



Panther Marching Band





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 prior to summer – email the director if you are missing anything
- **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!**

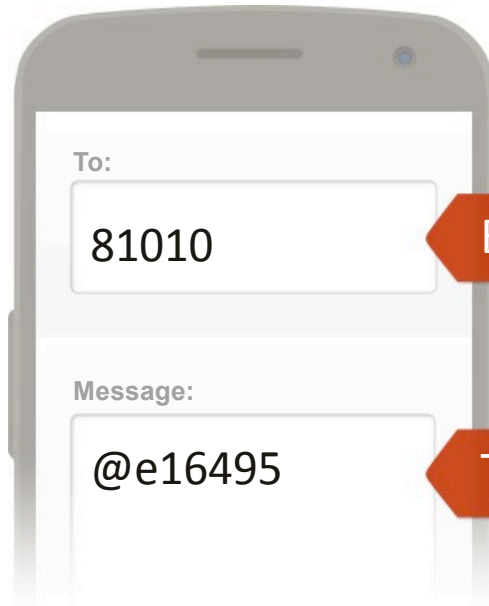
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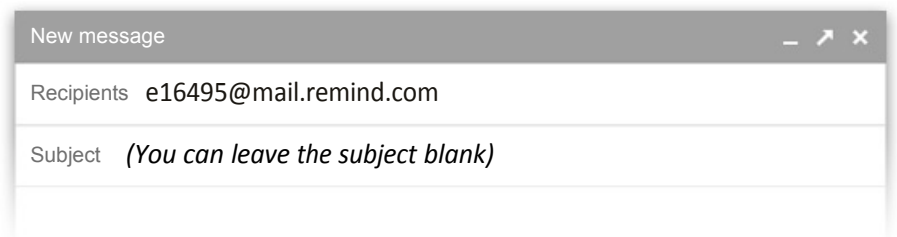


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Panther Marching Band
2015 PMB Summer Schedule

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 2015 season, these sessions will focus on orienting new members to basic playing and marching technique, while introducing and rehearsing new musical selections! Rehearsals will be held at QCHS. All members are expected to know their warm-ups and "show" music by the first week of August

Percussion

June 4, 23, 30 (6:30-8:30PM)

July 7, 14, 21, 28 (6:30-8:30PM)

Guard

June 9, 16, 23, 30

July 7, 14, 21,

August Camp --- Full Ensemble

Advanced techniques and musicianship are developed and refined as we work on our 2015 Competitive Program!

August 3 – New Winds + Section Leaders (6:30-8:30 PM)

August 4 – All Winds/Perc./Guard (6:30 – 8:30 PM)

August 6 – All Winds/Perc./Guard (6:30 – 8:30 PM)

August 10 – August 13 – Band Camp (9:00AM – 5:00PM)

August 17 – August 20 – Band Camp (9:00AM – 5:00PM)

August 24 - Full Ensemble (6:00 – 8:45PM)

August 26 - Full Ensemble (6:00 – 8:45PM)

Blue and White Night

The unveiling of our 2015 Pre-game Show and the culmination of our August Camp activities!

August 31 (7 PM) – Alumni Field



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2015 PMB Fall Schedule

Rehearsals

- **Full Ensemble** (all members) rehearsals occur on Tuesdays and Thursdays (6:00-8:45 PM) from September 1 - November 12, 2015.
**Rehearsal on Mon, August 24, and Wed., August 26, due to Soph. and Freshman Orientations on August 25 and 27.*
- **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 Saturdays of USBands shows, 9:30 – 11:30 AM (half hour lunch break before joining Full Ensemble)
 - **Guard** will have Sectional Rehearsals on Saturdays of USBands shows, 9:30 – 11:30 AM (half hour lunch break before joining Full Ensemble)
 - **Winds** will have Sectional Rehearsals scheduled as needed, no more than once a week, scheduled well in advance

