



# PAWS for the Cause

## 2017-2018

Welcome back Jaguar families to an exciting new school year! Sartartia is a world class school that prides itself on providing exemplary education every day. Along with our exceptional teachers and staff, it is the students and their families that help us achieve this goal. The PTO at SMS is second to none and works tirelessly to support our school, students and community.

Every year, through the generous donations given to our PAWS for the Cause program, the PTO funds wish list items requested by the SMS teachers and staff. These improvements would not be possible without your support. We kick off our Paws for the Cause annual fundraiser with an annual goal of \$25,000. This allows each SMS family to donate money directly to the PTO. 100% of your donation goes directly to enhance your child's experience at SMS and is tax deductible. Please LOOK! at what was purchased just in the last few years with the money that was raised.



**STOP!** We really mean "Pause" for the Cause! We've all had to reprioritize our lives lately and we're sure that your child's academics are right at the top of the list. If, as they say, "Show me where your treasure is and I'll show you where your heart is," then our hearts are in Sartartia and our financial support should be there, too!



**LOOK!** Thanks to your generosity just in the last few years, we were able to provide our school with the following items: **interactive teaching materials for the speech therapist, technology for the conference room, picnic tables for the courtyard, a lectern for the stage, additional die-cuts, dictionaries, a large indoor movie screen, bleachers for the tennis courts, a poster sized color printer for the staff, speaker upgrades in the commons, hanging microphones on the stage for performances, an additional projector installed in the library, a therapy chair for the Life Skills class, three Canon Rebel cameras for the media production class, a dry mount press for the art classes, a storage locker for the drama department, four speakers for orchestra, furniture for the counseling room, books for the library and the murals that were painted in the main hallways this summer.**



**LISTEN!** Our children grow up so-o-o fast! We have to hurry to help make their middle-school years the best they can be!

**WRITE!** So, write that check before you forget and return it with the information sheet below to your advisory teacher or drop off at the front office. We want to continue to help make Sartartia the best middle school around!

**Our goal this year is to reach the target of \$25,000.**

**Please fill out the fundraising contribution form on the back.**

\* PAWS for the Cause is the ONLY big Fall Fundraiser for the PTO. The Jag Dash will be our Spring Fundraiser.

\* Please consult your tax advisor for individual tax implications.

What: Cash Drive Fundraiser – Cash or checks made payable to SMS PTO  
 When: SMS Jag Camp thru September 28, 2017  
 Where: Check-writing in the comfort of your own home!  
 Why:
 

- Donations are tax-deductible. Your receipt is your cancelled check.
- Donations are eligible for Corporate Matching Programs
- 100% of donations go to the SMS PTO and NO door-to-door sales.
- Because SMS needs your support!

SMS Student's Name(s)	Grade	Advisory Teacher's Name
Parent/Guardian Name	Phone(s)	Donation Amount
E-mail Address (for tax receipt of \$50+)	Family Name on Paw (Optional) Donations of \$50+	
<b>Parent's Employer (for Matching Contribution – see back page for details)</b>		

<b><u>PAWS Sponsorship by Parents:</u></b>	<b>Incentive</b>
Platinum:	Any contribution of \$500 or more ; ( <i>All above + Pizza party at lunch in the courtyard with 3 friends</i> )
Gold:	Any contribution of \$250-\$499 ; ( <i>Free SMS Decal + SMS pencil bag + provide pizza at lunch with 1 friend</i> )
Silver:	Any contribution of \$100-\$249 ; ( <i>Free SMS Decal+SMS pencil bag</i> )
Bronze:	Any contribution of \$50-\$99 ; ( <i>Free SMS Decal</i> )

#### **Parent's Employer Matching Program:**

If your company has a donation matching program and you would like to ask them for their support, please do the following:

1. Obtain any required donation matching paperwork from your company's HR department.
2. Send or drop the paperwork off at the Sartartia MS Front Office attention to the Sartartia PTO.
3. PAWS for the Cause Coordinator will complete the paperwork and send it to your company.

If you have any questions about PAWS for the Cause, please feel free to contact Cecilia Yoon-Lee at [sisilia727@yahoo.com](mailto:sisilia727@yahoo.com). Thank you very much for your support of our school!

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