



Panther Marching Band



Member Pack
2013 -2014



Panther Marching Band
2013 PMB Summer Schedule

Notes:

Summer rehearsals are essential to developing skills during our "off" months.

In fact, the majority of our work is done over the summer!

Early/Mid-Summer

The first rehearsals of the 2013 season, these sessions will focus on orienting new members to basic playing and marching technique, while introducing and rehearsing new musical selections!

Winds and Percussion

June 4, 6, 10 (6-8 PM)

Percussion

June 18, 25 (6-8 PM)

July 9, 16, 23, 30 (6-8PM)

Guard

June 3, 10, 17, 24 (6-9 PM)

July 1, 3, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, 31 (6-9 PM)

Winds

June 18, July 9, 16, 23, 30

Flute > (9:00 - 10:00 AM)

Clarinet > (10:00 - 11:00 AM)

Saxophone > (11:00 AM- 12:00 PM)

Trumpet > (1:30 - 2:30 PM)

Mellophone > (2:30 - 3:30 PM)

Low Brass > (3:30 - 4:30 PM)

August Camp - Full Ensemble

Advanced techniques and musicianship are developed and refined as we work on our 2013 Competitive Program!

August 6 and 8 (9 AM – 1 PM)

August 12 – August 15 (9 AM – 5 PM)

August 19 – August 22 (9 AM – 5 PM)

August 27 and 29 – (6 PM – 8:45 PM)



Panther Marching Band 2013 PMB Fall Schedule

Rehearsals

- **Full Ensemble** (all members) rehearsals occur on Tuesdays and Thursdays (6:00-8:45 PM) from August 27 - November 7, 2013.
- **Sectional Rehearsals** are essential to address the individual needs of each section of the band with staff specialists. Sectionals are a mandatory component of the Panther Marching Band.
 - **Percussion** will have Sectional Rehearsals on Fridays before home games from 3:15 - 4:45 PM (half hour dinner break before joining Full Ensemble)
 - **Guard** will have Sectional Rehearsals Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 - 9:00 PM, at the conclusion of full ensemble rehearsal
 - **Winds** will have Sectional Rehearsals scheduled as needed, no more than once a week, scheduled well in advance

Performances

- **Football Fridays** - Home Games: Rehearse 5:00 - 6:15 PM, march to Stadium @ 6:20 PM
 - Away Games: Rehearse 4:00 - 5:00 PM, Load 5:00 - 5:30 PM, Dress 5:00-5:20, Load Buses @ 5:20, Depart 5:30 (eat on the bus)
- **Competition Days** - while schedules for loading, performance, and return will vary, report times on show days are consistent.
 - Guard and Percussion @ 9 AM
 - Winds @ 11 AM
 - Students will be provided with a snack but should bring water and dinner (or money for concessions at the show)

Date	Event	Report	Perform	Return (approximate)
SEPTEMBER				
Friday, August 30	@ Upper Perk	4:00 PM	Halftime	10:00 PM
Friday, September 6	@ Upper Moreland	4:00 PM	Halftime	10:30 PM
Thursday, September 12	Cheltenham	5:00 PM	Pre-Game	9:30 PM
Saturday, September 14	MINI-CAMP	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM	<i>Rehearsal Block – Opening Show Prep!</i>	
Friday, September 20	Pocono Mtn. East	5:00 PM	Pre-Game	9:30 PM
Saturday, September 21	SOUDERTON (Cavalcade)	9 AM (Guard/Perc) 11 AM (Winds)	TBD	
Friday, September 27	North Penn * Fall Band Night	4:30 PM	Pre-Game/Post Game	10:00 PM
Saturday, September 28	NORTH PENN (US Bands)	9 AM (Guard/Perc) 11 AM (Winds)	TBD	
OCTOBER				
Friday, October 4	Hatboro *Homecoming	4:30 PM	Halftime/Post-game	10:00 PM
Saturday, October 5	SHOW or rehearsal TBA (SAT day?)	9 AM (Guard/Perc) 11 AM (Winds)	TBD	
Friday, October 11	@ CB West	4:00 PM	Halftime	10:30 PM
Saturday, October 12	NAZARETH (US Bands)	9 AM (Guard/Perc) 11 AM (Winds)	TBD	
Friday, October 18	@Souderton	4:00 PM	Halftime	10:30 PM
Saturday, October 19	PALISADES (Cavalcade)	9 AM (Guard/Perc) 11 AM (Winds)	TBD	
Friday, October 25	@ CB South	4:00 PM	Halftime	10:30 PM
Saturday, October 26	CB West (Cavalcade)	9 AM (Guard/Perc) 11 AM (Winds)	TBD	
NOVEMBER				
Friday, November 1	CB East	5:00 PM	Pre-Game	9:30 PM
Saturday, November 2	HATBORO HORSHAM (Cavalcade)	TBA	TBD	
M, T, Th, November 4, 5, 7	Champs Week!	6:00 – 9:00 PM		
Friday, November 8	Saucon Valley	5:00 PM	Pre-Game	9:30 PM
Saturday, November 9	CAVALCADE CHAMPIONSHIPS	TBA	TBD	
Thursday, November 28	Pennridge Thanksgiving Day Game	8:00 AM	Halftime	2:00 PM



