

Orchard Park High School

Quaker Marching Band



BOOSTERS
HANDBOOK

2022-2023

QMB Boosters, Inc.
PO Box 187
Orchard Park, NY 14127

Welcome to the Quaker Marching Band Boosters. Now that your child has joined the Quaker Marching Band, you are a Booster Member! The goal of the Boosters is to support and promote the Orchard Park Quaker Marching Band (QMB). The Boosters cooperate with and assist the instructional staff of the QMB with chaperoning, volunteering, as well as provide moral and financial support to QMB. You will be given ample opportunity to get involved. Please don't pass it up, because the friendships you make in this group are invaluable.

Director: To Be Announced Soon
Associate Director: Mr. Scott Bean

2022-2023 Booster Meeting Dates

QMB Booster meetings are for all QMB supporters. All Booster Members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Below is a list of the scheduled meetings for you to attend.

All members should have provided an email address at registration and will receive a copy of the meeting minutes.

Booster meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday in the OPHS music wing at 7pm.
Notification of any changes to the schedule will be sent to the Boosters electronically.

09/08/22	02/09/23
10/13/22	03/09/23
11/10/22	04/13/23
12/08/22	05/11/23
01/12/23	

***Mandatory Student/Parent Meeting before Dome overnight. Date TBA.**

QMB has a website. Visit QuakerMarchingBand.com for Weekly schedules, photos, updates and much more!

Quaker Marching Band Boosters Parent Leaders 2022-2023

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Rebecca Gourlay

Alumni

Shannon Palczynski

Public Relations

OPEN

Fundraising

Elaine Strade

Committees and Volunteer Opportunities

(Volunteer form found later in this packet)

Band Camp at Orchard Park High School August 22-26, 2022

Plan to accompany your QMB student to band camp registration on Monday, 8/22 between 8-9am to complete the registration process, pick up apparel orders and show t-shirt, and order chicken BBQ dinners. Each student should eat a **healthy breakfast** each morning. Each student will **bring a bagged lunch** and **insulated water bottle** to band camp each day. **QMB Boosters will provide** an evening meal Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of Band Camp and light snacks and water breaks each day. Band camp days and hours can be found on the schedule provided by the Band Directors.

This annual event **requires parent volunteers!** Parents are needed to help at daily practices as well as prepare, serve and clean up following each snack and/or meal. A Sign-Up Genius will be sent out the first/second week of August asking for volunteers. Please check your email and sign up when you are available!

Thursday, the evening of the **parent show and meeting**, the Boosters will host a Chicken BBQ dinner for all QMB members and their families. *Each student's meal is included with their band fee.* Families are encouraged to purchase dinners to eat with their son or daughter before the parent meeting and first look parent show! We hope all families will be available to join us! Pre-sale tickets will be available at band camp registration. BBQ information will be emailed closer to Band Camp week.

*For additional information, please contact: **OPEN**

Bottle Drive

Each spring, QMB has conducted a Can & Bottle Drive. Yearly profits are approximately \$8000 or above. This fundraiser has proven to be very successful and helps keep band fees lowered. All QMB members are required to participate.

Can and bottle collection for the 2022-2023 season will take place on Saturday, June 10, 2023. Each student will be assigned a route to cover within the Orchard Park School District.

While the major portion of the drive runs in the Spring, the collection of returnable cans and bottles **continues all year!** Donations can be dropped off at any of the local facilities of **BottleAndCanRC.com** - be sure to tell them you are **donating for "Quaker Marching Band"**.

*For additional information, please contact:

Nicole Avitahl-Curtis at navitahl-curtis@outlook.com or **Petra Novak** (716)667-2874

Cavalcade

This yearly event **requires** the volunteer **assistance of ALL QMB PARENTS**. Chairpersons and volunteers are needed for concession stands, greeters and ticket sales, greeting bands, publicity, tickets and sales, programs, traffic control, bake sale, flower and candy grams and split club. **ALL** parents of QMB members are expected to volunteer for this fundraiser in some capacity. This event cannot be successful without your help!

*For more information, please see the Cavalcade page in your Boosters handbook.

ECMEA

The OPHS Music Department and the QMB Boosters host the Erie County Music Education Association Junior High music adjudications. It will be held on a Saturday in January 2023. The QMB Boosters run a concession area for participants and provide a luncheon for the judges. We are looking for volunteers to assist with concession sales and the judges lunch.

