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Good evening, Sligo Middle School Parents!

Eight days and counting to the First Day of School! Where did this summer go?

To kick off the new school year, we have a very exciting development for Sligo parents: A new PTSA Web Site, which is chock full of great information for you as parents of Sligo Middle School students, including information on how to join the PTSA -- with an easy-to-use PayPal link so you can pay your dues online, just like that -- a calendar, contact information, news updates from our listserv and our Twitter feed, and links to forms that you might need for your student.

And, as an added bonus, there’s a countdown clock to the First Day of School and a "fun" page if you have an extra second or two and need a chuckle.

I want to personally thanks PTSA parents Alice Witt and Lawrence Friedman for their hard work in putting this great resource together!

Go to: sligoptsa.wordpress.com to check it out and find out more. Bookmark it for future reference. And be sure to check back regularly. We’re continuously updating it to help keep you informed.

Remember: It’s there for you. It's a work in progress -- we're working on getting Spanish translations for our pages at this time -- so if you have any suggestions on how to improve it, please let us know.

And, a plug for those of you who are so inclined: Our Twitter page is @SligoMSPTSA, for up-to-the-second information in 140 characters or less.

Two reminders, and one special request, as the school year approaches:

- **Teacher and Staff Appreciation Day is Thursday, Aug. 22:** Please contact Karen Lee to contribute a salad or two for the teacher and staff luncheon, our way of saying "Welcome back!" as our new principal, and our great teachers and staff put in final preparations for the new school year. Please contact Karen at jbrownklee@aol.com to help out!

- **New Sligo Parents:** Don’t forget New Student Parent Night is 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22. And remember: New Student Orientation starts at 7:55 a.m. that morning. Big day!

- **Returning Seventh and Eighth Grade Parents:** Remember how mystifying it was in your first months with your first middle schooler? We’d like to try to help out our new parents by providing them with "buddy” parents to help answer any questions they might have. If you’re interested in being a resource for new Sligo parents, please email me at modriscoll999@gmail.com with your name and contact information. We’d like to get this contact information into any requesting new Sligo parents' hands as quickly as possible so they can begin to feel comfortable with Sligo and to participate more in our Sligo community.

Thanks, everyone! See you...Thursday!

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President, Sligo MS PTSA