***Northshore Middle School (NMS) PTSA***

**PTSA and ASB - What’s the Difference?**

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|  | **PTSA****(Parent Teacher Student Association)** | **ASB****(Associated Student Body)** |
| What is it? | Through fundraising and volunteering, the NMS PTSA provides support to students and staff at NMS. NMS PTSA is a part of Washington State PTA, the largest non-profit, volunteer organization in the state. Membership in the state PTA provides an opportunity for us to participate in and influence legislative priorities that advocate for the well-being and education of all children.  | A student group that represents the entire associated student body. ASB funds are public monies raised on behalf of students and are used for optional, extra-curricular events of a cultural, athletic, recreational, or social nature. These funds are not available for curricular or graded student activities. Students must be members of ASB to participate in after school activities. The cost to be an ASB member is $30. |
| What activities and programs does it support? | * Staff and school grants
* e.g., student planners for every student, magazines, books, instruments, PE equipment, sports equipment for breaks and lunch time, funds for the health room, counselors, and cafeteria
* Parent education
* Assist school with volunteer needs
* lunch room/parent partners/popcorn, picture day, Titan Day, library, etc.
* Student programs
* Reflections, assist with Career Day
* Staff Appreciation
* Emergency Prep (Eprep)
 | * Social events
* e.g., dances
* Sports
* uniforms, equipment, officials, transportation
* Assemblies
* talent show, spirit, and formal
* Food drives
* Extra-curricular groups/clubs
* ASB, Diversity, FCCLA, Games/Strategy, Honor Society, Math Club, NHD, Science Olympiad, TSA Club, WEB, Yearbook
* Titan Day (field day)
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| Who plans and carries out the activities? | Elected PTSA officers, committee chairs, and the general membership | ASB officers in close collaboration with the school. |
| Fundraising | Pass the Hat (every fall)Auction (every other year)Amazon Smile | Magazine Drive in the fall |
| How can parents get involved? | * Join PTSA
* Attend a meeting
* Volunteer to chair a committee or help with a program or event
* Contribute to fundraisers and match donations through employer matching programs
* Check out our website <http://nms-ptsa.org/> and like us on Facebook
* Sign up for our email newsletter <http://eepurl.com/cU_PQT>
 | * Help your student learn about ASB and what it has to offer
* Buy magazines or donate during the magazine drive
* Volunteer with PTSA to assist at ASB events
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