

Summer 2011

Dear Joel Barlow High School Parents,

I realize my letter comes with a mountain of other school-related things to read (at a time when you'd rather be leisurely sipping iced tea than facing school-related things), so I'll get right to the point:

## **“S.O.S !”**

Joel Barlow is consistently ranked as one of THE best high schools in the country (source: *Newsweek & US News & World Report*). The staff works mighty hard to make it so, but they can't do it alone. They need our involvement, our time and our resources...they need our **SUPPORT**.

Please **HELP** by joining the PTSA – your \$30 really will go a long way in **Helping** us **HELP** Barlow. The membership form is in this packet.

In addition to becoming a member of the PTSA, I hope you'll consider **LENDING A HAND**. On the back of this letter there are a few dozen names of women who have generously agreed to **HELP** Barlow this year. They'll be looking for **ASSISTANCE** in doing so – so please fill out the attached volunteer form for even just one little chore. We need all the **HELP** we can get.

And, **HELP** yourself by coming to a PTSA meeting or two. On the second Tuesday of every month you have a chance to meet and listen to Head of School Tom McMorran, meet and listen to different faculty members reporting on a variety of important topics, and listen to a brief but informative program. All packed into what is usually just about an hour.

So mark your calendars...the first four PTSA Meetings scheduled for this year are:

- Tuesday, 9/13, 9:15 am; Program: “**Face to Face with Head of School Tom McMorran**”
- Tuesday, 10/11, 9:15 am; Program: “**Navigating Naviance, JBHS's valuable online resource for course and college planning.**”
- Tuesday, 11/8, 9:15 am; Program: “**Handling High School Hazards: The Police & The School**”
- Tuesday, 12/13, 9:15 am; **Face to Face with Superintendent Dr. Bernard Josefsberg**

I imagine you've gotten the message – we'd really appreciate your **SUPPORT** as we embark on another dynamic year at Barlow. Your sons and daughters will be spending the majority of their time for the next nine months at our high school – it's **BENEFICIAL** as a parent to experience it, too.

Thanks so very much in advance. Now, please **HELP** yourself to a sip of that iced tea.  
Sincerely,

Jen Wastrom, President, Joel Barlow High School PTSA

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