

Parents/Guardians,

The fall college term is in full swing. Chattanooga State classes have begun and the campus is full with students and staff. Please keep this in mind as you make travel plans to and from the STEM School. Here are some other nuggets we wanted to share as well.

### Parent Leadership Team (PLT) Meeting

The first Parent Leadership Team, or PLT, meeting took place Monday night this week. The following committees were adopted for this year and the below parents have chosen to lead each of these committees. We look forward to a tremendous year and as the year progresses, keep on the lookout for emails and information from these committees on varied ways to participate. The next PLT meeting will be on Monday, September 18th at 6:30pm.

--PLT Meeting Facilitators: Karry Koppully and Bryan Sweetin

The PLT facilitators lead the monthly meeting and facilitate discussion of the agenda items.

--Student Council Committee Chairs: Allison Deckman and Jackie Gray

The Student Council chairs coordinate with the Student Council sponsor, Dr. Williamson, to support Student Council activities (i.e., Open House, STEM Jam, etc.).

--STEM Jubilee Committee Chair: Michelle Brock

The STEM Jubilee chair coordinates the spring STEM Jubilee, the large fundraising activity for the STEM School with STEM activities for elementary school kids throughout the Chattanooga region.

--Silent Auction Committee Chair: Tara Bennett

The Silent Auction chair coordinates a fundraising silent auction as part of a school activity. The silent auction this year will most likely be paired with a new STEM Showcase evening at the end of the fall semester.

--Staff Appreciation Committee Chair: Veronica Murphy

The Staff Appreciation chair coordinates monthly meals for faculty and staff, as well as works with Amy Robinson, front office administrative assistant, for other staff appreciation opportunities.

--National Honor Society Committee Chair: Heather Maharrey

The NHS chair works with Anna Millard, our school counselor, in supporting the student National Honor Society club.

--Volunteer Committee Chair: Shaneka McDowell

The Volunteer chair coordinates with all committees to help arrange parent volunteers.

Open House – Tuesday, September 19 at 6:30pm

Our STEM School Open House will take place on Tuesday, September 19th at 6:30pm. Open House is an opportunity for all parents to learn more about your student's teachers and opportunities. Both parents and students are encouraged to attend. Please note that the evening will last just over 1.5 hours and the Student Council designs, organizes and runs the schedule for the evening.

It is very important for us to provide students with opportunities to lead. Open House is just one of many examples where students make decisions and choices that matter. Please note that whatever schedule the Student Council creates and implements, it will not be perfect. But the experience is intended to benefit parents and students alike.

In order for you to plan appropriately, here is what you need to know. Student Council expects parents to be here by 6:30pm. Parents will then be part of a schedule created by the Student Council for the next hour and a half to learn more about their student's STEM daily experience.

#### 10th Grade Docent Night – Hunter Museum of Art on Thursday, October 5 at 6pm

All families are welcome to attend the 10th Grade Docent Night at the Hunter Museum of Art on Thursday, October 5th. **10th grade students will be showcasing their original digital works of art from 6pm to 7pm that evening.** This is a required night for all 10th grade students. As for museum fee to enter the Hunter Museum of Art that evening, it is free to everyone for the entire evening. Put this night in your calendar and make plans to attend!

Thank you for your support!

Dr. Tony Donen  
Principal