

CONNORS

HOBOKEN



October PTO Meeting

Oct 13, 2026

8:30am

In Person + Virtual

SIGN IN HERE



WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO...

- BTSN Presentation + Social
- Website Updates + New Event Pages
- Restocking Teachers Lounges
- Kindergarten Parent Social
- Booster Fundraiser
- Fall Festival planning + execution
- PTO Liaison Confirmations + Orientation
- Weekly TLDR emails + PTO Corner in Scoop
- Committee interest outreach
- Planning for October / November events + programs
 - *Halloween Festivities, Multicultural Dinner, ThanksGIVING Dinner Baskets*
- Monthly PTO Officer Planning Meetings
- Prep for PTO Meeting + guest speaker outreach



RECAP: BTSN Parent Social + K Parents Night Out

We had a great turnout for our
annual Back-to-School Night
Parent Social @ Schmitt's!

Kindergarten Parents had an amazing
Night Out at Snack Bar!
Thank you to Erin Amer, Liza Kramer,
& Meghan Ozekici for organizing!



Thank you to the Schmitt families for hosting both!

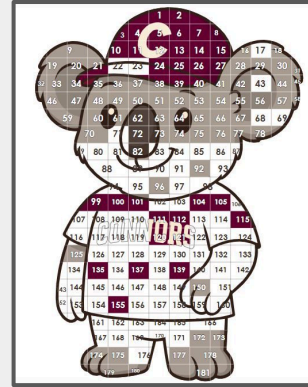
RECAP: Back-to-School Fall Festival

- Fun, well-attended, seamless shift to indoors, great feedback
- **Raffle raised \$3,785** towards our year-round PTO efforts!
- HUGE THANKS to all who attended, helped, and supported!
 - *Volunteers (parents + HMS/HHS kids + Stevens sorority)*
 - *Family sponsors + raffle donations from local businesses*
 - *Inflatables sponsored by Mile Square Orthodontics*
 - *Participation from Cal's Hot Dogs + Tastebuds Tacos*
- Feedback?



FILL-THE-KOALA BOOSTER FUNDRAISER

- Thank you to all who contributed to our new Fill-the-Koala Booster Fundraiser!
 - Raised over \$6,000! Additional contributions always appreciated!
- Did you know?
 - Field Day + staff appreciation initiatives run over \$10,000.
 - Then there are PTO-sponsored events, holiday crafts, building glow-ups, classroom snacks, special projects and more!



What's one example of how these funds will be used?

- PTOLs are currently planning Halloween-themed activities with HR teachers, paid for the PTO.
 - \$30-40/class for Halloween = \$570-\$760
 - PTOL coordination helps us make these holiday activities equitable + efficient!

FROM OUR SWAG TEAM

- **THANK YOU!**

- For the Fall Festival sales + swag excitement
- 117 items sold to 64 customers

- **COMING UP**

- Online HOLIDAY sale coming later this month
 - *Made-to-order specialty items, classic faves, gifts!*
- Swag Swap Sale at the Multicultural Dinner
 - *Drop off contributions through 11/12 (bin in lobby)*

- **IN-STOCK ITEMS**

- Email SwagConnors@gmail.com
- *Can also get swag in-person after PTO meetings!*



HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES: FREE COSTUME SHOP

Costume Shop - 10/14 + 10/23 from 3-5:30pm

- Thank you for costume donations! Last day is today!
- All Connors families are welcome – no need to have donated a costume to shop and take a costume.
- **Volunteers needed during shop hours on 10/14 + 10/23 → [Sign Up Here!](#)**
- Also available in Connors lobby during:
 - 10/21 Parent-Teacher Conferences
 - 10/28-10/30
- Thank you to Nikki M and Chrissy B for spearheading the project again this year!



HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES: COSTUME DANCE

Halloween Costume Dance - 10/29 (K+1 @ 6-6:50pm, Gr 2-5 @ 7:10-8pm)

- Location: Connors Yard (weather permitting)
- FREE! NOT a drop-off event!
- Connors families only. Siblings welcome.
- DJ + dancing, crafts + activities, snacks, & FUN!
- Costumes or festive attire encouraged for all!
- Recommendation to eat dinner BEFORE event.
- Consider headphones/earplugs if sensitive to noise.
- **Helpful Donations:** food/drink/monetary
- **Committee:** Crystal S, Mike M, Crista E, Brittany C
- **Volunteers Needed:** set up, clean up, during events



HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES: PARADE

Halloween Costume Parade - 10/30 at 9am

- Students wear costumes to school.
- Families line building/block perimeter (2nd, Madison, 3rd, Monroe) to take photos + cheer as students parade twice around the block.
- Students come through yard + turn left out of 2nd Street gate.
- Refer to [Connors PTO website](#) for costume guidelines and additional information on all Halloween-related events.



