

TRABUCO HILLS HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

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Dear THHS Instrumental Music and Color Guard Students:

I hope you have been enjoying your summer! As we move toward the month of August preparations for the 2008 – 2009 rehearsal and performance season are being finalized. Along with the usual Thursday and Friday night football games, the marching band will be participating in the Western Band Association Circuit Competitions and Championships in Northern California. Orchestra will be participating in the local SCSBOA festivals along with the *Spirit in the Sands Festival* in Palm Springs during the month of December. The Wind Ensemble will join the Symphonic Orchestra to participate in the Heritage Festival's prestigious *Festival of Gold* at Segerstrom Hall in Anaheim. The Drumline and Color Guard will be participating in their circuit shows (through SCPA and WGASC) and the WGI Regional in Phoenix, Arizona. Throw in the regular concert program, camps (Band, Color Guard, and Orchestra), and picnics and all programs are in for another challenging and exciting year. Visit the website <thhsmusic.com> to check the calendar to plan accordingly.

Here is the first semester camp schedule: Rookie Thundering Mustang and Color Guard Camp (11 - 12 August 9:00 A. M. – 1:00 P. M.), Thundering Mustang Camp (13 August – 3 September 9:00 A. M. through 5:30 P. M. excluding Labor Day), Orchestra Camp (25 & 27 August 6:00 P. M. – 9:00 P. M.), and Orchestra Camp (5 – 7 December - Friday 5 – 10, Saturday 9 – 9, & Sunday 1- 4). These camps are mandatory for the participants of those organizations. **Do keep in mind Thundering Mustang Members; there will be alternates this year and how you perform during camp will determine where your contributions will be during the fall semester. In other words, I would suggest you be there!**

Please read all the materials in this letter carefully. Be sure and mark the rehearsal and performance dates on your calendar so there are no conflicts. Every person is an intricate part of this organization. Your time, energy, attitude, and presence are essential to make this a successful and memorable year. Our past accomplishments will be hard to top, but the THHS Instrumental Music and Color Guard directors and staff are willing to give our best efforts to help the organization continue to achieve that level of excellence. Please keep in mind attendance is a prerequisite (at practices and performances) to be a part of this organization. All aspects of rehearsal and performance standards will be higher than in the past. Upper classmen, your leadership skills will be needed! This philosophy applies to all aspects of the program.

As a member of the Western Band Association (WBA), Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association (SCSBOA), Southern California Percussion Alliance (SCPA), Winter Guard International (WGI), Winter Guard Association of Southern California (WGASC), and a participant at other festivals and competitions nationwide, the THHS Instrumental Music and Color Guard program has been recognized as one of the top competition and performance units in the state of California and across the nation. We are obligated to those previous students to put forth the effort necessary to maintain and

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expatiate on this high standard of tradition. We must first and foremost understand, **“we cannot sit back and live in the past.”** Just because we have fared well in the past does not mean we will be equally successful because we are “Trabuco Hills High School.” To remain as one of the top instrumental programs in California, a higher level of energy and dedication must be applied to our work ethic to achieve the standard that has made the **THHS Instrumental Music and Color Guard** program successful and respected.

One of the most useful pieces of information I send out every year has to do with rehearsals. Please understand the rehearsals are very important and each person is an intricate part. Your absence during a rehearsal or performance can make a big difference. Please take note orchestra members; this also applies to you too! Read the following article. The “e” is not functioning properly and you will see the problems created by this malfunction:

You arx a kxy pxrson

Xvxn though my typxwritxr is an old modxl, it works vxry wxll xxxcpt for onx kxy. You would think that with all thx othxr kxys functioning proprly , only onx kxy not working would hardly bx noticxd; but just onx kxy out of whack sxms to ruin thx wholx xffort. You may say to yoursxl, “wxll I’m only onx pxrson. No onx will noticx if I don’t do my bxst.” But it doxs makx a diffxrxncx bxcaxsx to bx xffctivx an organization nxxds activx participation by vxry onx to thx bxst of his or hxr abilitixs. So thx nxxt timx you think you arx not important, rxmxbxr my old typxwritxr. You arx a kxy pxrson!!!!!!

Imagine the frustration of trying to rehearse or perform with one or two students missing. The point being made is your attendance at rehearsals (and performances) is needed to make the program successful. The absence of one person creates a bigger impact than is initially imagined. If you make the commitment to be part of the program, there are people relying on you to be there! Missed practices or performances can result in your position being rewritten, you on the sidelines as an alternate, or being removed from the organization completely.

