



# CMIT Academy Middle School PTO NEWSLETTER

Sunday, February 23, 2020



# PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION 2020

## PTO CONTEST

Bring Your Parent to PTO Meeting Pizza Contest CONTINUES.....

The PTO sponsored the "Bring Your Parent to the PTO Meeting" Pizza Party Contest.

The College that had the highest parent participation at the **February 13<sup>th</sup> PTO Meeting** wins a Pizza Party! Parents could attend either in-person or via Facebook Live.

**AND THE WINNING COLLEGE IS.....**

**NO ONE 😞**- There was a 3-way tie amongst:

- Baylor
- Northwestern &
- Purdue

**THE CONTEST CONTINUES TO MARCH 12th**

## PTO MEETING CALENDAR

PTO Meetings will be held the **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday** of each month at **6:30PM**. **Food will be provided for a very nominal fee:**

- **March 12<sup>th</sup>**
- **\*April 16<sup>th</sup>**
- **May 14<sup>th</sup>**

\*Second Thursday of April is 4/9 which is during spring break.

Join Meeting in-person or via Facebook Live:

- **In-Person: CMIT MS Cafeteria**
- **Online: Facebook Live by Friending us at CMIT MS PTO**

Your new PTO MS Board Members are:

- **Shawniqua Ottley, MS President**
- **Latishe Boyd, MS Vice President**
- **Adriane Clark, MS Treasurer**
- **Khadija Bowen, MS Corresponding Secretary**
- **Masina Wright, MS Recording Secretary**



**Teacher's Corner:** The PTO will feature teacher fun facts here. Stay tuned to learn fun facts about the wonderful teachers at CMIT Middle School.



## Passport Event

Bringing the Passport Experience to our CMIT Families



### Need a Passport?

CMIT Academy Middle School families can come out on **Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup> from 10AM to 2PM**, to apply for a new a passport or renew an old one. This event is for the entire family!

**The United States Postal Service is offering full on-site services for this event.** This event is a courtesy to the community to enhance community engagement and develop relationships. There is no added fee for this convenience other than the normal passport fees required by the Department of State. **Passport pictures will be taken at the event.** For more information on passport requirements and fees, please visit: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports.html>

**Please RSVP here:** <https://forms.gle/seME5h9EbBavzGeWA>

## Celebrating Black History Month

### *Why was February chosen as Black History Month?*

*By Jake Rosen*

Black History Month began as “Negro History Week,” a label applied by historian Carter G. Woodson in 1926. Woodson was bothered by the fact that many textbooks and other historical reviews minimized or ignored the contributions of black figures. Along with his Association for the Study of Negro Life and History—later the Association for the Study of African American Life and History—Woodson earmarked the second week in February to raise awareness of these stories.

Woodson chose that week specifically because it covered the birthdays of Frederick Douglass (February 14) and Abraham Lincoln (February 12). The ensuing publicity led many mayors and college campuses to recognize the week; through the years, the groundswell of support allowed the occasion to stretch throughout the entire month.

In 1976, President Gerald Ford made Black History Month official, saying that he was urging everyone to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.”

Rosen, Jake, “<https://www.mentalfloss.com/article/91756/why-was-february-chosen-black-history-month>”

# PTO NEWS YOU CAN YOU USE.....

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Happy Sunday** CMIT Parents, Students and Teachers! We have big plans for the month of February and need your input.

We are already into Quarter 3 – Can't believe the school year will be over soon! We had our Inaugural MEETING OF THE YEAR last **Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM**. Thank you to everyone that joined either in-person or via Facebook Live. You can see the recorded meeting on our Facebook page. **NEXT Meeting is March 12<sup>th</sup>!**

**DON'T FORGET TO JOIN THE PTO! Membership is just \$10!** We **NEED** your help, your voice and your **MEMBERSHIP!**

You can also join our PTO by going to the A to Z Connect link below:  
[https://atozconnect.com/cls/join\\_checks\\_tb1\\_add.php?join\\_request=yes](https://atozconnect.com/cls/join_checks_tb1_add.php?join_request=yes)

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THURSDAY!!!!**

Sincerely,  
*Your PTO President, Shawniqua Ottley*

## BRING YOUR PARENTS TO the PTO MEETING CONTEST – TAKE 2

There was a 3-way tie for February's PTO Meeting. So, the contest is being extended.

Parents attending the PTO meeting on **March 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm in-person or via Facebook LIVE** will get one point for their student's college. The college with the most points wins a PTO Sponsored **Pizza Party!**

## JOIN THE PTO MEETING ON FACEBOOK LIVE!!

**FRIEND US at CMIT MS PTO on Facebook and join us LIVE for the PTO Meeting on Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM**

**\*\*Make sure to leave a comment with your name and student's college in order to be counted for the contest. \*\***

**The February 13<sup>th</sup> PTO meeting is up on our Facebook page for you to view.**

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

**Looking for volunteers to sit on fundraising, hospitality and special event committees!**

Interested in signing up? Please email us at [MSinformation@cmitacademy.org](mailto:MSinformation@cmitacademy.org)

## Contact Information

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