

# Penridge Music Association

## Parent Handbook

### Welcome Parents

On behalf of the Penridge Music Association parent organization, the PMA Executive Board would like to say WELCOME to our band family!! We all understand how confusing being a new band parent can be. Let this handbook be your guide to getting through any questions you may have.

The Penridge Music Association (PMA) is a legal non-profit 501C3 organization. We provide support and organization to the Penridge Marching Rams, Indoor Color Guard, Indoor Drumline, HS Jazz Band and HS Jazz Ensemble. We do this by organizing and implementing fundraisers and special events throughout the year, such as our Marching Band show (Spectrum of Sound), our Indoor Guard and Drumline show (Indoor on the Ridge) and our jazz show (Jazz on the Ridge). By your child's participation in any of these groups, you are automatically a member of the PMA.

Our success depends wholly on the support of our volunteer parents/guardians. We encourage everyone to contribute as much or as little time as you can afford to continue our success throughout this year and years to come. It truly takes a village. We hope that each family can participate in some way throughout the year. If you have a special talent or skill or are involved in a business that would like to partner up with us to support our efforts, please offer!!

## Getting Started

Sometimes the toughest part is figuring out where to start. The PMA Executive Board are friendly, approachable, and helpful in answering any questions you may have about band membership, the parent organization, and volunteering. You will find our contact information and website located below. Don't be afraid to reach out to any of us with questions.

## PMA Officers 2017-18

**Co-Presidents:** Amy Wayland and Lisa Rodgers [president@penridgemusic.org](mailto:president@penridgemusic.org)

**Co-Vice Presidents:** Julie Caporaletti and Sherri Lee [vicepres@penridgemusic.org](mailto:vicepres@penridgemusic.org)

**Treasurer:** Vicki Deatelhauser [treasurer@penridgemusic.org](mailto:treasurer@penridgemusic.org)

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**Secretary:** Julie Reed [secretary@penridgemusic.org](mailto:secretary@penridgemusic.org)

**Our website:** [www.pennridgemusic.org](http://www.pennridgemusic.org)

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/PennridgeMusic/](http://www.facebook.com/PennridgeMusic/)

**Twitter:** @PennridgeMusic

Monthly general membership meetings are held on the second Thursday\* of each month from August through May at 7pm in the Band Room at Pennridge High School. Meeting minutes from past meetings can be found on the Pennridge Music website. *\*Note this is a new night from previous years.*

## Communications

Various methods will be used for communicating important updates and upcoming events. During the marching season, the Band Director will send out weekly emails with important information needed for the week such as practice updates and report times for football games or competitions. The PMA utilizes Charms Office Assistant for email, volunteer sign ups, and an events calendar as well as posts on Facebook and Twitter. In addition to our Facebook page, you are welcome to join our closed Facebook group - Pennridge Music Association, where we also post information, as well as pictures from various events.

## Charms Office Assistant

As stated above, PMA now uses an online communication and management system called Charms Office Assistant, found at [www.charmsoffice.com](http://www.charmsoffice.com). All new students will be assigned an ID number and given login instructions for their charms account. We ask that all families keep their contact information (phone numbers and emails) updated to ensure that they are receiving emails from PMA. No contact information will be shared.

Charms will be used for email communications from PMA, as well as tracking your student's points and signing up to chaperone. Instructions on how to use Charms can be found on our website. Any questions regarding Charms can be directed to the secretary at [secretary@pennridgemusic.org](mailto:secretary@pennridgemusic.org).

# Fundraising 101

PMA is responsible for coordinating and running all fundraisers for the various music groups. There are two types of fundraisers: a general fundraiser and a points fundraiser. A general fundraiser raises money that is used for funding the needs of the band director and the various events offered through the year. A points fundraiser earns your student money in the form of points(1 point = 1dollar) that can be used towards purchases such as band shirts, dinkles, gloves, instruments, or towards trips such as we had this past year to Walt Disney World in Florida. Points accounts can be checked in Charms.

A lot of hard work goes into fundraising and volunteers are always needed. We also welcome new ideas and opportunities for fundraisers. Examples of some fundraisers include: our annual program book, 31 Bags, Premier Designs Jewelry, Joe Corbi's Pizza, and fundraiser nights at local restaurants such as J.T. Bankers and Chiaro's Pizza..