Band and color guard members, although not required, it is highly encouraged that you have a physical before band camp. The **Thundering Mustangs** are not just “any” marching organization and the demands put on your body and mind are high. If there are medical problems, you should know before camp and these problems need to be brought to the director’s attention. Please take note; running is part of the endurance building. If you are unable to a least jog it is very unlikely you will be able to push yourself on the field during a typical THHS Thundering Mustang and color guard performance. Take the steps to make sure you are in shape before coming to camp!

Other suggestions include eating breakfast and lunch. This is very important. You will be burning an exorbitant amount of energy. Bring and drink plenty of fluids, more so water, Gatorade, All Sport, etc. Please be sure to bring your sunscreen too, we do practice during the warmer parts of the day. Your health

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is important! A major priority is to make sure you bring your medical form. No marching or pageantry member will be allowed to participate until this card is turned in!

This year's competition show is entitled "Of Legend and Lore". The program features the music of David Holsinger. As is always the case, it is a challenging piece of literature along with marching moves and choreography to match. This piece of performance art will be performed as only the Trabuco Hills Thundering Mustangs are capable of performing it!

Mustang Round up for the Marching Band and Color Guard Members will be 26 August from 11:00 – 2:00. Plan on taking care of your school registration at this time!

Orchestra members, auditions will be held on 22 and 25 August with times to be announced. A sign up list will be available the week of 18 – 21 August in the music room. If you did not get an audition piece just before summer break, you can pick one up at this time. You will also be required to play a two-octave scale. Sight-reading will finish out the audition process. Music we will be rehearsing for performance this year includes The Overture from *La Forza Del Destino* (The Force of Destiny) by Verdi, a return to *A Mighty Fortress*, music for a Holiday concert in December, and much more.

Well ladies and gentlemen; I am looking forward to getting back in the swing of things! This promises to be yet another outstanding year and well worth the time and effort. Be sure to come to camp with your body in top physical shape, your mind sharp and open, and your musical instrument in optimum playing condition. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at school [(949) 768-1934 X7618], or better yet, e-mail me at <stephensh@svusd.org>.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!!!



Howard L. Stephens

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August 2008

Dear Booster Families:

Welcome to another exciting and fun filled year of the Trabuco Hills Instrumental Music Program. Enclosed is your packet of forms and information for the 2008/2009 school year. I'd like to give you a brief overview of what you have and what needs to be completed and returned.

- Band Camp and Orchestra Camp Information Sheet - dates and times of rookie camp, band camp, and orchestra summer camp.
- Student Information Form - complete and return on the first day of band or orchestra camp.
- Emergency Card - complete and return on the first day of band or orchestra camp (**NOTE: NO STUDENT WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN CAMP WITHOUT THIS FORM COMPLETED AND SIGNED**)
- Participation Cost Sheet - first and second semester costs for your student's ensemble(s). Complete and return (along with appropriate payment) on the first day of band or orchestra camp.
- Clothing Order Form - Students from all ensembles are required to purchase white polo shirts, as listed on this form. **NOTE: MARCHING BAND AND COLOR GUARD STUDENTS** - Our first football game of the season is on Friday, September 19th. Polo shirts are **MANDATORY** at football games. If you have not yet ordered your shirts, please bring your completed form and payment to the booster meeting on Monday, August 11th, or mail the form and payment to our clothing chairperson, Kathryn Caulfield, at the address given on the form. Other clothing items may be ordered at any time; we need to do a rush order specifically for polo shirts.
- Uniform Fitting Dates - for Marching Band students only. Please make sure to review this info so your student comes for his/her fitting on the correct date.
- Picture day information - for Marching Band and Color Guard students only.

Please take a few minutes to look over the enclosed forms and contact Dave Moehring at (949) 858-8342 if you have any questions.