ThanksGIVING Dinner Baskets

- **30 complete dinner baskets for Connors families**
- **Donate:** perishable (including FREE TURKEYS) and non-perishable food items from our wishlist, supplies, ShopRite gift cards, and Fresh Direct Bags.
- **Monetary donations welcome, (sponsor option)**
- Drop off at Connors front door (bins by security)
 - Non-perishable items: 11/9-11/23
(PTO Meeting 11/10 + Multicultural Dinner 11/19)
 - Perishable items (including turkeys): Bring to school on 11/23, by 8:30am.
- Find more information, sign up to donate, or volunteer to pack baskets on our website!

ConnorsPTO.com/Thanksgiving



SEPAG (Special Education Parent Advocacy Group)

- Julia Garcia, Connors parent + SEPAG Liaison
- New Director of Special Services
Kristen Beriloff (kberiloff@hoboken.k12.nj.us)
- Meetings open to everyone (*not only the Special Education parent community*)
- Topics + speakers often apply broadly (*e.g., nutrition, emotional regulation*)
- Alternating meeting locations + times
 - First meeting is tomorrow, 10/14, at 8:30am at Connors (or virtually)
- **Complete this form** to receive calendar invitations with meeting links.

Hoboken Public Schools

SEPAG

Special Education
Parents Advocacy Group

Every meeting is open to all Hoboken Public Schools families.
Come in person, or join online from home or work.

2026-27
Meeting schedule

OUR MISSION

The Hoboken SEPAG's mission is to support and inform families and to foster honest, effective collaboration among families, educators, administrators, support staff, and the Board of Education. Together, we advocate for inclusive, strengths-based policies, programs, and practices that recognize and build upon the unique strengths of every learner and ensure that all students have meaningful opportunities to **belong, participate, grow, and thrive** throughout their educational experience.

Oct 14	Wednesday, 8:30 to 10:00 AM 📍 In person at Thomas G. Connors Elementary School (201 Monroe St) 🔗 Join online: meet.google.com/ytw-ekys-akn
Nov 19	Thursday, 6:00 to 7:30 PM 📍 Online meeting 🔗 Join online: meet.google.com/ocf-mqyf-pmv
Jan 5	Tuesday, 8:30 to 10:00 AM 📍 In person at Hoboken High School (800 Clinton St) 🔗 Join online: meet.google.com/hix-xgvo-hpa
Mar 10	Wednesday, 6:00 to 7:30 PM 📍 Online meeting 🔗 Join online: meet.google.com/tkc-tpzs-eov
May 18	Tuesday, 8:30 to 10:00 AM 📍 In person at Wallace Elementary School (1100 Willow Ave) 🔗 Join online: meet.google.com/bny-gzsa-czz

📄 Know your rights: NJDOE Parental Rights & Engagement page nj.gov/education/specialed/parents

Morning meetings are held in person at a district school and can also be joined on Google Meet. Evening meetings are held online only.

Questions? Email Kristen Beriloff
kberiloff@hoboken.k12.nj.us

Square 1 Art Puts the FUN in Fundraiser!

- Students in all grades have been working on their Square 1 Art projects in Art Class with Ms. Fenton
- Each grade has a different theme
- Be on the lookout for a flyer with a photo / stickers of your child's work and how to order a variety of keepsakes featuring their art (perfect for holidays, grandparents, home)
- Family Order Deadline: 11/13/26
- Orders ship to home in about 2-3 weeks after order date
- All proceeds from this fundraiser will go back into the Art program at Connors (*order must be placed by deadline to go towards fundraiser*)



Upcoming Event: Help Us Decide!