*For more information, or to volunteer, please contact: **OPEN**

Football Game Pizza

Volunteers are needed before each home football game to set up, serve and clean up pizza and drinks for the students before the football game.

*For more information or to volunteer, please contact:
Jen and Jim Domzalski jmdomzalski@hotmail.com

Fundraising Committee

The fundraising committee consists of current as well as alumni QMB booster members. The committee meets throughout the year to plan, organize and implement fundraising events for capital improvements. All Booster members are welcome to attend meetings. Meetings will be scheduled and announced electronically. The committee is always open to new ideas.

For more information contact: **Elaine Strade** (716)308-8141

Medical

As careful as we try to be, sometimes medical issues arise. We are looking for volunteers to assist with riding the bus and at competitions for minor medical issues (such as headaches and scrapes.). Duties would include carrying the medical backpack. If you are able to help out, even occasionally, we would appreciate your assistance. UB trainers will be present at band camp and Saturday morning practice to tend to the bigger issues that may arise, as well as QMB staff.. EMTs are at every competition.

To volunteer, please contact chairperson: **Susan Provorse** (585)738-4543

Pavilion Concessions

Each summer QMB runs the concession stand for most of the Summer concerts at the Orchard Park Pavilion (located behind OPMS). While the patrons prefer to be waited on by the QMB Members, parent volunteers are also needed to set up and sell concessions on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings late June through early August. A volunteer may commit to one evening or multiple evenings.

*For more information or to volunteer, please contact: **Alesha Caselli** (734)558-2647 or
Dominic Caselli (313)378-4280

Pit Crew

The pit crew is responsible for setting up and breaking down the equipment/props prior to all rehearsals, performances and football games, as well as getting equipment and instruments to all QMB events. Most importantly, the pit crew must coordinate the movement of the equipment onto and off the field in a timely and organized fashion.

*For more information or to volunteer, please contact: **Dominic Caselli** (313)378-4280

QMB Apparel

Through the QMB band fee, each QMB student is provided with **one** QMB show t-shirt each season. Additional show t-shirts and other apparel items can be purchased. The annual QMB Apparel order will be available soon; orders will be ready for pick up at band camp registration. A second order will be available the week of band camp and will be due August 26th. This will be the final order of the 2022-2023 season.

*For more information or to volunteer, please contact: **OPEN**

Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee is chaired by the Vice President and includes four other members. You **MUST** attend practices and competitions to fairly evaluate students for these scholarships.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact: **Alesha Caselli** (734)558-2647

Uniforms

The **band uniform coordinator** is responsible for coordinating “fitting camp”. Fittings will be scheduled for **all Band Members** in **July**. Each band member is assigned a uniform, which includes a jacket, black bibber pants, and helmet. Band members are sized for gloves and drillmaster shoes. Students needing shoes will place an order at their fitting, each student will have the option to purchase new (approximately \$37) or used (\$15) shoes. Uniforms are dry cleaned before each QMB season. A SignUp Genius will be emailed shortly for fittings.

The **color guard uniform coordinator** will confirm member sizes before new uniforms are ordered. Members needing shoes will order through the coordinator. Members will be contacted by the coordinator soon.

The coordinators for both the band and color guard must be available for ALL competitions, football games and parades as well as coordinate the uniform fittings and alterations. Uniform chaperones are responsible for chaperoning the dressing rooms and dressing the band. The coordinator(s) are responsible for repairing and dry cleaning the uniforms and fitting helmets (band) as needed. Proper care of the uniforms is taught to members by the uniform coordinators. Volunteers are needed to help measure students for uniforms, do alterations and help dress the band throughout the season.

For more information or to volunteer contact:

Renee Wall (716) 308-9888 for Band

Susan Provorse (585)738-4543 for Color guard

Volunteers

The volunteer coordinator will be the liaison between the Board and the chairs/coordinators and parent volunteers. The coordinator will monitor SignUpGenius so we can fill in open slots as needed. The coordinator will also maintain any volunteer folders (for example - Bus chaperone and Cavalcade coordinators among others).

Ways and Means

The Ways and Means committee shall consist of the Band Director, President, Treasurer and at least two appointed persons. The committee shall formulate a projected budget along with a calendar of fundraising activities.

