



Tantasqua Music Association

Dear Tantasqua Music Parent,

The 2014-2015 school year is off to a great start, and the Tantasqua Music Association (TMA) is hard at work raising funds that will go directly to support Tantasqua's high quality music curriculum and a variety of extra opportunities that provide our children with confidence, high self-esteem, and memories which will all last a lifetime. As the new TMA President, and the parent of three music students in the Tantasqua/Union 61 school district, I am looking forward to an exciting year of supporting music education in our schools and enjoying some fantastic performances by our kids.

WHY JOIN THE TMA?

Your kids need your support first. Interest and participation in the music programs have increased tremendously, and so, their associated costs. There are badly dilapidated and very old specialty instruments and equipment needing replacement, costumes to be purchased and sets to be built, among other costs, all of which will require additional fund raising this year. These programs have recently reached incredible achievements due in part to our fundraising support, and they are all eager to further their progress this year. For these reasons, I ask you to **be the first to sponsor your child** by joining the TMA (this does not mean you have to go to every meeting/volunteer at every fundraiser – many participate by email and there are many opportunities to volunteer from home, and some simply provide financial support).

Show support for your child

What better way to **show that you believe in your child's dreams and talents** than being the first to sponsor him or her? Membership comes with a removable bumper sticker and **family name recognition** in the various event programs. They are so very proud of their work in the music suite, and pride brings confidence.

Have a say in projects taken on by the TMA

By joining the TMA, you'll be a **voting member** and will have input into the fundraising efforts of the group and how funds are allocated. You will also know that you are actively contributing to furthering your child's musical interests. If you have any particular skill that lends itself to a more professional means of fundraising, and you are willing to participate, even if only from home, please contact me at your earliest convenience. tinaanderson.tma@gmail.com.

Many hands make for light work

We are asking that every parent and child **participate in at least one fundraiser. If we ALL help out a little, no one will be overburdened**, and the sky will be the limit for our kids!

Keep your out-of-pocket costs low

Your participation in fundraising efforts of the TMA will **help us to cover costs associated with your child's musical education**. For band students, we are aiming to replace certain specialty instruments at a cost each of \$3000-5000, as well as uniforms or formal wear. For Choir students, new equipment and costumes are needed. For show choir, the TMA subsidizes most of the \$750-\$800 per student. But **we can only do it with much needed funds, and many volunteers, helping out a little.**

We can't do it without you

To provide desperately needed funds by the end of October, for bands and choirs, we are requesting a donation of \$25 per child be sent in by October 17th. Of course donations will be accepted after that, but we do have a few items that are needed immediately. **Please sponsor your child(ren) and join the TMA today! (See attached membership form.)**

Sincerely, Tina Anderson, President, Tantasqua Music Association