



Welcome to The Barley Sheaf School PTO

Who are we? The PTO is a group of volunteer parents, just like you, who work to raise funds, plan parties, and generally support our teachers, staff members, children, and families. Funds we raise provide educational assemblies for the children, a big send-off field trip for the Fourth Graders to Camp Mason, and many other perks for our teachers and students. We take pride in being able to provide these things for our school. Barley Sheaf School was named as one of the top 50 schools in the state and we are so proud of our teachers and staff for all the amazing work that they do.

What do we want? We look to our parents to contribute to our school in many ways. We have fun activities to attend, including Family Event Nights and Parents Night Out Events too! We ask for parent volunteers as Home Room Parents to help teachers with projects and classroom events. In 2017, we built a patio and outdoor eating area for the children to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the school. In 2018, we were able to raise \$30,000 to help rebuild our library, in 2019 we were able to install a new electronic sign out front and in 2021 we were able to place water bottle filling stations in the hallways. We are very proud of what we can do as a team. We would love to have YOU as a part of that team!

What can you do? Get involved now! There are many ways to receive communication from the school and PTO.

- *Virtual Backpack.* Sign up to our Virtual Backpack now. The Virtual Backpack is a way of receiving communication from the school. You can go to the Barley Sheaf website (<https://www.frsd.k12.nj.us/Domain/67>) and click on Virtual Backpack.
- *Membership Toolkit.* Join **Membership Toolkit**, which is an online communication system, directory, and store all in one. Click on this link to add yourself, pay for your annual PTO membership (\$13), which also includes directory access: <https://barleysheafpto.membershiptoolkit.com>
- *PTO E-Blast.* You can also have the PTO E-Blast (email) you with important information from the PTO. Join our email list via Membership Toolkit. Email is free and the best way to receive updated and frequent PTO communication!
- *Facebook.* Lastly, you can like our FaceBook page. Some really great information gets sent there, so please "like" us at <https://www.facebook.com/BarleySheafPTO/>. Many classes also have their own Facebook page for grade-specific information, such as if your child should ever forget their homework!

Please consider signing up to volunteer once the new school year begins. You will find many different activities for ALL kinds of parents. We only ask that if you DO sign up for a committee, that you plan to help. You can always email us later in the year and let us know if you will be available to help with something. We appreciate EVERY bit of help that we get! Many hands make light work! Should you have any questions, please email us at PTObarleysheaf@gmail.com. We can't wait for another amazing year!

Thank you and welcome to Barley Sheaf!!!