Cavalcade Chairpersons

Bake Sale	Rebecca Gourlay	(716) 946-8125 wrgou3590@msn.com
Candy Grams	Michelle Faust	mmbarthold@yahoo.com
Concessions	Kate Interlichia	(716) 225-4880 katewen@hotmail.com
Concessions Co-Chair	OPEN	
Greeters	Nicole Aviyahl-Curtis	navitahl-curtis@outlook.com
Judges Lunch	Zeina Williams	(716)946-1475 williams3137@verizon.net
Program Ads	OPEN	
Senior Recognition	Cyndy Nichols	(716) 913-4012 nicholscyndy@gmail.com
Split Club	OPEN	
Tickets	Becky Paolini	(716) 997-8036
Traffic	OPEN	

PSYCH BOX PARTY

On Saturday, October 29th the students will get “psyched up” for the NYS Field Band Championships by participating in a Boosters sponsored lunch and psych box exchange. The week before the party, students will randomly draw the name of another QMB member. Each student is responsible for decorating and filling a fun, creative box filled with items that will get their QMB friend ready for the upcoming State competition at Syracuse University’s Dome. Students need to be creative, considerate of their friend’s likes and dislikes, and include silly string!!! Psych box examples and more information will be given closer to the date. QMB will ROCK THE DOME Sunday, October 30, 2022.

Please note ... Silly string is a **must for the Psych Box - the students have a silly string party after lunch. Silly string was hard to find last Fall. A parent saw a large supply at the Dollar Tree in OP recently. Stock up now!

Parent Checklist for Band Camp (2 pages)

August 22 - 26, 2022

REGISTRATION CHECKLIST: (Monday, 8/22/22, 8am-9am) *One parent/guardian must arrive with student.*

- _____ Band Fee paid (Due 6/8/22 at parent meeting) Check or Money Order, Payable to *QMB Boosters*
\$227 1st member, \$177 each additional member
- _____ Verify contact information on registration form is correct (submitted online in
May/June)
- _____ Student Contract complete (form in Student Handbook)
- _____ QMB Medical form complete (form in this Handbook)
- _____ OP District Medical/Permission Form complete (online only)
- _____ Photo release form complete (form in this Handbook)
- _____ Volunteer form complete (form in this Handbook)
- _____ Complete the Annual District Volunteer Forms (online at District website)
- _____ Chicken BBQ dinner tickets purchased - dinner is Thursday, 8/25/22
- _____ Pick up apparel order and student show t-shirt. 2nd and last order for this
season available at registration.
- _____ Ask any questions you have

DAILY STUDENT CHECKLIST:

- _____ Eat a healthy breakfast
- _____ Pack a healthy lunch (dinner provided Monday - Thursday)
- _____ Bring insulated water bottle - 32 oz or larger - labeled with full name
- _____ Sunscreen with and on them daily!
- _____ Sunglasses, chapstick, ball cap
- _____ Comfortable sneaker, with socks (No other footwear acceptable) (will be on feet many hours)
- _____ Dress according to the weather - layers are good! Be prepared for rain.
- _____ Dress for each days Theme
- _____ Marching Instruments (cleaned and ready to go)
- _____ Music memorized (at least partially)
- _____ Great attitude!
- _____ *To Be Early Is To Be On Time! To Be On Time Is To Be Late! To Be Late Is To Be
Really Late! Be Ready To Go at rehearsal start time.*

MISC. CHECKLIST:

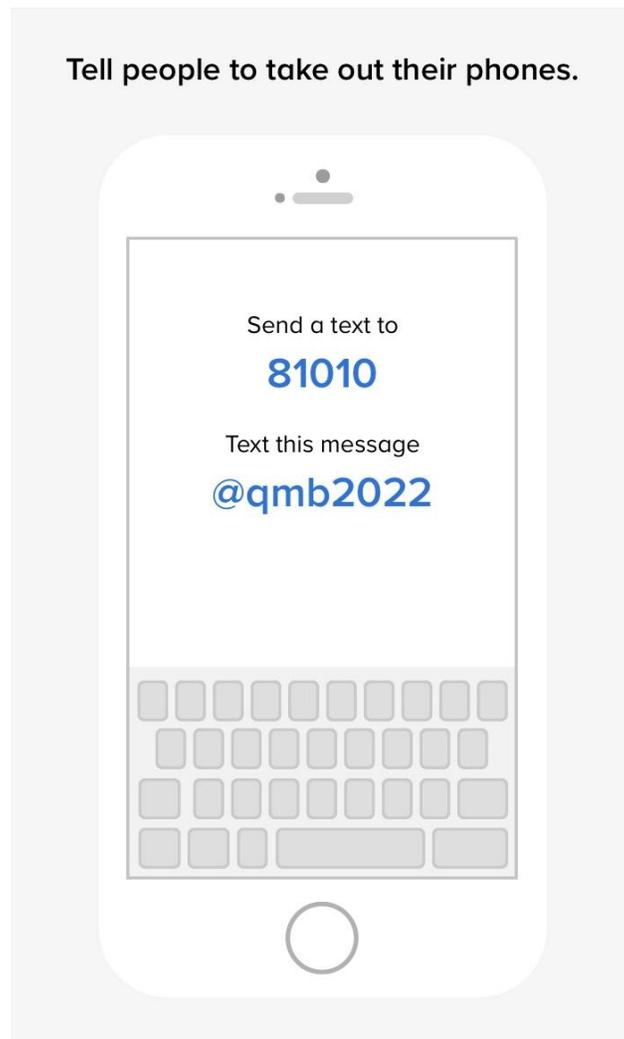
- _____ Black shorts (NOT gym shorts) & Show shirts for the Parent Show (Thursday night)
- _____ Have your student check their band camp list from the directors
- _____ Remind your student to check the Director's QMB Google Classroom every day now through the banquet (Nov. 8, 2022) and periodically after that.

Remind

QMB Boosters Invites You To Join!

Receive brief text messages throughout the season

Must have the App installed to receive messages



New Season, New Code! All Booster Members should sign up using this code, regardless of past participation in the Remind system.

Volunteer

*Volunteering is Fun!

*Volunteering is Rewarding!

*Many hands make for lighter work!

*Volunteer one time, once week, once a month or every day! No time is too short, no time is too much! ALL time is appreciated!

*Get to know the students better ... maybe even your own!

*Great group of kids to work with! They are grateful for our help and always express it!

*Meet new parents ... make a new friend!

*You will be given ample opportunity to get involved. Please don't pass it up, because the friendships you make in this group are invaluable.

*See the following 2 pages for volunteer opportunities. Questions, contact the chairperson, or Jen Domzalski at jmdomzalski@hotmail.com

2022-2023 QUAKER MARCHING BAND

VOLUNTEER FORM

This is a list of areas that the QMB Boosters voluntarily supports for the marching band. Without the help from the boosters, not only would band fees go up, but the band would be unsustainable. We need **everyone's** help! Please read through the list and pick areas where you would be willing to give of your time. Return the forms to either **Jennifer Domzalski** before leaving tonight **OR** mail to **QMB Boosters, PO Box 187, Orchard Park, NY 14127**. This form is an *informal interest survey*, Sign Up Genius sign-ups will be sent out via email for members to commit to helping at events.

MEDICAL (periodically all season)

Chairperson: Susan Provorse

Assist Chairperson with minor medical issues

UNIFORMS (all season - help when available)

Band Chairperson: Renee Wall, Dawn Slusarz

Assist with Fittings
 Sewing/Alterations
 Assist with dressing at show

Color Guard Chairperson: Susan Provorse,

Donna Leigh

Assist with Fittings
 Sewing/Alterations
 Assist with dressing at shows

PIT CREW (all season is possible)

Chairperson: Dominic Caselli

Build Props
 Move Props During Show

PHOTOGRAPHY (all season)

Chairperson: Michelle Faust

Taking photos
 Videotaping shows

PAVILION CONCESSIONS (June, July, early August)

Chairperson(s): Alesha & Dominic Caselli

Set up/sales/clean up

BAND CAMP (August 22 - August 26)

Chairperson(s): **OPEN**

Co -Chair: **OPEN**

Serve in the AM water/snacks
 Serve in the PM water/snacks and dinner

FOOTBALL GAME PIZZA DINNER

Chairpersons: Jen & Jim Domzalski

Setup/Serve/Cleanup

FUNDRAISING (year-round, as needed)

Chairperson: Elaine Strade

Committee member

CAVALCADE (Saturday, October 22nd)

****assistance from all QMB families is requested at this event as it takes many people to keep everything running smoothly****