Thank you!
Dave Moehring, Booster President

TRABUCO HILLS HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM 2008 MARCHING UNIT & SYMPHONIC ORCHESTRA CAMP INFORMATION

Thundering Mustangs Marching Unit

The **2008 Rookie Band Camp** will be held on Monday, August 11, and Tuesday, August 12, 2008 from 9:00am until 1:00pm at Trabuco Hills High School. This is a **MANDATORY** camp for ALL incoming freshmen members, ALL battery members, ALL color guard members and ALL new members/marching members to the ensemble, regardless of class. On this day, the section leaders and the visual instructors will teach the members the fundamentals of our marching style. There will be no playing on this day, so you do not need to bring your instruments. **ALL paperwork for all participants is due on the first day of camp!!!**

The **2008 Band Camp** will begin on Wednesday, August 13, 2008 and will end on Wednesday, September 3, 2008 at Trabuco Hills High School. *There is no camp on Monday, September 1, 2008 for Labor Day.* Band Camp lasts from 9:00am until 5:00pm every weekday. This is a **MANDATORY** camp for ALL members of the marching unit. It is vital that everyone attends every day of camp. The typical schedule will be music rehearsals in the morning and marching rehearsals in the afternoon (*subject to change*). **ALL paperwork is due on the first day of camp!!!**

Below are items we recommended the students bring to Rookie Band Camp / Band Camp.

- ❖ Your completed medical release form and all paperwork received in the mail (**MANDATORY**)
- ❖ A good, positive and open attitude
- ❖ A jug of water
- ❖ A hat or visor
- ❖ Sunglasses
- ❖ Sun Block
- ❖ Flexible running or tennis shoes
- ❖ Your equipment (i.e. instrument, flag, rifle, sabre, drumsticks, etc.) in good playing condition
- ❖ A folder to hold all your music and a pencil to write with
- ❖ Lunch or money for lunch
- ❖ A "Dot Book" (contact your section leader if you do not know what this is)

Symphonic Orchestra

The **2008 Orchestra Summer Camp** will be held on Monday, August 25, 2008 & Wednesday, August 27, 2008 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm in the Trabuco Hills High School Music Room. This is a **MANDATORY** camp for all members of the 2008-2009 Symphonic Orchestra (string and wind players) including the members of the Marching Unit who also perform in the Orchestra. Chair seatings will be determined at this camp so you will not want to miss out on this opportunity. *String players* - Bring a piece of music you feel will show your abilities on your instrument. Wind and percussion players from last year will have the first opportunity at playing. If you would like to audition to be a member of this ensemble, please contact Dr. Howard Stephens. There is no charge for this camp.

This information, and much more, is also available on the Trabuco Hills High School Instrumental Music website at <http://thhsmusic.com>.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dave Moehring, (949) 858-8342, or at desmoehring1@cox.net, or any of your booster board members listed in the Boosters section of the website at <http://thhsmusic.com>.

THHS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC – ORCHESTRA
PARTICIPATION FORM

***TURN THIS FORM IN ON FIRST NIGHT OF
ORCHESTRA CAMP! (Aug. 25, 2008)***

STUDENT NAME _____ PHONE NO. _____

PARENT NAME _____

TOTAL ORCHESTRA COSTS – 2008/09

1ST and 2ND Semester ORCHESTRA - \$360.00

**COSTS DUE for 2008-2009 school year may be divided into 3 payments
as follows:**

Due on 1 st night of orchestra camp -	\$120.00	\$ _____
Due Oct. 3	- \$120.00	
Due Feb. 2, 2009	- \$120.00	

AMOUNT PAID AT THIS TIME: \$ _____

****NO REFUNDS AFTER SEPTEMBER 8, 2008**

Please make checks payable to: THHS Music Boosters, AND SEND WITH YOUR SIGNED PARTICIPATION FORM ON THE FIRST NIGHT OF ORCHESTRA CAMP (Aug 25, 2008)!!

All future payments should be made payable to THHS MUSIC BOOSTERS, and sent c/o Kay Jacques, 21902 Calderas, Mission Viejo, CA 92691. If you have any questions, you can call your booster President, Dave Moehring at 949/858-8342 or your Treasurer, Kay Jacques at 949/581-8196.

The above costs DO NOT include trips and food and/or souvenirs at events. You will receive a separate Trip Sheet with trip costs and payment schedules. **Costs DO NOT include SVUSD Transportation Fee (required by district). This cost will be collected at school registration.**

I understand that I am financially responsible for all of the above clothing, band costs and trip costs of this optional music program.

