



September 2019

The Sheehan PTA welcomes you to the 2019-2020 year at the Sheehan School!

Do You Know Your PTA?

Your Sheehan PTA is a liaison between parents, our principal, Mrs. Evans, the Sheehan staff and the four other elementary schools in town. Becoming active in our PTA is a great way to meet other parents, learn more about school programs, and help enhance your child's experience at Sheehan.

All PTA programs are managed by **Parent Volunteers**. The success of our PTA can be measured in the cooperative spirit with which parents, guardians and staff work together on behalf of Sheehan students. Below are members of this year's executive board. If interested in becoming a board member or volunteering, please contact Diana Martucci or Kristina Rull.

Co-President (2018-20)	Diana Martucci	sheehanptapresident@gmail.com
Co-President (2019-21)	Kristina Rull	sheehanptapresident@gmail.com
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What is the Best Way to Get PTA Information?

The best way to get information about PTA news is to check out the PTA on the Sheehan School website at www.westwood.k12.ma.us/sheehan-school. Here you will find all the information you need to stay connected to the PTA including minutes, agendas, and calendars. Most of our communication will be done through the **Sheehan PTA Facebook** page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SheehanPTA>. Look here for current happenings, announcements and reminders. The PTA also sends out newsletters with reminders, event recaps and photos.

PTA Meeting Dates 2019-20 -- Now with FREE babysitting!

Join us for PTA Meet & Greet followed by our first meeting on October 16. Meet and greet will start at 7:00 p.m. in the Sheehan Library followed by the PTA meeting at 7:30. Learn more about PTA supported events and how they can enrich your child's education at Sheehan. The PTA meeting days for the school year are as follows:

Wednesday, October 16	7:00 pm Meet & Greet; 7:30 PTA Meeting
Wednesday, January 15	7:30 pm
Wednesday, April 15	7:30 pm
Wednesday, June 3	7:30 pm

All meetings take place in the Sheehan Library.

Fall PTA Highlights

- ★ Fall Family Picnic: Thursday, September 12 from 5-6:30, provides a great opportunity to get together as a community. Bring a picnic blanket and dinner, and let the children play!
- ★ Fall Mini-Courses: These after-school courses give students an opportunity to take a fun class. Past class options have included yoga, beading, hip-hop, sports and games, iMovie, Legos, and baking. Look for more information coming shortly.
- ★ Halloween Party: Friday, October 25 from 6-7:30 pm, is the legendary Sheehan Halloween Party. Children (and adults alike) can show off their costumes, get a tasty treat from the bake sale, participate in a Halloween raffle, dance to music, and walk through the Haunted Hallway.

Watch for more details in your child's backpack on these events and more!

We know that your children will have a wonderful experience at Sheehan. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Student Activity Fee and PTA Dues

The student activity fee is the primary source of the PTA's revenue, funding activities like cultural and curriculum enrichment programs, school-wide events, field day, and transportation for field trips. **The activity fee is \$50 per family with one student at the Sheehan and \$75 for families with more than one student at the Sheehan.** This fee also pays for your student directory - an invaluable resource that contains names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses of all Sheehan families, as well as contact information for Sheehan staff and Room Parents.

Along with the student activity fee each family is asked to pay state and national PTA dues of \$4.50 per family. This connects our local PTA to all the resources available to the largest volunteer organization working with children and youth. These dues are paid from the Sheehan PTA directly to the National PTA and MA PTA.

How Do I Pay the Student Activity Fees and PTA Dues?

The PTA will continue to use the online payment system: Pay4schoolstuff online. You can pay your student activity fees and PTA dues online! Please go directly to www.pay4schoolstuffonline.com to create a profile. Some important information about the site:

- We are listed as **William E. Sheehan Elementary School**.
- When paying the activity fees for a **family with multiple children at the Sheehan**, please choose **one** child and pay the family fee.
- For any **returning families**, please make sure to manually change the grade number for your child.
- There is a service fee for each transaction of 2.99% plus \$0.26. This means dues and activities fees for a single child are \$56.64 (vs. \$54.50 by check) and \$82.39 for multiple children (vs. \$79.50 by check).

Please do not hesitate to contact Wendy Hickey (sheehanptatreasurer@gmail.com) or Tracy Green (sheehanptatreasurer@gmail.com) if you have any questions or problems using the online payment features.

If you prefer to pay by check, please fill out the attached form at the bottom of the next page and return it to the school with a check made out to "**Sheehan PTA.**"

How Do I Gain Access to the Student Directory?

This year, based on popular demand, we are moving to an online directory! **We rely on ASPEN data to create the directory, so please update your information to ensure it is accurate. Also, let us know if you DO NOT want your information included in the directory by returning the form below by Mon Sept 16.**

PTA members who have paid their fees will be provided access to the online student directory, which contains names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses of the Sheehan School families. We hope to have it up and running by early October.

-----**If paying by check:** Return to school by September 16th-----
Better yet, use www.pay4schoolstuffonline.com!

Student Name/s _____

Student Activity Fee \$ _____
(\$50.00 for one child, \$75.00 for more than one child)

PTA State and National Dues (\$4.50 per family) + \$ _____

Total (make check payable to the **Sheehan School PTA**) = \$ _____

What if I don't want my child's information published in the Student Directory?

Fill out the Sheehan Directory Opt-out form and return by September 16.

----- PLEASE READ CAREFULLY -----

Sheehan Directory OPT-OUT Form

If you do **NOT** want your child's information published in the Sheehan School Directory, please fill out the form below and return it to the school by Monday, September 16.

I **DO NOT** give my permission to publish information for the following student in the school directory.

Child's full name:

Grade:

Teacher:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

PLEASE NOTE: ONLY FILL OUT THIS FORM IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR CHILD'S INFORMATION INCLUDED IN THE DIRECTORY. IF YOU OPT OUT WE WILL NOT CONTACT YOU TO DOUBLE CHECK, WE WILL ASSUME YOU REALLY MEAN TO OPT OUT.

*If you have any questions about the directory, please contact:
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