

# Wayne Valley High School PTO

## What am I paying for?

Each year there seems to be confusion for families regarding dues for the school year. You've written a bunch of checks but then you're not sure what they were for. Here is a guide to things you pay for in high school.

**PTO MEMBERSHIP:** The PTO has an annual membership drive. It begins in August and ends each year on November 30th. It costs \$7 each year per family (not per child) and should be paid by check; your cancelled check serves as your receipt. This year, the best way to pay membership is to fill out the Google doc and mail your check to the chairperson on the form or drop it off at the chairperson's home. This year we do not want students dropping forms off at school. You must be a paid PTO member for each year your child attends Wayne Valley in order for your child to be eligible for a PTO scholarship in senior year. If you skip a year or miss the deadline you cannot catch up later. Check your email or the PTO webpage for the membership form. We appreciate your support of our organization.

**CLASS DUES:** Class dues are collected by a staff adviser from the school (not PTO) each year. In the fall the student council will endeavor to collect these dues. This money is used to subsidize school sponsored activities such as spirit week, junior formal and prom. These payments are now made on the Community Pass website. Each student needs to be paid in full in order to attend the junior formal or prom. Please contact your grade level adviser with questions about payment.

**PROJECT GRADUATION:** This is a PTO committee that is formed to organize the graduation night event and to fundraise for that same event. Upon graduation from Wayne Valley, we throw a huge party to keep the kids safe and sober for the night. If your student plans to attend the graduation night event the committee collects commitment fees. These fees can be paid in one lump sum or in installments over 3 years and this will be paid by personal check. Please see the PTO webpage for your child's graduating year for more information and who to contact with questions. This event is not mandatory; you only need to pay if your child plans to attend the event. Whether or not this event will be held this year (2021-2022), will be determined closer to the event and the decision will be based on the COVID-19 guidelines at that time.

**CLUBS:** If your student joins a club, there may be an annual fee. The fee is collected by the school and will be paid on the Community Pass website.

**BOOSTER CLUBS:** If your student plays a sport or participates in certain groups such as Marching Band, there is a parent-run booster club to finance activities. They usually request a membership fee and hold fundraisers. These booster clubs are not run by the PTO.

**FIELD TRIPS & SENIOR PARKING:** All of these are handled by the school and will be paid on the Community Pass website.

If your family is experiencing financial need, please contact the school nurse for assistance. We hope that you now understand what you are paying for and can keep track of the checks you are writing. We urge you to sign up for our PTO emails by visiting our page on the Wayne Valley HS web site and stay informed by reading the things we send you. Thank you!