

Greetings, Warriors!

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Welcome to the start of the 2017-2018 year! I, Tracy Wang, am honored to serve as your new PTSA president. I have a junior (Justin) at Troy and a seventh grader (Nathan) at Carden. My husband (Tim) and I are blessed to work from home for big corporations, allowing us to spend more time with our children as they grow up. It's truly a gratifying experience.



Service is a big part of our family's life. Ever since a young age, I've loved volunteering at school, whether it's translating for incoming Chinese students, taking applicants and their families for a tour of the campus, proctoring the library, tutoring my peers as a teacher's assistant, or later as an adult sitting on the school advisory board. I've benefited so much from being engaged at school and naturally want to give back by being a positive influence and resource to people around me.

As a parent, my hope is that my children grow up holistically and carry out the plan that God has for them. By being actively involved in their school, church, and community, I'm able to stay on top of the many things going on in my children's lives, which I've found pays off tremendously. I, along with my husband, are enjoying the reward of raising independent, respectable young men who are always willing to share the roses and thorns of their life, bringing the family much closer together.

When Justin started attending Troy two years ago, I realized quickly that it's important for me to understand Troy's complex workings in order to appropriately guide and support my son; thus, I joined PTSA to get connected. At its monthly meetings and volunteer activities, I was able to meet our wonderful principals, staff members, and parents, from whom I've learned so much about the school and how to navigate its systems. Additionally, some of the more experienced parents gave me valuable previews of what to expect in the years to come and heartfelt advice on how to prepare my son for success as a student here. You too can enjoy the community that I find in PTSA.

PTSA is glad to serve as your resource at Troy to help your family feel more connected. Join PTSA for \$10 per member at <http://troypptaonestop.3dcartstores.com>. Come to our meetings in the Troy staff lounge on the first Monday of each month, usually 8:30 am (or 9:15 am for late start Mondays), except the October meeting at 6:30 pm and no December meeting. You will receive information about Troy and insider views from our principals, teachers, and ASB president. You will also have a voice in the planning and funding of school activities, and have a seat at the table when we collaborate with Troy staff for shared, common goals for Troy. The benefits are many. I can't wait to get to know as many of you as possible!

I wish you the best this year. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with questions or suggestions on how PTSA can help support you. My email is president@troyppta.com. Thank you!

Sincerely,
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