

September 2019

Dear LCJSMS Families,

We hope you had a wonderful and relaxing summer and are ready for an exciting new school year. If you are a new family to LCJSMS- Welcome! If returning- Welcome Back!

As we begin our fundraising campaign for 2019-2020, we would like to remind you that PTO dues **comprise 80% of our fundraising** for the year (the remaining 20% is raised during our Night O' Fun event). *Over the past 3 years, the PTO has seen a significant decrease in both the number of LCJSMS families donating, and the dollar amount of donations.* Middle school is such an important growing and learning time for our children and we would love to continue to fund the invaluable programs that make LCJSMS so special for our students, as well as new events that we are currently planning. However, we cannot do this without your support! The LCJSMS PTO spends approximately **\$88 per student per year** to fund the initiatives below:

- Advisory Program/Bagels
- Anti-Bullying Initiatives
- Cultural Arts Programs
- Teacher Appreciation Events
- Student Clubs
- Multi-Cultural Night
- Parent Education Programs
- Washington DC Trip
- Stokes
- Student Directory
- Teacher's Grant Program
- PTO Website & Email
- PTO Coffees with the Principal

Once again, we depend on your dues and donations to make the above events happen. Please donate online with a credit card by clicking on the yellow "donate" button on the PTO website, or send in a check made to the LCJSMS PTO in an envelope to your child's homeroom teacher.

We look forward to working with you this year. Please feel free to reach out to us at lcjsmsptoinfo@gmail.com with any questions you may have. Thank you!

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