Performances

- **Football Fridays** - Home Games: Rehearse 4:30 - 6:00 PM, march to Stadium @ 6:15 PM, Pre-game performance begins at 6:40 PM
 - Away Games: Rehearse 4:00 – 4:45 PM, Load 4:45 - 5:15 PM, Dress 4:45, Load Buses @ 5:05, Depart 5:15 (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 @ 9:30 AM
 - Winds @ 11 AM
 - Students should bring water, dinner, and money for concessions at the show

Date	Event	Report	Perform	Return (approximate)
SEPTEMBER				
Monday, August 31	Blue & White Night	5:30 PM	7:00 PM	8:15 PM
Friday, September 4	@ Upper Perk	4:00 PM	Halftime	10:15 PM
Friday, September 11	Hatboro - home	4:30 PM	Pre-Game	9:45 PM
Saturday, September 12	Mini-camp	9:00 AM		4:00 PM
Friday, September 18	@Cheltenham	4:00 PM	Halftime	10:45 PM
Friday, September 25	@William Tennent	4:00 PM	Halftime	10:45 PM
Saturday, September 26	North Penn – US Bands	9:30 AM (Guard/Perc) 11 AM (Winds)	TBA	TBA
OCTOBER				
Friday, October 2	Norristown - Home	4:30 PM	Pre-Game	9:45 PM
Saturday, October 3	CB South US Bands	9:30 AM (Guard/Perc) 11 AM (Winds)		
Monday, October 5	Fall Band Night Rehearsal	6:00 – 8:30 PM		
Friday, October 9	Harry S. Truman - home *Fall Band Night	4:30 PM	Pre-Game	10:00 PM
Saturday, October 10	Nazareth US Bands	9:30 AM (Guard/Perc) 11 AM (Winds)		
Friday, October 16	@ CB West	4:00 PM	Halftime	10:15 PM
Saturday, October 17	OFF			
Sunday, October 18	Q-town Halloween Parade	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM
Friday, October 23	@ Council Rock South	4:00 PM	Halftime	10:45 PM
Saturday, October 24	Rustin US Bands	9:30 AM (Guard/Perc) 11 AM (Winds)		
Friday, October 30	Council Rock North Homecoming	4:00 PM	Halftime	10:00 PM
Saturday, October 31	US Bands PA State Championship – West Chester University	9:30 AM (Guard/Perc) 11 AM (Winds)		
NOVEMBER				
M, T, Th, November 2, 3, 5	Champs Week!	6:00 – 9:00 PM		
Friday, November 6	CB East	4:30 PM	Pre-Game	9:45 PM
Saturday, November 7	US Bands National Championships – Met Life Stadium	8:00 AM	TBA (Group IV Open begins at 2:30 PM)	11:59 PM
Friday, November 13	Saucon Valley or Playoff Game	4:30 PM	Pre-Game	9:45 PM
Thursday, November 26	@Pennridge Thanksgiving Day Game	8:00 AM	Halftime	1:15 PM

* For the most up to date schedule, please use the Calendar link on the QCHSband.wikispaces homepage*



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 fparker@qcsd.org 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 work 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!*

- 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.
- 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 Directors.

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 Season Expenses

All Members

Item	Cost (\$)	Notes
QCSD Activity Fee	\$0	The QCSD Activity fee has been eliminated for band. The Panther Marching Band members will not pay the QCSD Activity fee. In addition, all Panther Band members will receive .25 class credit on their academic transcript for each fall season.

Musicians

Item	Cost (\$)	Notes
T-shirt	20.00	All musicians wear a royal blue "Panther Band t-shirt as part of their uniform
Shoes	35.00	Dinkles Vanguard marching shoe
Uniform Cleaning fee	20.00	Covers cleaning and alterations of band uniform
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. Gloves can be purchased from Mrs. Rummel in late August
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	\$20 - \$107	

Color Guard

Item	Cost (\$)	Notes
T-shirt	20.00	All members wear a royal blue "Panther" Band t-shirt as part of their uniform
Shoes	\$35	All guard members will purchase a special shoe, through the band
Gloves	20.00	Hand protection when using equipment.
Uniform fee	20.00	Covers alterations of band uniform
TOTAL	\$75 - \$95	

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

2015 Cost for each Panther Marching Band Member: \$20 - \$107

(Please pay by check or money order, payable to "QMPO Band Account" by August 10, 2015)



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Marching Shoe and T-Shirt Order/uniform cleaning and alteration fee

Please complete the order form below and return it to the Mr. Parker.

