**What is the PTSA?**

* The PTSA is the Parent, Teacher, Student Association to support East Wake High School. We are an affiliated member of the NC PTA. By being a member of the NC PTA, they manage all of our nonprofit paperwork and filing to keep us a 501(c)3, nonprofit organization under the IRS (Internal Revenue Service with the U.S Government). It is important for us to maintain this nonprofit standing as we raise funding for our school.
* In high school, we add the “S” of students and we WANT student participation and involvement.
* The PTSA is an advocacy organization. Up until recently, EWHS did not have enough volunteers to really do too much.
* We focus on teacher appreciation to do small things to show our teachers the PTSA cares.
* As we continue to grow and have additional volunteers, we will be able to take on more initiatives.

**How is the PTSA Budget set?**

* Each PTSA sets its own budget based on the funding they typically receive
* Our membership dues are $12 for parents, staff and community. The membership for students is $10.
* We submit $4 per member to the NC PTA to keep our membership in good standing.
* The rest of that money goes directly into our programming.
* The MORE paid members we have the BIGGER our budget will be!
* We also have passive fundraisers that contribute to our budget such as AmazonSmile, Lowes Food, Food Lion and Harris Teeter education programs.
* We historically receive a generous donation from Zebulon Baptist Church (however, we can not *always* count on this as an annuity, speaking from a past Chair person of a church finance committee).
* Membership and additional community support is needed. We need to work closely with our Athletic Booster Club so we are not double-dipping from our community.

***Our current Board for 2021-2022***

* **President** - Carrie Gray (parent of 11th grader, 9th grader and an 11th grade exchange student)
* **Vice President** -  Ebony Lathon (parent of a 12th grader)
* **Secretary** - Patricia Williams (dedicated community volunteer)
* **Treasurer** - Danielle Norris (parent of an 11th grader)

**Current Committee Leads**

* **Amazon Wishlist**- Tracy Blalock (parent of 11th grader & 9th grader)
* **Winter (Jan/Feb) Teacher Appreciation** - Kim Wimberly (parent of an 11th grader)
* **Social Media**- Brie Norris (11th grade student) our team will work with Brie to give her content to post.
* **Poster My Wall**- Valerie Shelton (parent of a 12th grader and a 10th grader - they will also help with this)

**Open Committee Leads**

* **Holiday meals for students in need**
* **Holiday Teacher Appreciation**
* **May/End of Year Teacher Appreciation**

**School Administration Support**

* While we have the support of all administration, here is our core team:
	+ Mr. Stacy Alston - **Principal**
	+ Ms. Pamela Age - **Assistant Principal**
	+ Ms. Tiffany Robinson - **Dean of Counseling & Student Services**
	+ Ms. Beverly Taylor-Jones - **Principal Resident**

Thank you all for stepping up to be advocates for our East Wake High School community. If you have done so already, please join the [PTSA at this link](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https://ewhsptsa.memberhub.com/store?fbclid=IwAR0LL_ur6qGr_SiCJpHYVUa76m43-vRY-SgDoYZ0jyztNQs0SEAz3C29GIg&h=AT1SQAO28P-VsUGk8fTDnh7aZriFoZ37EuI1lGIbcXxY-oZrqJF391AiW3d3CnJVKlA8ghxlAuew4NAl7-hQGt5aiJdvmIMZqbuwB0TDCd_dbZHywBaP74xYgzM9ZcgVsu9DKW1xXbjNJWFdb4JIOh8&__tn__=-UK-R&c%5B0%5D=AT2nGDlmGmt5NoQkFXrAGdxQwLP_PvPFMYZHyPZSIY5xyabInGrt3ek9Oc_LbZdbRyRRfvSWeZFSJlzALAb7pbyx-K6Udk1rd-DtN1CV3tYBtU0SMhh0t2K34Ro3CdEUIImR3NvGK6Uz1oOAzHFFcBBTXmeDdvKPJ3oN011f4MUwaFl6qeHkdaVbZNwqGcEQwhedX-hYNAjWfZdgc8s). I will continue to share information with this core group as we get it.

**Onward and Upward Warriors,**

Carrie Gray

President East Wake High School PTSA