Parent / Guardian Signature _____(required)

**TRABUCO HILLS HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC
2008-2009 CLOTHING ORDER FORM**

PLEASE RETURN FORM AND PAYMENT TO KATHRYN CAULFIELD (address on back)

STUDENT NAME _____

PHONE NO. _____ E-MAIL _____

Please check one: Marching Band Orchestra Color Guard Drumline

REQUIRED ITEMS:

<u>WHITE POLO SHIRT</u> – All members need two (three suggested) M, L, XL, XXL (Freshmen <u>must</u> purchase, returning members may want to replace a stained or worn shirt)	\$25.00	<u>QTY</u>	<u>SIZE</u>		
	each				\$ _____

OPTIONAL ITEMS:

<u>NAVY POLO SHIRT</u> – Worn by parents & Boosters M, L, XL, XXL (Add \$3 for XXL)	\$25.00	<u>QTY</u>	<u>SIZE</u>		
	each			1 LINE, \$6	\$ _____

PERSONALIZATION: _____ 2 LINES, \$8 **\$ _____**

<u>DENIM LONG SLEEVED SHIRT</u>	\$30.00	<u>QTY</u>	<u>SIZE</u>		
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S, M, L, XL, XXL (Add \$3 for XXL)	each			1 LINE, \$6	\$ _____
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PERSONALIZATION: _____ 2 LINES, \$8 **\$ _____**

<u>DENIM SHORT SLEEVED SHIRT</u>	\$30.00	<u>QTY</u>	<u>SIZE</u>		
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S, M, L, XL, XXL (Add \$3 for XXL)	each			1 LINE, \$6	\$ _____
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PERSONALIZATION: _____ 2 LINES, \$8 **\$ _____**

<u>LADIES SCOOP NECK T-SHIRT</u>	\$22.00	<u>QTY</u>	<u>SIZE</u>		
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S, M, L, XL	each			1 LINE, \$6	\$ _____
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PERSONALIZATION: _____ 2 LINES, \$8 **\$ _____**

<u>MENS SHORT SLEEVE T-SHIRT</u>	\$15.00	<u>QTY</u>	<u>SIZE</u>		
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S, M, L, XL, XXL (Add \$3 for XXL)	each			1 LINE, \$6	\$ _____
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PERSONALIZATION: _____ 2 LINES, \$8 **\$ _____**

<u>HOODED / ZIPPER NAVY SWEATSHIRT</u>	\$33.00	<u>QTY</u>	<u>SIZE</u>		
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S, M, L, XL, XXL (Add \$3 for XXL)	each			1 LINE, \$6	\$ _____
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PERSONALIZATION: _____ 2 LINES, \$8 **\$ _____**

<u>CREWNECK NAVY SWEATSHIRT</u>	\$22.00	<u>QTY</u>	<u>SIZE</u>		
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S, M, L, XL, XXL (Add \$3 for XXL)	each			1 LINE, \$6	\$ _____
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PERSONALIZATION: _____ 2 LINES, \$8 **\$ _____**

<u>NAVY SIDELINE JACKET</u> (windbreaker type)	\$29.00	<u>QTY</u>	<u>SIZE</u>		
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XS, S, M, L, XL, XXL (Add \$3 for XXL)	each			1 LINE, \$6	\$ _____
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PERSONALIZATION: _____ 2 LINES, \$8 **\$ _____**

<u>HOODED PULLOVER SWEATSHIRT</u>	\$29.00	<u>QTY</u>	<u>SIZE</u>		
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XS, S, M, L, XL, XXL (Add \$3 for XXL)	each			1 LINE, \$6	\$ _____
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PERSONALIZATION: _____ 2 LINES, \$8 **\$ _____**

<u>FLEECE LINED COAT</u>	\$52.00	<u>QTY</u>	<u>SIZE</u>		
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S, M, L, XL, XXL (Add \$3 for XXL)	each			1 LINE, \$6	\$ _____
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PERSONALIZATION: _____ 2 LINES, \$8 **\$ _____**

PRICING FOR FULL LOGO ON BACK OF COAT Add \$14 **\$ _____**

<u>LADIES LONG-SLEEVED T-SHIRT</u>	\$26.00	<u>QTY</u>	<u>SIZE</u>		
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S, M, L, XL	each			1 LINE, \$6	\$ _____
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PERSONALIZATION: _____ 2 LINES, \$8 **\$ _____**

OPTIONAL ITEMS: (Cont'd)

