

Quakertown Music Promoters Organization

QMPO is a non-profit organization whose mission is to enrich the music experience of students in the Quakertown Community School District.

QMPO supports the music department, the students, and their performances by: ●

Handling equipment for performances.

- Distributing and managing uniforms, dresses, and tuxedos.
- Providing backstage and house management for musical performances.
- Fundraising
- Providing Scholarships to seniors.
- Advocating for the needs of the program.

CHARMS: CHARMS is software specifically designed for music programs. It manages calendars, inventory, uniforms, sheet music, volunteers, fundraisers, and much more.

All music program students must have a CHARMS account in order to be eligible to earn QMPO Points and to stay informed with communications from the music department via email and text updates. Signing up for an account is free and easy to do! Please see the attached CHARMS info sheet for how to register.

Fundraising: There are two types of QMPO Fundraisers:

Student Point Fundraisers and General QMPO Fundraisers Student Point Fundraisers

Student Point Fundraisers are fundraisers that not only benefit QMPO, but also offer opportunities for students to accumulate QMPO Points to help cover costs associated with most music department expenses including trips. Band and Choir trips are scheduled for every other year.

Current middle school students intending to join the music program at the High School are eligible to earn QMPO points beginning on the first day of July after they complete 8th Grade. They MUST sign up for a

CHARMS account in order for their account to be credited with points earned.

Points will continue to accrue and can be cashed in towards a trip or expense at any time. However, there is a cut off date for earning points if they are being used towards a current school year Band or Choir trip. For example: the cut off for earning points to be used towards the Band Trip in Spring 2023 will be January 2023, since final payment is due to our travel company at that time. Students can still continue to earn points during the year, and those points can be used for other expenses and/or future trips.

If a student graduates before using all of their points, they can transfer those points within 15 months to a younger sibling who also participates in the QCSD music program. There is no cash equivalency for unused points.

All programs are completely voluntary. We offer these fundraisers for families to help defray their out of pocket costs and to raise money for the music program. Therefore, families are encouraged to participate but are not required. Families can choose to participate in as many or as few as they would like.

Our Student Point Fundraisers for the 2019-2020 school year are:

Sponsorship Ads
Fino's
Local Store Cards
Gertrude Hawk Candy Sale
SCRIPS

Sponsorship Ads:

Students offer businesses advertising opportunities in our Quakertown High School Music Department Sponsorship Book. This book is handed out at our music events during the school year. Families and individuals may also sign-up to be an official Quakertown Community High School Music Sponsor.

Please contact sponsorship@qmpo.org with the name/location of the business before you approach them so that we can be sure they are not already a sponsor through another student.

Students earn:

15% in QMPO Points for total ad sales up to \$499

20% QMPO Points for total ad sales of \$500 and up

Local Store Cards:

If you frequent any of the following local businesses, you can earn 4% in QMPO points simply by buying the cards from QMPO. This is a great way to take advantage of earning QMPO points all year long!

QMPO offers gift cards for sale for the following locations:

Giant

Regal Cinemas

Red Robin

Kohls

Sal's Pizza Randa

You can order gift cards two ways:

1. Print and fill out an order form (available from www.QMPO.org), attach a check and send it into school with your child where they will put it in the QMPO box located in the Band room at the High School. We'll process the orders every Wednesday after school and distribute the gift cards in sealed envelopes back to the students on Friday.

2. Buy your gift cards in person during our weekly sales hours which can be found online at: www.qmpo.org

SCRIPS:

Scripts is an additional way to earn QMPO points by buying gift and eGift cards to a variety of nationwide businesses. They offer a convenient website and app which, once enrolled, allows you to purchase and in many cases redeem eGift cards instantly, all year long! We also place a bulk order in November for physical gift cards. These are right in time for holiday gifts! Students earn half of the total rebate amount QMPO Points (For example, an Old Navy eGift card rebate is 14%: therefore the student will receive 7% in points). Please see the Scripts enrollment and information packet for more details!

Fino's:

In August and September, we offer the Fino's fundraiser. Fino's LaCantina in Trumbauersville has generously partnered with QMPO to offer discount hoagie, cheesesteak and pizza coupons, and students earn QMPO points on each coupon purchased. These coupons are often used by marching band members on competition days, and many choir and band families also purchase them for a quick and easy family meal throughout the fall!

Gertrude Hawk Candy Sale:

Our candy sale runs in October. This is a PRE-PAID fundraiser. Candy is ordered by the case and paid for ahead of time, and students earn 39% of sales in QMPO points!

Each case of candy costs \$96 and contains 48 bars which sell for \$2 each. You keep the money as the candy is sold and your child earns \$24 QMPO points for each case.

General QMPO Fundraisers

Proceeds from QMPO General Fundraisers offer opportunities for QMPO to provide much needed monetary donations to the band and choir to ensure that they can continue to offer a variety of programs and excellence in music education, as well as scholarships, spirit awards, and leadership training activities for students. We rely heavily on parent volunteers to assist in making these events successful!

Our General QMPO Fundraisers for the 2022-2023 school year are:

Concessions
Craft Fair and Holiday Fest
Spaghetti Dinner
The Lock In
Amazon Smile

Concessions:

QMPO needs volunteers in our outdoor concession stand during home football games at Alumni Field. The concession stand generates much needed funds to support the band and choir and we need both band and choir families to help run the stand! A sign-up genius will be sent out at the start of the season.

Craft Fair and Holiday Fest:

This event takes place in December and has become an annual tradition for many in our community! In addition to the special holiday performances by many of the QCSD music ensembles, there will be tons of unique crafts and gifts. Plus, we've added additional games and events throughout the day such as a Kids Activity Zone, Photos With Santa, and a scavenger hunt with prizes.

And of course, don't forget all the great food and snacks! Volunteers are always needed for concession sales as well as other areas.

The Lock In:

An opportunity for our music students and their friends to stay up all night playing games, eating pizza, doing cool crafts, watching movies, and just having a great time! The Lock In takes place in January, and all ticket proceeds go towards supporting QMPO. Parent volunteers are needed to help in all areas.

Spaghetti Dinner:

One of QMPO's most popular events for over 25 years! If you've been to the Spaghetti Dinner, you understand why. The ultimate "Dinner and a Show." Hours of special music, showcasing the amazing talents of our high school musicians, a delicious dinner, basket raffles, 50/50 and more! The Spaghetti Dinner takes place in March, and we need LOTS of volunteers to make this night the success it continues to be!

Amazon Smile:

Amazon Smile is an easy way to support QMPO when you shop at Amazon! Go to: www.smile.amazon.com and select "Quakertown Music Promoters Organization". Your prices are still the same, and Amazon will donate .5% of your eligible purchases to QMPO!

- In order for QMPO to receive a donation, you must make your purchase from:
www.smile.amazon.com
- All prices are the same and if you are a Prime member, your shipping is still free!
- To make it easier, you can create a bookmark or install the Amazon Assistant. Both will automatically open to the smile.amazon.com page.

More information can be found at www.smile.amazon.com

Please check www.qmpo.org for additional information on all of the above fundraisers as well as contact information for coordinators for any questions you may have.

We are looking forward to having you as a QMPO member as we continue to enrich the music experience of our QCSD music students!