- Parents Basketball Game on 4/15 vs Variety Show in February/March
- **Basketball** - Parents vs Staff became Parents + Staff. Parents who play enjoy it. Staff do not want to play. Kids don't get to participate except at halftime games. At High School. Injuries. Potential for different format? At HS gym.
- **Variety Show** - We've had requests for this type of event. Can include solos, groups, families, etc. At Connors. No competition, no judges. District talent show is very different. Something new. Kids can be more involved. Cultural performances (like the old Multicultural Dinner performances) are welcome.
- **VOTE NOW** - www.ConnorsPTO.com/vote or scan QR code



HOBOKEN PUBLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION (HPEF)

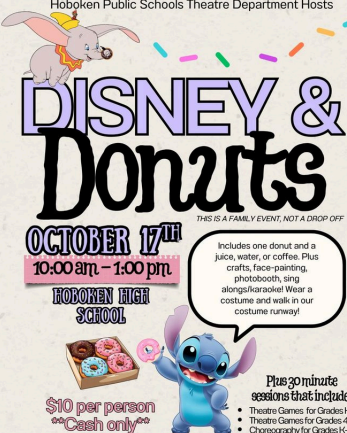
- **BOOK PUBLISHER CONNECTIONS** - Does anyone have access to physical book donations or book budgets through their employer for the new HPEF-funded Libraries Without Limits district initiative? A district rep would work with the company to select the books.
 - *NOT currently looking for general book donations from families.*
- **SOCIAL MEDIA** - Seeking volunteers to help with social media posting; about 30 minutes daily on average but not every day.
No prior experience needed; can train.

Reach out to Nicole Jala at nicole.jala@gmail.com for both!

DISTRICT EVENTS

- 'Disney & Donuts' Theatre Dept Fundraiser: 10/17 (10am-1pm) @ HHS
- Hoboken Middle School Showcase of Excellence: 10/21 (4:30-6:30pm) @ HMS
- Hoboken High School Showcase of Excellence: 10/21 (6-8pm) @ HHS
- Halloween Movie Night Under the Stars - Hocus Pocus: 10/24 (7pm) @ HHS Field
- Long-Range Facilities Plan Community Roundtable: 10/26 (6pm) @ HHS Cafeteria
- Math Night with Mathnasium (K-5): 10/28 (5:30-6:30pm) @ HHS

Hoboken Public Schools Theatre Department Hosts



DISNEY & Donuts

THIS IS A FAMILY EVENT, NOT A DROP OFF

OCTOBER 17TH
10:00 am - 1:00 pm

HOBOKEN HIGH SCHOOL

Includes one donut and a juice, water, or coffee. Plus crafts, face-painting, photo booth, sing alongs/karaoke! Wear a costume and walk in our costume runway!

Plus 30 minute sessions that include:

- Theatre Games for Grades K-3
- Theatre Games for Grades 4-8
- Choreography for Grades K-3
- Choreography for Grades 4-8

\$10 per person "Cash only"

Any questions please email dmiller@hoboken.k12.nj.us



Hoboken Middle School Showcase of Excellence

Wednesday, October 21, 2026
4:30pm - 6:30pm
158 4th Street

Open House for Current & Prospective Students and Families.

Join HMS Staff & Students to Learn about:

- Pre-AP Classes
- Fine & Performing Arts Courses
- Advisory Program
- After-School Clubs and Activities
- Classroom Without Walls
- National Junior Honor Society
- Junior-Themed Academic Support

Principal: Mr. Ryan Scalfone
ryan.scalfone@hoboken.k12.nj.us
Vice Principal: Mr. Martin Senguen
[martinsenguen@hoboken.k12.nj.us](mailto:martin.senguen@hoboken.k12.nj.us)

TIGER PRIDE. ENJOY THE RIDE!



HOBOKEN HIGH SCHOOL Open House & Showcase of EXCELLENCE

Wednesday, October 21, 2026
from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Hoboken High School - 9th and Clanton Street
Ms. Principessa's Principal Presentation @ 6 PM (Auditorium)

For more information call 201-356-3712

If you dream of a high school that:

- is tuition free
- has 25 sports teams
- offers over 50 AP classes
- supports an international program
- has state-of-the-art technology and business info
- offers the AVID Program
- hosts an award-winning debate program
- your child can walk to:
- every staff member will know your child by name

Hoboken High School is your choice!

