

# Harrison Township

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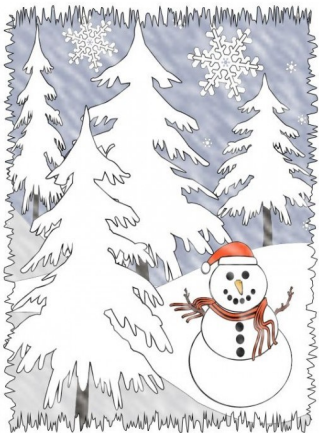
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Contact information for the board is available at

[www.HarrisonPTA.org](http://www.HarrisonPTA.org)



## A Message from the President...

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving holiday! Now that Turkey Day is over, it seems like the rush is on! As we fill our days with shopping, decorating, baking, and more...I hope you all get the chance to celebrate whatever is most important to you this Holiday Season.

A Great Big Holiday Thank You goes out to Traci Pellecchia and Danie Dotsey-Ramirez who helped us all get into the Holiday Spirit. They worked incredibly hard to make this year's Breakfast with Santa fun for all! I hope everyone enjoyed the visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus as well!

I hope you had a chance to visit the HTS Holiday Shop. This year we had a great selection of gifts for everyone on your favorite student's list. Jenna Schulze, Wendy Nolan, and Danielle Calandra worked harder than Santa's elves to make sure there was something for everyone. The feedback from shoppers was great and I think they really enjoyed shopping for everyone on their lists.

This month we will NOT be having a General Meeting but the PTA Board will be busy planning for the New Year and all of our events to come. Our general meetings will resume in January so if you can, make a resolution to come and share just one thought or idea with us.

Well I'm off to finish my shopping! On behalf of the PTA, I would like to wish everyone a wonderful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!

Kind Regards,  
Jen

## December, 2016

### Important Dates

School Spirit—Twin Day	Dec 16
Early Dismissal	23
Winter Break	Dec 24-Jan 2
School Reopens	January 3
Grade 3 Winter Choral Concert	5
School Color Day	6
Board of Education Meeting	9
PTA Meeting	3

### Did You Know...

Congratulations to Kathy Chominto our Food Service Director and her team for their Pumpkin Parfaits that were served in the cafeteria this Fall. They were recognized for their creative idea and tasty recipe which was a combination of Greek yogurt, vanilla yogurt, pumpkin and brown sugar...all topped with whipped cream, cinnamon and granola. Yum!

Need a great idea for a gift? Look no further! Gift certificates are available for our HTS and PVS School Stores! Available in any denomination, these gift certificates are great for parents to purchase for kids and for teachers to purchase for students. Interested? Please contact Mary Jo Battaglia at [VP.StudentPrograms@HarrisonPTA.org](mailto:VP.StudentPrograms@HarrisonPTA.org)

The PTA would like to thank the families and staff of Harrison Township for supporting our membership drive. We had over 375 individuals/families join the PTA this year. The winners of this year's pretzel parties were Mackowiak (AM and PM - K), Sharp - 1st, Cusack - 2nd, Kille - 3rd, Salerno and Bottone - 4th, Czop - 5th and Hack - 6th.

If you didn't join the PTA and would like to, it's not too late. Membership is \$12 and while we always welcome volunteers, becoming a member does not commit you to more than your donation. Visit the membership page of the PTA's website at [www.HarrisonPTA.org](http://www.HarrisonPTA.org) to join today.

Thank you for your support!



### HTS Book Fair

A HUGE thank you to our Book Fair coordinators, Danielle Kierland and Renee Meloro, for their tireless work with our HTS Book Fair which was an overwhelming success! Their time and effort is greatly appreciated and was over the top; we couldn't have done it without them! THANK YOU!

Thanks to all of our shoppers, the HTS library raised a cash profit of \$3,400 and \$2,200 in Scholastic dollars. These funds will be used to purchase new items for the library as well as an interactive computer/Smart TV for the Kindergarten library/literacy classes.

We'd also like to thank all of the parents, grandparents, neighbors, and family members who came to shop with our students. Wow! What a wonderful, supportive community we have! Finally, we'd like to thank all of the secret shoppers who purchased books for other students. It makes our hearts happy to witness the generosity of others while promoting literacy!

If you missed the HTS Book Fair, the PVS Book Fair will be held from 1/30/17 until 2/6/17!

Please do not forget to send in your Box Tops! Box Tops can be sent in at any time of the year. If possible, place 50 Box Tops per bag and send them in to your child's teacher. Thank You!

Looking for ways to help the PTA? Our website makes it easy! At any time, all volunteer opportunities are listed on our website at [www.HarrisonPTA.org](http://www.HarrisonPTA.org). Simply hover over the 'Volunteer' tab at the top of the page, and then click on the 'How to Volunteer' tab. This will bring you to a page with a link to our Volunteer Spot sign-up page. There are always ways to help, such as by donating food for events, helping at school store, and many other ways. Thank you to all of those who help on a regular basis—we are always looking for more people to get involved. Thank you!