



Welcome Message Quince Orchard High School PTSA

August 2014

Dear Quince Orchard Parents, Staff and Students,

The PTSA welcomes you to the 2014-2015 school year! Our officers and chairpersons have been busy this summer preparing for a terrific school year. In this packet you will find information that will help you navigate your way through the first few weeks of school. Included is the **PTSA membership form** which you can bring to **Back to School Night on September 4, Freshman Picnic on August 20**, or mail into the main office. The membership fee includes membership in the National, State and local PTAs, as well as voting rights at meetings. Our goal is to have every family and staff member join the PTSA.

During the 2014-2015 school year, the PTSA will continue with many of the programs that have been successful over the years, such as the Student Scholarship Awards, participation in the National Reflections program and the SAT Bootcamp. We will also have two Mock SAT/ACT practice tests. Our College Fair will be in October, and all students and parents are encouraged to attend. Additionally, used AP books will be sold during Back to School Night. Continuing this year is the Academic Achievers Program which recognizes and rewards QO's high achieving students after each marking period. As always, the PTSA will host Staff Appreciation events throughout the year. Enclosed in this packet is a calendar of PTSA meetings and events for the entire year. We are always in need of parent volunteers so please see the volunteer request form that you can fill out and hand in with your membership form.

In order to stay fully informed of all school news and information, we recommend you:

- Join the PTSA listserv by providing your email address on the membership form
- Attend PTSA meetings and visit the QO PTSA page at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/qohs/orgs/ptsa/
- Review the QOHS home page weekly at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/qohs/
- Visit the MCPS website at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org and sign up to receive emergency announcements and the monthly newsletter called Quick Notes
- Attend Back to School Night on Thursday, September 4th
- Register on Edline so you and your child/children can periodically check grades, homework assignments and test dates

We look forward to seeing you at Back to School Night!

Sincerely,

Erin Nisson
QOHS PTSA President

QOHS PTSA Calendar

2014-2015

AUGUST		
Freshman & New Student Picnic	Wednesday, 8/20	6:00pm-8:00pm
Staff Appreciation Breakfast	Friday, 8/22	8:30am
First Day of School	Monday, 8/25	7:20am
SEPTEMBER		
Back to School Night	Thursday, 9/4	7:00pm
PTSA Meeting Media Center	Tuesday, 9/16	7:00pm
OCTOBER		
QO College Fair in Cafeteria	Tuesday, 10/14	6:30pm-8:00pm
Mock SAT/ACT	Saturday, 10/18	7:45am-Noon
NOVEMBER		
Mock tests results meeting Media Center	Wednesday, 11/5	7:00pm
Academic Achievers Assembly	Friday, 11/14	8 th Period
DECEMBER		
Staff Appreciation Holiday Event	Monday, 12/8	Morning
PTSA Meeting Media Center	Tuesday, 12/16	7:00pm
JANUARY		
Mock SAT/ACT	Saturday, 1/31	7:45am-Noon
FEBRUARY		
Staff Appreciation Lunch	Monday, 2/9	11:00am-12:30pm
Mock SAT/ACT results meeting	Wednesday, 2/18	7:00pm
MARCH		
PTSA Meeting Media Center	Tuesday, 3/17	7:00pm
MAY/JUNE		
Senior Awards Night	Monday, 5/18	7:00pm
PTSA Meeting Media Center	Tuesday, 5/19	7:00pm
Graduation at DAR	Wednesday, 5/27	10:00am
Staff Appreciation Luncheon	Friday, 6/12	11:30am

Quince Orchard High School PTSA Membership 2014 - 2015

PTSA membership is vital to our school's voice in local, county, state issues and the budgeting process. Memberships and donations help to support many efforts within the school. Please join today and participate in making QOHS the best possible high school experience for our children.

Membership Information: Please print clearly and designate your role with the school.

Name	Email Address	Parent	Student	Staff	Alumni

Communication is key to staying in the loop with all that is going on at QOHS!

I am on the PTSA email distribution list and would like to continue receiving emails: YES ___ NO ___

Please add my email address to the PTSA distribution list: YES ___ NO ___

Membership Levels

Support and Membership Levels	Amount
Two Parent Membership (\$25)	
One Parent Membership (\$20)	
Student Membership (\$10)	
Staff Membership (\$10)	
Alumni (\$7.50)	
ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS:	
Red Army Contributor (\$50)	
Paw prints (\$75)	
Red and Black Spirit (\$100)	
Cougar Patron (\$150)	
Cougar (\$200)	
Academic Achiever (\$50 - \$250)	
Total	

All contributions in excess of the membership fees are tax-deductible and fund academic programs.

Mail or drop off this form with your check made payable to:
QOHS PTSA, 15800 Quince Orchard Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20878

You will also have a chance to join at the PTSA table at Back to School Night on September 4.

QOHS PTSA
Request for Volunteers 2014-2015

Even at the high school level, there are so many ways parents can continue to enhance their child's education by being involved! Listed below are some of the school and PTSA activities that would benefit from additional support. Please indicate your area(s) of interest and return the form to school or bring it to Back to School Night. Thank you!