Marching musician shoes are available through a quantity discount for all of our band members. All band musicians wear the Dinkle's Vanguard marching shoe. Color Guard wears a Dinkle's color guard 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 \$35. If you purchased marching band shoes in the 2014 - 2015 school year, you do not need to purchase shoes again this year.

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

All new students will need to order shoes.

Student's Name _____ phone # _____

Parent email _____ Size (specify Men's or Women's) _____

T-SHIRTS

New members will need to order an official "Panther Band" t-shirt, which will be worn as a part of the **Panther Marching Band** uniform. Please indicate the size and quantity for your shirt and any additional shirts:

_____ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL

The cost of the shirt is \$20 for sizes Small through Extra Large and \$22 for size XXL. You may purchase extra shirts for yourself or family members.

_____ @\$20/ea S - XL _____ @\$22/ea XXL

Shoes : \$ _____

T-shirts : \$ _____

Uniform fee : \$ 20

Total amount of check for shoes, t-shirts, uniform fee, payable to QMPO Band Account: \$ _____

All shoe and shirt orders plus the uniform fee are due by August 10, 2015

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Membership Contract 2015-2016

I

As a prospective member of the Panther Marching Band, I understand that I am making a season long commitment to the ensemble and that my position in the band is irreplaceable and directly affects the design and execution of the show.

Initial _____

II

As a prospective member of the Panther Marching Band, I understand the requirements of mandatory attendance at all of the scheduled events including rehearsals, football games and competitions. I have read and understand the procedure for submitting excused absences contained in the membership packet. I will check qchsband.wikispaces.com for the official schedule and will check for updates regularly. I understand the consequences for unexcused absences.

Initial _____

III

As a prospective member of the Panther Marching Band, I understand that I will be expected to follow the general rules and regulations listed in the student handbook. Any violation of these rules may result in the suspension or dismissal from a practice or show and ultimately from the ensemble. I must maintain a 2.0 or greater grade point average to continue my participation in the ensemble. Any failure to meet this requirement will lead to the termination from the ensemble.

Initial _____

IV

As a prospective member of the Panther Marching Band I agree to pay the band fee of \$20 for dry-cleaning of my band uniform, \$35 for Dinkle's "Vanguard" marching shoes, and \$20 for "Panther Band" t-shirt.

Initial _____

V

As a prospective member of the Panther Marching Band, I understand the physical demand that is required to perform. I will notify the staff in writing of any medical conditions (i.e. knee problems, asthma, etc.) that affect my ability to practice or perform. This information will remain confidential and with the staff. Any medical condition of any nature that I may have will be included on the medical form to come.

Initial _____

VI

As a prospective member of the Panther Marching Band, I understand that I may be using equipment that is the property of the Quakertown Community School District. If any of this equipment is damaged beyond normal "wear and tear", I will repair or replace the equipment for the full or partial value as decided by the staff and or band director.

Initial _____

VII

As a prospective member of the Panther Marching Band, I understand that failure to meet the terms of this contract may result in the immediate suspension or termination from the ensemble.

Initial _____

Please complete and return this contract to your band director no later than Tuesday, June 2, 2015.

I have read and fully understand the terms of this contract. Upon signing this contract, I accept the responsibility of participating as a member of the Panther Marching Band.

Name of Member (please print) _____

Signature of Member _____

Student Email _____

Date _____

As a parent/guardian of _____, I have read this contract. I understand all the terms of this contract and what is expected of my son or daughter. I hereby give my son or daughter permission to participate in the Panther Marching Band.

Name of Parent/Guardian (please print) _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Parent/Guardian Email _____

Date _____