can steer our teens to taking responsibility for their actions and results the more successful they will be. The more we do for them, the more they will depend on us and isn't the goal to make them independent by the time they graduate??? Mary shared that teens that don't learn to make their own decisions and learn how to fail, often have a hard time going out on their own and have a higher likelihood of coming back home from college. Oh no! To learn more about her lecture check out her [Powerpoint Presentation](#) and [resources](#). We learned a lot of good tips on how to communicate with our teens and how not to get emotional.

## **Teacher Holiday Gift Giving**

Holiday gifts can be hard to give to high school teachers so PTSA is working on a solution to that as we speak. Seriously, who doesn't deserve a thank you more than a high school teacher that spends their whole day with your teen??? In the next couple of weeks we will be sharing a way that you can thank your child's teachers in a way that is useful and thoughtful. Stay tuned!

## **Thank you for Building our Pride!!**

PTSA would like to thank all of the parents that helped Build our Pride by donating their time, decorating talents, culinary skills and food to make our Homecoming Dance a special night for our students. The decorations looked fantastic and the teens enjoyed the food, the new outside area and had a great time with the balloon drop. A special shout out goes to Cristene Miller for

organizing our decorating committee, driving the project and working with our ASB and to Jennifer Slattery for all of her hard work executing our new vision! Thank you all for making our Homecoming Dance exceptional!

Lastly, if you haven't joined PTSA yet, what are you waiting for? Your support helps us bring all of these great parenting and school resources to Prospect. We have many levels of support to choose from. [Join here!](#)

Happy Thanksgiving!  
Prospect PTSA

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