Sandra Christian, PTSA Volunteer Coordinator, sandraachristian@gmail.com

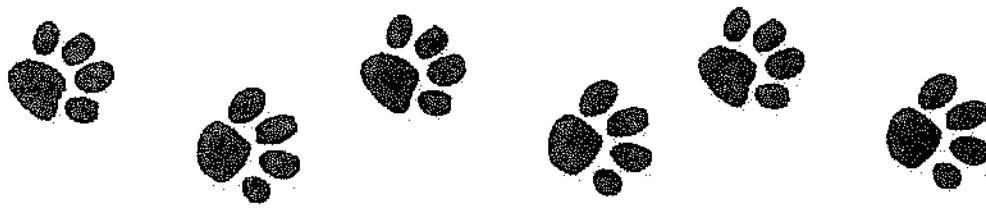
- _____ **Back to School Night (9/4):** volunteers needed at membership table and for selling used AP books.
- _____ **Academic Achievers Awards:** assist with assemblies held during school hours
- _____ **Mock SAT/ACT practice tests (10/18 & 1/31):** 7:30am-need proctors and registration help
- _____ **College Fair (10/14):** 5:30-8:00 volunteers needed for setup and registration
- _____ **Reflections Arts Program (Fall-Winter):** Chairperson needed
- _____ **Staff Appreciation (ongoing events throughout the year):** food and beverage donations needed.
- _____ **Administrative/On Call:** at various times throughout the year requests are received for assistance which may include typing, mailing, helping in specific department offices, etc. You will be contacted as needs arise.
- _____ **Nominating Committee (Jan/Feb):** seeks candidates for 2015-2016 PTSA Board of Directors

Volunteer Form for QOHS PTSA

Name _____ Email: _____

Phone -H: _____ W: _____ Cell: _____

Special Skills and Interests you would like to share with the student and staff:



QOHS PTSA Used AP Book Drive

We are collecting used Advanced Placement Study Guides and SAT and ACT Study Guides in July and August.

Please drop off all used study guides that you wish to donate in the yellow collection bucket located in the main office.

All used books collected will be sold for **\$5.00** each at

Back to School Night

This is a terrific savings!

*All proceeds will be donated to support school academic programs.

For questions, please contact Anne Manners at
abmanners@gmail.com

Outsmart the SAT

Learn A Strategy For Every Question You'll Face On The SAT

The Catalyst SAT Bootcamp is a momentum-boosting seminar that arms students with go-to strategies for every question they'll face on the day of the test. Topics include how to:

- Spot hidden clues that instantly reveal the main idea in long reading passages
 - Avoid the four sneakiest ways SAT Grammar questions try to trick students
 - Shortcut math questions that stump more than 90% of test-takers
 - Compose a perfect-score essay – no matter what question the SAT asks
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OUR UNIQUE GUARANTEE

The Catalyst SAT Bootcamp is not a "mock" SAT or an infomercial for our services; it's real preparation designed by instructors who have earned multiple perfect scores on the actual SAT. In just one weekend, the Catalyst SAT Bootcamp ignites confidence and momentum by teaching students how to outsmart every type of question – and trap answer. Plus attendees walk away with Catalyst's SAT Bootcamp book, self-study materials, diagnostic tests, and even copies of essays that have earned perfect scores on actual SATs. Our SAT Bootcamp is for students taking the SAT or PSAT *before the Spring of 2016*.

LOCATION

TBD

COST

Just \$175 to enroll. We unfortunately cannot accommodate walk-in students.

SCHEDULE

TBD

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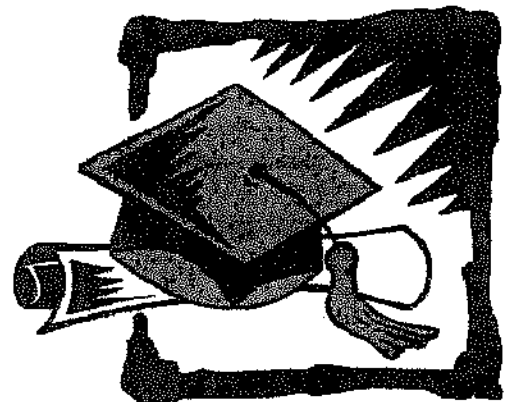
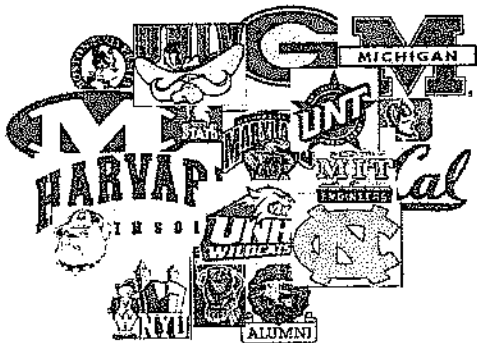
2014 COLLEGE FAIR

FOR ALL QO STUDENTS

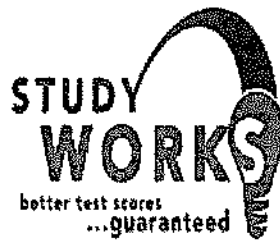
Tuesday, October 14th

6:30pm to 8:00pm

Located in the Cafeteria



For questions, please contact:
Leslie Singman at LBSingman@comcast.net



Quince Orchard Mock SAT and ACT
Saturday, October 18th
QO High School

On-line registration only at
<http://www.studyworks.com/SchoolMockMaryland>

Deadline for registration is Wednesday, October 1st
No late registrations can be accepted this year! No walk-ins on day of test!

Cost of test is \$20 payable on day of test by cash or check to QO PTSA but you
must register on-line first!

Accommodations will be provided. Please indicate accommodation
information when registering on-line.

Students should arrive at QO no later than 7:45. Test should be
finished around 12:15. Students should bring pencils and a
calculator (permitted models TI-83 or TI-84, not permitted TI-89).
Students are also allowed to have snacks and water during breaks.

Please contact Susan Muma at susan.muma@gmail.com
if you have any questions.

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