

OCS PTA MYTHBUSTERS

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Myth: The PTA is just for stay-at-home moms.

FACT: The PTA is for everyone! Our volunteers are mothers, fathers and those who fill these roles. We have a wide range of volunteers who: stay-at-home; work part-time to full-time; have little ones at home, preschoolers, high schoolers and/or college students; are continuing their own education; and more.

Myth: The PTA has all the help they need.

FACT: The PTA welcomes everyone and continues to need volunteers for various events, fundraisers, and committees year-round. We need you!

Myth: Volunteering for the PTA takes too much time.

FACT: Only YOU can decide how much time you can give. Even if you can help at just one event or handle one task per year, it would be greatly appreciated. And if a situation arises where you can no longer volunteer, don't worry because we all understand that "Life happens."

Myth: PTA volunteers need to be at the school during the day.

FACT: Much of the PTA work can be done from home on your own schedule, or at events at night or weekends. Yes, there is volunteering during the school day if you are able to do so. But no one does it all, so choose what works best for you.

Myth: The PTA has the same volunteers year after year and everyone knows each other.

FACT: While we are fortunate to have dedicated volunteers who return, we also welcome new ones every year. Some people choose a more visible role than others, so you may not realize just how many people are involved throughout the year. Our volunteers range from Pre-K/Kindergarten to 8th grade parents, so it's a great chance to get to know parents from other grades you may not have met otherwise.

Myth: The PTA is all set with their activities and events for the year.

FACT: Each year, the PTA brings back favorites and tries new activities, fundraisers and events. Those new ideas come from volunteers like you. While we try to plan ahead, **it's only the beginning** of the school year and there's still plenty of time to do even more for the students and school this year. **And we want you to be a part of it all!**