Baked Goods Chairman: Rebecca Gourlay

Sellers for booth

Candy Gram/Flower Chairman: Michelle Faust

Sellers for booth

Concessions Chairpersons: Kate Interlichia

Co-chairperson

Sell Concessions

Greeters Chairperson: Nicolie Avitahl-Curtis

Greeter

Committee members

Judges Lunch Chairperson: Zeina Williams

___ Helper

Split Club Chairperson: **OPEN**

___ Ticket sales

Stadium Logistics Chairperson: **OPEN**

___ Assistants

Ticket Chairperson: Becky Paolini

___ Ticket sales at gate

Traffic / Parking Chairperson: **OPEN**

___ Traffic Assistance

PSYCH BOX LUNCH (Saturday, October 29th)

Chairpersons: Jen Domzalski & Cathay Kipler

___ Decorations/Set-up

___ Serving/ Clean up

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE (all season)

Chairperson: Alesha Caselli

___ Committee

Indicate your choices with either a #1 or #2, depending on if you are listed as Volunteer #1 or #2 below. Check as many as you are interested in helping with. Your contact information will be given to the chairperson(s). This does not lock you into a position, this form is an informal survey.

Student Name(s) _____

Volunteer #1

Name _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Volunteer #2

Name _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Photo Release Form for QMB 2022-2023 Season

_____ I **DO** give my permission for my child's/children's picture to be taken and used by the Quaker Marching Band for the following purposes.

1. School - school displays, yearbook and district newsletters
2. Social Media - QMB Facebook, QMB Alumni Facebook, Instagram
3. Local Media - Orchard Park Bee, Buffalo News, etc.
4. QMB owned Website, SmugMug page and QMB promotional use

***Use of photos on any non QMB social media format is not supported by QMB and is of the sole responsibility of the individual.

_____ I **DO NOT** give my permission for my child's/children's picture to be taken and used by the Quaker Marching Band.

Child's Name _____

Child's Name _____

Parent/Guardian's signature

Date

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Terms

A few, but certainly not all, Band and Color Guard terms that new members and parents/guardians need to know

Band Camp: a week in August when all QMB members learn the show (music and marching). Monday - Friday 8am-8pm (see the Mandatory Schedule in the Student Handbook or at QuakerMarchingBand.com). This year's Band Camp is August 22 - 26.

Bibbers/Bibs: band uniform pants

Boosters: any parent/guardian of a QMB member - no need to enroll, it's automatic when your student signs up for QMB!

Cavalcade: QMB home competition, we host other bands

Chicken: (QMB term, not official term) feathers on top of shako

Competition: arrive at OPHS Saturday morning for rehearsal; ride the bus to that week's location; eat dinner (student's expense at concessions or pack brown a bag dinner); change into uniform; warm up; perform; change out of uniform; wait for score; ride bus back to OPHS, go home and sleep.

Dome: the final competition of the season that occurs in Syracuse, NY at the Syracuse Dome, where all marching bands compete in their Class.

Drill: the performance choreography

DrillMasters/Dinkles: band uniform shoes

Drum Major: student selected to conduct the band during performances

Drum Major Picnic: picnic the Friday of band camp for all QMB members and their families; Drum Major organizes

NYSFBC: New York State Field Band Conference - divided into Classes, QMB is Large School 2

Parent show: QMB performs their show for the parents/guardians the Thursday night of Band Camp

Pit/Pit instruments: non marching instruments that are placed on the field in front of the Drum Major podium.

Psych Box: a "Secret Santa" type box - members secretly pick the name of another QMB member, decorate and fill a box with items the other member likes ... minimum 2 silly string cans are a MUST. Given the weekend of Dome. (More detailed information given at a later date)

Psych Box Party: Lunch, watch past Dome performances, exchange Psych Boxes, have a silly string party. Time to “Get Psyched” for the last, biggest performance of the season ... Dome!

ROCK the DOME!: a saying used to get QMB Members excited to perform at Dome; encouraging them to do their best and leave it all on the field.

Shako: band uniform hat

Show shirt: t-shirt worn throughout the season (August - July). Keep it clean and stain free!

If you are interested in or have questions about any **OPEN** position please contact Jen Domzalski at jmdomzalski@hotmail.com or Karen Laudico at PresidentQuakerMarchingBand@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

If you have any questions/comment/concerns please do not hesitate to contact the Directors or any Board member.

QMB is like a family, always there to help each other!

Music is Magic