

**Lawrence Music Department
LMS/LHS PTO - LIMBO**

Membership Letter

Dear Music Families,

Thank you for being part of the Lawrence Music community. We are very fortunate to have an extremely supportive parent organization here in Lawrence to help supplement the needs of our music program. The LIMBO organization is part of the PTO and its sole purpose is to promote and support the arts within the Lawrence community and beyond.

LIMBO parents are vital to the success of the music program and we cannot thank them enough for everything they do. This includes helping with fundraising efforts, providing meals for our students, chaperoning performances, and encouraging everyone to be a part of the awesome music program we have here at Lawrence.

We are inviting you to join this amazing organization. Your membership will allow us to continue on our path to excellence. Your generous contribution will go directly back to the students involved in the numerous music ensembles we offer in grades 7-12. ALL students and their families are eligible and encouraged to join. Your membership also opens up a wealth of fundraising possibilities to benefit your student, including but not limited to the following:

Student Account Fundraisers:

ShopRite Gift Cards
Shop w/ Scrip online Gift Cards (80/20)
Candy and Holiday sales (50/50)
Car Wash (50/50)
Sponsorships

General Account Fundraisers:

Restaurants Nights and Sporting Events
Performance/Concert Donations
Raffles
Ticket and Concession Sales
Program Books and Ad Sales (50/50*)

With your annual membership, you're invited to our end-of-the-year banquet. Your membership will also maintain your student's account and allow them to "bank" their fundraising efforts to help offset the costs of the following:

Purchase of a new instrument
Purchase of music related accessories (music, mouthpiece, reeds, strings, etc.)
Concert Attire/Uniforms and related accessories
Trips/Performance Tours

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Fundraising

Student Account Fundraisers

ShopRite Gift Cards (100%)

Students may purchase ShopRite gift cards at face value. ShopRite gives LIMBO a 5% return. If the average family spends \$100/wk on groceries, a student has the potential to generate around \$250/yr in profits, just for buying groceries!

Shop with Scrip (80%)

Families can create a log-in and purchase electronic gift cards from over 400 retailers. The retailers offer anywhere between a 1-16% return. E-cards are available instantly and everything can be handled via an app on your phone. No pre-planning is necessary.

Digital only, please! For fundraising purposes, do NOT order physical gift cards!

General Sales (50%)

Students may be given the opportunity to sell candy, candles, wreathes, etc. Profits will be equally divided between their Student Account and the General Account.

Car Wash (50%)

The Music Department may chose to sponsor a car wash. Once expenses are paid, 50% of the profits will be distributed into the Student Accounts of those who volunteered at the event.

Program Book via Ad Sales (50%)

Students may be given the opportunity to sell ad space in a program book. Ads can be purchased by family members, friends and local business and will vary based on size. Books may include a home Marching Band show and/or Jazz Competition. After printing costs, 50% of your ad sales will be deposited into your Student Account.*

A family representative MUST volunteer at the event in which the program book is being sold in order to receive credit for ads sold

General Account Fundraisers

Restaurant Nights/Sporting Events

These social events include, but are not limited to dinner nights at participating restaurants like Panera, Applebees, and Chick-Fil-A as well as proceeds generated by selling tickets to Trenton Thunder, Phillies, Flyers or Sixers games at which an ensemble is performing.

Concessions/Ticket Sales

Any profits generated at a Music Department event which include concerts, Marching Band competitions, Jazz Night, etc.. This also includes the profits from any raffles that are held during such events.

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Student Account Withdrawal Form

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Ensemble(s) _____ Amount _____

Reason for Withdrawal _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Teacher Approval _____ Date _____

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LIMBO Acknowledgement _____ Date _____

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Sponsorship Form

Student Name _____ Date _____

Sponsor Name _____ Amount _____

Checks should be made payable to "LMS/LHS PTO" with memo line:
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**For amounts over \$200 a letter for tax purposes can be provided upon
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LIMBO Membership

1. Membership is open to ALL students and their families in Grades 7-12 actively participating in a performance ensemble.
2. Annual membership fees are due by September 15th of each school year.
3. Only one fee is assessed per household.
4. Fantastic fundraising opportunities extended to ALL members.
5. ALL members are invited to attend our annual Music Department Banquet.

Student Accounts

1. Eligible to ALL students in Grades 7-12 actively participating in a performance ensemble.
2. A student must maintain an active LIMBO membership in order to keep their Student Account in good standing. (1 per family per school year)
3. Students may use their Student Accounts to offset the costs of a new instrument purchase*, music related supplies and accessories*, travel expenses associated with a school related performance tour and any uniform related expenses.
to be approved by current music teacher
4. Upon graduation, students may "will" their account balance to a younger sibling in the music program. Otherwise, the student will forfeit their account balance back into the General Account.
5. Students will be able to check their account balances once per month and any withdrawals require all necessary paperwork and signatures.

To complete your membership, please visit

www.limbonj.com/join-us/

Upon completion, please remit payment to your student's Music Director prior to September 15th. Checks should be made payable to "LMS/LHS PTO" with "LIMBO" listed in the memo line. PayPal also accepted online.

2018-19 Membership Dues are ~~\$25 per household~~ pro-rated to \$15. (Due 3/1/19)

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