Come experience the excitement of the evening use of state-of-the-art facilities. Pre-AP Info Session @ 6:30 - 6:50 PM 7:00 - 7:40 PM



Hoboken Board of Education

is hosting

Two Community Roundtable Sessions

to seek feedback from Parents/Guardians, Staff, and Residents.

Strategic Plan

Tuesday, October 6, 2026
at 6:00 PM
Hoboken High School Cafeteria

Long Range Facilities Plan

Monday, October 26, 2026
at 6:00 PM
Hoboken High School Cafeteria



You're Invited to...

Math Night

with

MATHNASIUM
The Math Learning Center
and
Hoboken Public Schools

October 19th | 5:30-6:30 PM
for Pre-K-4 Families
from HOPE GAP Inc. & Mile Square Early Learning Center

October 28th | 5:30-6:30 PM
for Grade K-5 Families
from Brannock, Connors & Wallace Elementary Schools

Hoboken High School Cafeteria, 800 Clinton St.

Engaging games, fun activities, and prizes!

RSVP HERE



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

[Connors Calendar of Events](#)

[Sync the Connors PTO Calendar!](#)

- SEPAG Meeting at Connors Oct 14 @ 8:30am
- Connors Free Costume Shop (Day 1) Oct 14 @ 3-5:30pm
- Pop Up Library Oct 20-21
- Parent-Teacher Conferences (1PM DISMISSAL) Oct 21
- Connors Free Costume Shop (Day 2) Oct 23 @3-5:30pm
- Red Ribbon Week (*theme days; check Scoop/Calendar*) Oct 26-30
- Hoboken Board of Ed. Community Roundtable Oct 26 @ 6pm
- Connors Halloween Dance Oct 29 @ 6-6:50pm (K+1)
7:10-8pm (2-5)
- Connors Halloween Parade Oct 30 @ 9am
- SCHOOL CLOSED (NJEA Convention) Nov 5-6
- Connors PTO Meeting Nov 10 @ 8:30am
- Passport to Learning MP1 End Date Nov 13

SUPPORT THE PTO

Raise Right

- % of all gift card purchases to PTO
- % of online shopping to PTO
- Visit www.raiseright.com
- Use Enrollment Code 2S9QPDASA8MS

MabelsLabels.com

- 20% back to Connors PTO
- Visit www.MabelsLabels.com
- Click Support a Fundraiser
- Enter Connors + select our school
- Click “Get Shopping”

Minted.com

- Use code FundraiseConnors for 20% off
- 10% back to Connors PTO

Volunteer

- Day-of volunteer slots for event
- Join committees to plan/execute events

Other Ways to Help

- Goods/Services - students/staff/raffles
- Donate \$ or Items Needed for Events
- Sponsor programming / activities
- Connections / Assemblies / Comm Svc

STAY CONNECTED + IN THE KNOW



Bookmark our **NEW website** – **ConnorsPTO.com** – everything in one place



Read the **PTO Corner** in Principal Addi's School Scoop sent on Fridays



Sync the **PTO calendar** with your personal device



Join your class **WhatsApp chat**



Attend **PTO Meetings + Events**



Follow us on **Facebook**



Email us anytime – **hello@connorspto.com**

Pro Tip:

Sync the Calendar!



New: TLDR Weekly Rundown, weekend email from the PTO

GUEST SPEAKER

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

PTO
MEETING

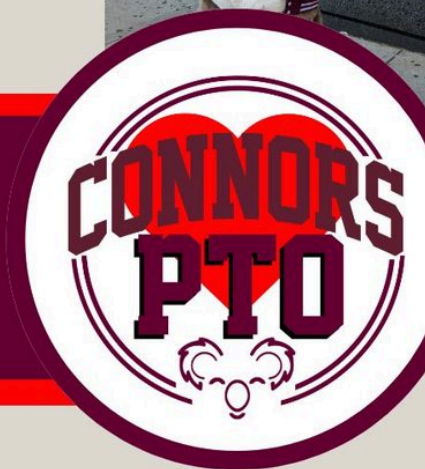


Guest Speaker

*Dr. Christine
Johnson*

8:30am - PTO Meeting

9:00am - Presentation by Dr. Johnson,
Superintendent of Schools



Next Meeting:

Tuesday, November 10th
@ 8:30am

Guest Speaker: TBA

**SIGN IN HERE
IF YOU HAVE
NOT ALREADY**

