



Dear Larson Middle School Parents:

We hope your summer was safe, full of fun, and that you are ready to start the 2021-22 school year. Parents of Larson students are automatically members of the Larson PTO, and participation at PTO meetings and involvement in activities and fundraising determines the effectiveness and vitality of our organization. Our purpose is to establish, develop, and nurture Larson teachers and families in united efforts, as well as secure for every student the highest advantage in mental, physical, and social education. The first PTO meeting will be scheduled for later in September. (Find information in the Weekly Rebel Reports and on Facebook.) All parents are encouraged to attend our meetings to make suggestions, ask questions, and vote on our budget and other PTO matters.

### Where can you get more information throughout this year?

- **PTO website:** We post lots of information there, including the calendar, minutes, budget, etc. Find us at <http://larsonmiddleschoolpto.weebly.com>.
- **Facebook:** Join our group on Facebook @ [Larson Middle School PTO](#).
- **Weekly Rebel Reports:** Principal Duda's newsletters will contain important PTO information.
- **PTO Meetings:** We're working on a schedule for meetings in September, October, November, January, March, and May. Find details in the Rebel Reports and on Facebook.

**What do we do with PTO funds?** Just a few of the items that the PTO helps pay for include:

- Classroom mini grants for a variety of requests for items or programs to support instruction (this is one of our most important and fulfilling roles as a PTO)
- Social and physical wellbeing programs
- Student educational and development programs
- Teacher appreciation
- Technology needs
- Troybery books for the library

### It is easy to support the PTO:

- By August 31, please make the **suggested donation of \$25/student**, with a **check made payable to the Larson PTO** (drop off on 8/19 registration day) or through **Venmo (@LarsonPTO)**.
- Use the **FREE Benefit Mobile App** to purchase things you were going to purchase anyway. Set **Larson Middle School PTO** as your beneficiary (**find us under the non-profit list, not the school list**). Benefit Mobile sends us a monthly check. This is basically an electronic gift card you buy at the point of purchase. There are hundreds of retailers/restaurants that offer 2-20% cash back to Larson. It is actually faster and easier than paying by check or a credit/debit card. It works for online purchases, too. There is **NO out-of-pocket expense** to use this app. You will be simply shocked how fast you can raise funds for the PTO using this app.
- Collect **Box Tops** and use their app to scan your receipts (the program is gradually going all digital). Support us with the **Kroger Community Rewards** program (select **LARSON MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO** or organization #FH896) and **Amazon Smile** (select **BOYD R LARSON MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT AND TEACHER ORGANIZATION**). \*You can really make a huge impact if you double up fundraising efforts by paying for your Amazon order with Benefit Mobile through Amazon Smile--then we get 2.5% back!
- We have regular **restaurant night** fundraisers. (\*Bonus-you will find many of these restaurants on the Benefit MobileApp so there is extra opportunity to support the PTO!)

You can order **Larson spiritwear** at <https://larsonrebels.itemorder.com/sale>.

**Your PTO Executive Board for this year:**

**President-** Anne Sackrison  
**Vice President-** Bindu Sundaram  
**Treasurer-** Tari McGrane  
**Secretary-** Michelle Tedder

If you have any questions about the PTO, please reach out to us at [laron.middle.school.pto@gmail.com](mailto:laron.middle.school.pto@gmail.com).  
Welcome to the Larson family! Enjoy the last days of summer and be safe!

Sincerely,

Anne, Bindu, Tari, and Michelle

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**Larson Middle School PTO 2021-22 Donation**

We count on financial assistance from Larson families so we can support students and teachers. We ask parents/guardians to simply make a donation to help cover the costs of the programs supported by the PTO so that we can avoid the need to have large fundraisers. For more information on our income and expenses and to have a say in how the mini grants are spent this year, please join us at our September and October PTO meetings.

**While our donation request is \$25.00 per student, we will accept any amount that you are able to contribute.** The Larson Middle School PTO is an IRS approved 501(c)(3) non-profit organization so donations are tax deductible if you itemize deductions on your personal income tax return. Per IRS regulations, if your donation is over \$250, the PTO treasurer will send you a receipt as proof of your donation. If your donation is under that amount, your cancelled check acts as your receipt.

**Please make your donation to the Larson PTO one of these ways this year BY August 31:**

- You can **VENMO** your PTO donation to our treasurer (Tari McGrane) **@LarsonPTO**.
- Fill out the details below and **deliver your check made payable to Larson Middle School PTO at registration day (8/19) or you can mail it to:**

Larson Middle School PTO  
Attention PTO Treasurer  
2222 E. Long Lake Road  
Troy, MI 48085

**DONATION DUE BY AUG 31 (we request \$25/student):**

Student Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Grade(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**TREASURER:** Donation Received: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_