



# Tantasqua Music Association

Dear Parents and Guardians,

**WHAT AND WHEN:** The Tantasqua Music Association is holding a

## Step up to Music - Music-a-thon from 9 am to 9 pm on Saturday May 14th

This is our biggest and most fun event of the year. The Music-a-thon will be a twelve-hour nonstop music practice session and party/dance for all students in the Music Departments of the Tantasqua Regional Junior and Senior High Schools and an opportunity of rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders from all the Union 61 schools, to “step up to music” in the junior high..

**WHY:** The TMA raises funds to help offset the costs of operating expenses, equipment and assessments not covered by the District budget. In the past, the TMA has provided funds to reduce the cost of special trips and Show Choir fees, and purchased instruments. The Music-a-thon is a major source of our funding.

### Students in every music group benefit from the support of the TMA.

**WHO AND HOW:** Every student in each of the music groups is invited to join us at the Music-a-thon. A highly coordinated schedule allows students to participate in fun activities between sessions of work with their bands and choirs as they prepare for spring concerts, as well as Show Choir audition preparation. Three to four groups will be rehearsing at any given time throughout the day. Groups will switch off every 90 minutes. During non-practice time, there will be several different activities for the students to enjoy. Zumba, yoga, ballroom dancing, and games. This year we’re still working on the details but can promise food, games, prizes and lots of fun.

Much like a jog-a-thon, students find family and friends to sponsor their hours of participation in support of the TMA. The students were each given pledge forms, and instructed to get them all completed and returned to their music instructor as soon as possible. We suggest that students ask everyone they know, e.g. family members, neighbors, business owners, friends of the family, work associates and teachers, to sponsor them. Make use of social media to reach out to your connections! Sponsors may pledge a specific amount per hour, or give a fixed dollar amount - whatever they prefer. **These donations are tax deductible.**

### Students must complete a permission slip and return it to their music instructor to attend

**FOOD:** While a pizza dinner will be provided, students are asked to bring their lunch. A \$25 minimum fundraising requirement must be met in order to provide the dinner to all students in attendance.

**GOALS and REWARDS:** Our goal is for each student to collect between \$50 and \$100 in pledges. But don’t stop there! Special rewards will be raffled to the students who achieve the highest sponsorship levels. Please bring in your pledge cards as soon as they’re completed, though we will be accepting them up through the day of the event. Students will be able to track how they’re doing with respect to the fundraising goals and rewards. Last year through the efforts of the students and their sponsors, the TMA raised over \$7,000. Let’s beat that this year!

We are attaching the Pledge Card and Pledge Organizer for your convenience. Feel free to copy as needed.

WE NEED HELP WITH CHAPERONING this event to make it successful. If you’re interested in chaperoning, helping in any way, or want more information please contact Mary O’Coin: [maocoin63@gmail.com](mailto:maocoin63@gmail.com) or Sue Davey, [vicepresident.tma@gmail.com](mailto:vicepresident.tma@gmail.com).

**Thank you for your support!**

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