Our current ongoing fundraisers are:

Giant and Landis Gift Cards - Available in \$50 and \$100 increments. Students earn \$5 for every \$100 purchased. Text Wanda Wolfe at **267-424-9346** to order Giant cards. Contact Georgette Stillwell at **215-370-7975** or email **gnick2@verizon.net** to order Landis cards.

Amazon Smile - Go to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) and select Penridge Music Association as your charitable organization. Shop from Amazon through this site as you normally would and a percentage of the sales will come to the PMA.

Shop with Scrip - this program will be up and running shortly. Check our website for more information soon.

## Uniforms (What's a dinkle??)

Band uniforms are distributed by the PMA during the first week of band camp. Each student will be assigned a numbered jacket, bibs (overalls), a shako (hat) and a raincoat that they are fitted for by the uniform volunteers. These pieces are the property of the Pennridge School District. A parent will be required to sign for the items loaned out to the student with the expectation that the uniform will be cared for by the student while wearing it and be laundered by a district approved dry cleaner (list tba) after the Thanksgiving Day game. Uniforms will only leave the school for this purpose. Any damage found to any piece of the uniform when returned will be subject to a fine to be determined and collected by the Pennridge School District.

All students must wear the following during ALL football games and performances:

- the approved band t-shirt\* under their bibs
- Dinkles\* (marching shoes) or guard shoes\*
- Gloves\* (unless playing an instrument that does not require gloves)
- Black knee length dress socks
- Athletic shorts, pants, long sleeve shirts for layering when colder temps

All \*starred items will be available for purchase during uniform fitting days during band camp.

Guard uniforms will be assigned in the same manner at the beginning of band camp.

Hair: No ponytails or hair may show below the hat. All hair must be pulled up and under the hat. Inspections of all members, band and guard, are done by the chaperones prior to departing the school for games or competitions. Anyone not in uniform will not be permitted to take the field.

Uniform questions can be directed to [uniforms@pennridgemusic.org](mailto:uniforms@pennridgemusic.org).

## Band Camp

Held in August. Dates and times determined by the band director.

What every student needs:

- Weather appropriate clothing, sneakers, hat, sunglasses
- Sunscreen and bug spray
- Water jug filled with ice cold water or a hydration backpack
- A packed meal for dinner and a healthy snack (trips off campus for dinner only with the approval of the Band Director)
- A positive and cooperative attitude

## Football Games

Pennridge games are usually held on Friday nights at 7pm, although there may be a Thursday or Saturday game depending on religious holidays observed by the school district. The Marching Rams perform pre-game (approx. 6:45pm) at home games and halftime at away games, unless otherwise specified by the band director in his weekly email. Family and friends are always welcome to come cheer on the band (and the football team). The cost for Pennridge home games is \$5 but the away games may vary in price.

## Competitions

Marching Band and Color guard compete at various outdoor shows around the area, typically 4 to 5 per season. Most competitions are held on Saturdays (Championships could be Saturday or Sunday). Call time will be determined by the band director once the show schedule is finalized and communicated to him. Again, family and friends are always welcome to come cheer on the Marching Rams. Please be aware there are admission fees to competitions and they do vary (usually \$8 to \$15). Students should bring spending money for food or drinks available for purchase at the shows. Also, candy grams, buttons, programs are also available for purchase at most shows. Cavalcade of Bands is the organization that judges the shows. Their website is [www.cavalcadeofbands.org](http://www.cavalcadeofbands.org).

## Parades

Penridge Marching Band always marches in the Penridge Community Memorial Day Parade which alternates between Sellersville and Perkasie each year. Occasionally, we may be invited to perform at other local parades or events throughout the school year. These would be communicated to parents and students by the band director.

## Chaperones

Parent chaperones are needed for all events the bands attend, including football games. Child abuse clearances must be on file with the school district in order to volunteer as a chaperone. Chaperone duties will be more clearly defined by the band director. Questions about chaperone volunteering should be directed via text to Julie Caporaletti, our chaperone coordinator, at **267-446-4722**.