PTA Special Education (SPED) Resources/ Calendar 2022/23 School Year

Parent Resources:

1. **PTA Special Education Liaison** - This is a voluntary role on the PTA that is dedicated to making sure the PTA has an eye on inclusion. This role is also the bridge between SPED teachers, staff and parents. This is a great person to contact if you have any questions about your child having the most inclusive school experience (outside of academics which would be your IEP Team). [Join our FB Group!]

2. **South Orange County Special Education Local Plan Area (SOC SELPA) Community Advisory Committee (CAC)** seeks to join together parents, educators, lawmakers, service providers and other community members who want to make a difference in the education of all students. The CAC is here to inform and support with the goal of improving and protecting the education of our children. [More info]

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| Monthly   | **SVPTA Parent-to-Parent mentoring meet-ups** - We have monthly parent meet-ups to catch up, share ideas, discuss concerns, and come up with positive and collaborative plans. (ALL parents with a child on an IEP are welcome.) | **Dates:** 9/16, 10/14, 11/18@9am, 1/20, 2/16 (Thurs), 3/17, 4/21, 5/19  
**Time:** 12:30pm  
**Location:** held at various locations so watch out for monthly flyers. |
| Monthly   | **CAC Meetings** - The CAC is designed to be a dynamic, collaborative partnership of Educators, Parents and Community Members. The CAC supports effective special education programs and services in the Saddleback Valley and Laguna Beach Unified School Districts. Please join us to find out more information and to meet other parents. | **Dates:** 9/21, 11/16*, 1/18, 3/8, 4/19*, 5/24  
**Time:** 5pm  
**Location:** held at various locations so watch out for monthly flyers. *optional meetings |
| Quarterly | **SVPTA Parent Trainings (may include...)**  
- Regional Center- Preschool  
- Social skills  
- How to implement AC devices  
- IEP  
- ITP- 10th grade transition planning | **Dates:** TBD  
**Time:** TBD  
**Location:** Virtual |

Parent Contacts:

- **Ask your PTA who is your school SPED Liaison.**
  - **SVPTA SPED Advocacy**  
    - Jen Newsome  
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- **MVHS SPED Liaison & CAC Secretary**  
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- **SOC SELPA Director**  
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