Why Teachers Should Join the Mission Vista HS PTSA

WE’RE DIFFERENT – WE’RE BETTER
MVHS PTSA is not like other PTAs you’ve worked with. We’re different...we’re better.
We are your PTA and we’re about more than just cupcakes and carnivals; we are a part of the education team...a force multiplier for you, the teachers. We aim to augment the curricula by adding additional programs for our students that will enhance their education, prepare them for college/careers, expand their horizons, open doors of opportunity, and make them better students/people.
- Your PTSA believes
  o Teachers are an integral piece of the collaborative partnership between home and school
  o Effective home-school communication improves student performance.
  o PTSA fosters collaborative engagement between parents, teachers, students, staff and the community
To ensure we remain different and keep getting better, we need you!

WHAT WE DO THAT MAKES US BETTER
We have a vision – to be a tool for success for both you, the teachers, and for our students.
- Your PTSA is committed to your success:
  o Helping you get the tools you’ll need to do your job better
  o Recognizing your performance and contributions in a time when they seem to be taken for granted
  o Offering grants and scholarship money to teachers who are also members – to help you further your own education (see more below)
- Your PTSA is committed to the students’ success via programs like:
  o PSAT Preparation
  o Teen Driving Safety
  o Career Day
  o Art/Talent recognition
  o 4.0 GPA recognition
  o School spirit enhancement (via t-shirts or such).

WE SHARE COMMON GOALS
Your PTSA has Shared Values & Common Ground with CTA
- Strong overlap in our interests—education, child advocacy etc.
- PTA is powerful
  o With over one million members in California, legislators take note of PTA advocacy.
  o Co-litigant with CTA on the lawsuit against CA for misappropriation of educational funds
- MVHS PTA is a strong voice at the local level
  o Successfully advocated at school board (i.e. 4x4, sports programs, etc.)
- BUT PTA is not political – we’re not-for-profit and are only there to advocate in the best interests of our schools, teachers, students and families.

SO...JOIN TODAY!
For only $10/yr:
- We will do what we can to help you however you need us
- We offer financial and education incentives for you AND
- We will recognize your contributions and hard work
What a bargain...together MVHS Parents, Teachers and Students make a truly exceptional team with a single goal to make our school the best it can be.
PTA Continuing Education Scholarships

If you decide to join us and are interested in the PTA continuing education scholarships/grants, please contact us. More information is also available online.

Here’s an overview:
- Our State PTA offers Continuing Education Scholarships for Credentialed Teachers & Counselors
  o Scholarships are available annually from the California State PTA for continuing education use, including summer study, from January 1 through December 31.
  o Who can apply?
    ▪ Applicant must be a member of a PTA/PTSA unit in good standing and teach or have a counseling position at that PTA/PTSA school.
    ▪ Credentialed teachers and counselors who were employed full time in the public schools in California during the preceding academic year, who have a minimum of three (3) years teaching/ counseling experience in public schools, who have a full-time teaching or counseling contract for the current year and who plan to continue as a teacher or counselor
  o Interested? Go to [http://www.capta.org/sections/programs/cont-ed.cfm](http://www.capta.org/sections/programs/cont-ed.cfm) for more details