Panther Marching Band Band Camp and Season Needs

Musical

- **Instrument** > in good working condition – have it checked/ serviced ASAP (DeVoe's Music!)
- **School Instruments** > Percussion, Tubas, Euphoniums, Mellophones, Tenor Saxes - issued at first rehearsal
- **Music** > issued throughout the summer – downloadable from website as it becomes available
- **Folio** > issued during the summer – contains stand music
- **Binder** > purchase by first rehearsal
- **Lyre** > provided by the student; needed by the first football game
- **Supplies** > reeds, valve oil, slide cream, drumsticks, stick tape, flag tape – members supply

Visual

- **SNEAKERS** > Walking/running shoes and socks - NOT sandals, hiking boots, or any other shoes
- **CLOTHES** > Comfortable clothing for movement - consider temperature/seasonal changes
- **EQUIPMENT** > Lanyard, dot book, pencil, and poker chips (red, green, blue, black) at EVERY rehearsal

Physical

- Bag lunches/dinners (away games, competitions, sometimes parades)
- Ice water in large jugs (rehearsals)
- Sunscreen (30-50 strength)
- Hat and Sunglasses
- Eliminate unnecessary caffeine/sugar – large containers of iced tea, soda, or other caffeinated/power drinks work to dehydrate members. Gatorade and water are your friends!

Attitude

- Attendance at ALL rehearsals and performances (August – November)
 - Desire!
 - Responsibility!
 - Preparation!
 - Dependability/Reliability!
 - Communication!
 - Cooperation!
 - Self-Control!
 - Respect for yourself and others!
 - Maturity – check all “drama” at the door!
 - Punctuality!
 - Professionalism!
 - Urgency/Hustle!
 - Realization of your **FULLEST POTENTIAL!**
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Panther Marching Band Season Expenses

All Members

Item	Cost (\$)	Notes
QCSD Activity Fee	50.00	In 2011, the QCSD began charging a fee to participate in extracurricular activities. This fee should not preclude students from participating in activities – waivers are available through the QCSD business office.
PMB Fair-Share	225.00	Covers costs not included in the QCSD Budget

Musicians

Item	Cost (\$)	Notes
Pinnacle Black Patent Shoes	30.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can double as dress shoes for HS concerts • One time expense (unless your feet grow really fast) • Order Form and payment due in the QMPO Box in the QCHS Band room by July 23
Gloves (Winds Only - 3 pair)	9.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gloves are standard among wind players – please do not purchase gloves on your own.
Socks (Black Calf-Length)	5.00 - 15.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black Calf-Length socks must be worn for all performances.
Lyre	5.00 - 8.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Used to hold stand music and play at the same time. • Not needed for guard, percussion, tuba, or trombone players. • May be purchased through DeVoe's or Online.
TOTAL	\$289 - 332	

Color Guard

Item	Cost (\$)	Notes
Shoes	35.00	Shoes as chosen by staff to fit show design.
Gloves	20.00	Hand protection when using equipment.
TOTAL	\$330	

Non-mandatory/variable expenses include: concessions at football games, PMB merchandise, pre-season/championship photos, championship DVD, equipment (reeds, oils, mouthpieces, etc.)

2013 Fair-share fee for each Panther Marching Band Member: \$225

(transportation, show design, music composition, drill, equipment, props, flags, special events, merchandise not covered by QCSD budget)

See handout for examples of how to raise the full Fair-Share amount!



Life Lessons

Students learn many things by participating in a high school music program – most of which are NOT musically related!

It is our goal to help our students learn about the commitment and responsibility necessary to produce a first class product in ANY walk of life!

