



*East Quogue Band Program*



*& East Quogue Teachers' Association*

November 12, 2018

Dear East Quogue Community,

The East Quogue Band students and East Quogue Teachers' Association are working together once again with Long Island Cares AND Toys for Tots, to reach out to our local Long Island communities with a hearty meal for the holidays for those families who struggle with hunger daily, and to also provide a brand new toy for those less fortunate children who would otherwise go without during the holiday season.

Our amazingly talented and compassionate band students always place generosity and love for others in their hearts. That's why our EQ Band students are once again sponsoring a VIRTUAL FOOD DRIVE with the help of Long Island Cares, Inc. As busy band students and their families know, it can be difficult to make time during this holiday season to bring in food donations at a drop-off location, SO we've made it MUCH EASIER for our EQ community members support good-will and help our neighbor's in need with a simple click on our link to our annual Virtual Food Drive.

Through our Virtual Food Drive, you can just go to the link below, and click "Shop Now": and choose specific items and quantities to purchase OR choose an amount you would like to spend for a holiday dinner for these families- Long Island Cares does the rest.

<https://yougivegoods.com/eqmarchingband>

Our Virtual Food Drive runs from 11/12/18 through 12/19/18 and we will also be accepting dollar donations at all of our Concert and Drama Club Productions along with the continuing tradition of a 50/50 raffle at these events too, whereby the monetary proceeds will directly go to the Toys for Tots campaign on behalf of our East Quogue School Community, which our EQTA sponsors annually.

Also running from 11/12/18 through 12/12/18 is our annual Toys for Tot Campaign, sponsored by our East Quogue Teachers' Association and the United States Marine Corps Reserves' Toys for Tots Program. For the past 11 years, the East Quogue Teachers' Association has hosted the "Toys for Tots" fundraising event, and continues to ask everyone in the East Quogue community to help us make another hopeful and joyous Christmas for children in need by **donating a brand new, unwrapped toy** to our "Toys for Tots" drive which will be held from November 12, 2018 through December 12, 2018.

As we prepare ourselves and our families for the season of giving, I ask you to take a moment to reflect upon the less fortunate Long Island families, and help us to help make a brighter and happier holiday season for our children and community members in need.

On behalf of our compassionate EQ Band Students and East Quogue Teachers' Association, Long Island Cares Inc., and the United States Marine Corps Reserves, we wish to thank you, in advance, for your generosity and thoughtfulness to bring hope and happiness to families in need. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding any of our events: [prusso@eastquogue.k12.ny.us](mailto:prusso@eastquogue.k12.ny.us)

Yours in Music and Education,



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