A. Schedule Distribution

Students are required to attend all after school rehearsals and performances. Detailed calendars that outline rehearsal and performance requirements are distributed prior to the first meeting of every curricular and extra curricular group.

B. Commitment Contracts

Students must review the schedule, rules and regulations, and financial agreement with their parents. Students and parents will be required to sign a commitment contract prior to their participation in any ensemble.

C. Extra Rehearsals

Students will be notified in advance if extra rehearsals or performances are scheduled. **Every effort will be made by the directors to avoid adding to the published schedule!**

D. Conflicts

The music department works closely with the athletic department and other extra-curricular activities in the school to avoid scheduling conflicts in advance. Seldom will a music event be scheduled at a time when a student is required to be somewhere else by another school activity. When these conflicts do occur, the music faculty, coaches or advisors concerned, and the administration will work out a compromise so that the student is not caught in the middle.

NOTE: There will not be an attempt to accommodate scheduling conflicts with non-school activities! Members must help us by alerting us to scheduling conflicts as far in advance as possible.

Absences

While attendance is a requirement, we understand that there are events that will require a member to be absent. Parents, please email potential absences to gchspantherband@gmail.com at least two weeks in advance of the event. In addition, members of the Quakertown Bands must adhere to the following absence policies.

Absence Forms

Please submit an Absence Form to the Director at least two weeks in advance of the event. The Director will determine whether the planned absence will be excused based on the criteria outlined on this document. Absence Forms will then be returned to the member.

Any absence without an accompanying Absence Form will be considered unexcused.

Excused Absences

The following are valid reasons for missing a rehearsal or performance:

Illness
Medical Emergency
Major Life Events
Religious Observations
Acts of God

If you are unable to attend a dress rehearsal or performance due to illness, and the event occurs on a day on which there is no school, you must email Mr. Parker at fparker@qcsd.org, then **submit an Absence Form to the director within five days of the absence.**

Unexcused Absences

The following are NOT valid reasons for missing an after school rehearsal or performance:

Birthdays
Non-School Activities
After-school Jobs
Homework
Forgetting
Vacations
Personal Activities
Lack of Transportation*

** Band Parents also works to connect families interested in carpooling. Chances are that there are several other families living in your area that would love to give you a lift!*

1. A student whose absence is unexcused the week prior to a scheduled performance is still required to attend the performance. That member will not be permitted to perform with the group.
2. Multiple unexcused absences will result in loss of 3rd Quarter privileges. More than two unexcused absences may result in immediate removal from the ensemble.



Panther Marching Band
Absence Form

**Each member is required to attend all rehearsals and performances.
 Exceptions must be approved by the Director.
 Absences must be submitted at least two weeks in advance to be considered excused.**

Student Name	
Date(s) of Absence	
Reason (Detail)	
Student Signature	
Parent/Guardian Signature	

(For Office Use Only)

Date Received		
Verdict	EXCUSED	UNEXCUSED
Reason		
Notes		



Panther Marching Band
Musician Shoe and T-Shirt Order

Please complete the order form below and return it to the QMPO Box in the high school band room

Marching musician shoes are available through a quantity discount for all of our band members. The footwear is purchased through the Final Touch Accessory Company from West Chester, PA. All band musicians wear the Style Plus Pinnacle, Black Patent marching shoe.

The size of your marching shoe will be determined by your **dress shoe size**, not by the size of your sneakers or athletic shoes. Also, be sure to wear **black marching socks** when sizing, not white athletic socks.

The cost of this year's shoe is \$30.00 (includes shipping)
Please make checks payable to: **QMPO Band Account**

ORDERS DUE JULY 23

SIZES AVAILABLE:

Women: Medium 5 through 12; Wide 5 through 12
Men: Medium 6 1/2 through 16; Wide 6 1/2 through 16

SHOES

____ No - I do not need to order shoes for this season
____ Yes - I need to order shoes (\$30/pair) \$ _____

Student's Name _____ phone # _____
Parent email _____ Size (specify Men's or Women's) _____

T-SHIRTS

One official "Panther Band" t-shirt is included with each student's fair-share fee, and will be worn as a part of the **Panther Marching Band** uniform. Please indicate size for the included shirt:

____ S ____ M ____ L ____ XL ____ XXL \$ Free!

I would like to order additional shirts _____ @ \$15/ea S - XL _____ @ \$17/ea XXXL

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED for SHOES and T-SHIRTS, check payable to QMPO Band Account \$ _____

Check # _____