<u>PAJAMA PANTS</u>	\$25.00	QTY	SIZE		
S, M, L, XL, XXL (Add \$3 for XXL) each				1 LINE, \$6	\$ _____
PERSONALIZATION: _____				2 LINES, \$8	\$ _____
<u>NAVY VISOR</u>	\$12.00	QTY			\$ _____
each					
PERSONALIZATION: _____				Add \$6	\$ _____
<u>NAVY HAT</u>	\$15.00	QTY			\$ _____
each					
PERSONALIZATION: _____				Add \$6	\$ _____
<u>NAVY STADIUM BLANKET</u>	\$30.00	QTY			\$ _____
Polar fleece in a plastic carrying bag	each				
PERSONALIZATION: _____				Add \$6	\$ _____
<u>LARGE NAVY SPORTS BAG</u>	\$42.00	QTY			\$ _____
24" X 12" X 11"	each				
PERSONALIZATION: _____				Add \$6	\$ _____
<u>FLANNEL NAVY PLAID BLANKET</u>	\$45.00	QTY			\$ _____
Matches the flannel PJ Pants					
PERSONALIZATION: _____				Add \$6	\$ _____
TRABUCO HILLS CLASS OF 20__ (w/Horse Head) (Indicate Class Please)				Add \$14	\$ _____

COLOR GUARD ONLY

Small Gear Bag	\$35.00 (includes personalization)				\$ _____
(navy with white embroidery)	each				
First name to be embroidered on gear bag: _____					
Navy Hooded Zip up Sweat Shirt	\$55.00 (includes personalization)				\$ _____
(Color Guard logo on front and back, white embroidery)					
S, M, L, XL					
First name to be embroidered on sweatshirt: _____					

TOTAL CLOTHING DUE: Please pay for all clothing at time of order \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: **THHS Music Boosters**. All clothing order forms and payments must be turned in to Kathryn Caulfield at: **67 Montecilo, Foothill Ranch, 92610**. Orders are submitted when sufficient orders have been received. During Marching Band season this is usually about once every month. Clothing will be delivered to the Booster Meetings or other Music Program events as announced on the Music Program Website or Yahoo email group.

Questions? Please call either your clothing Chairperson, **Kathryn Caulfield at 949-455-0526 or 949-322-2942**, or your Booster President, Dave Moehring at 949-455-8342.

This sheet is representative of clothing costs ONLY. The above costs **DO NOT** include trips and food and/or souvenirs at events. You will receive a separate Trip Sheet with trip costs and payment schedules. **Costs DO NOT include SVUSD Transportation Fee** (required by district) and **THHS ASB Card**. These two costs will be collected at school registration.

I understand that I am financially responsible for all of the above clothing, band costs and trip costs of this optional music program.

Parent / Guardian Signature _____ (required)

TRABUCO HILLS HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM
2008-2009 STUDENT INFORMATION FORM
(please print clearly)

STUDENT'S INFORMATION

First & Last Name: _____

Grade: 9 10 11 12

Street Address: _____

Ensemble(s): Band Drumline Guard Orchestra Jazz

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Instrument(s): _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Subscribe to the Message Board: Yes / No

MOTHER'S INFORMATION

First & Last Name: _____

Work Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Subscribe to the Message Board: Yes / No

FATHER'S INFORMATION

First & Last Name: _____

Work Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Subscribe to the Message Board: Yes / No

TRABUCO HILLS HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC EMERGENCY CARD

ATHLETE'S LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____ GRADE _____ BIRTHDATE _____

ADDRESS _____ HOME / CELL PHONE _____

STUDENT INSURANCE: "I certify that my son/daughter (or ward) is insured for accidental death insurance in a amount of \$1500 and for at least \$1500 insurance protection for medical and hospital expenses resulting from accidental bodily injury while participating in or practicing for inter-school athletic events, or while being transported to and from such athletic events."

INSURANCE CO / PHONE NUMBER _____ POLICY / GROUP NUMBER _____ PARENT / GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____

Circle Student Living With
YES NO

FATHER'S FULL NAME _____ EMPLOYER _____ BUSINESS ADDRESS _____ BUSINESS PHONE _____

YES NO

MOTHER'S FULL NAME _____ EMPLOYER _____ BUSINESS ADDRESS _____ BUSINESS PHONE _____

YES NO

STEP PARENT/GUARDIAN _____ EMPLOYER _____ BUSINESS ADDRESS _____ BUSINESS PHONE _____

Please list two persons in the LOCAL area who will assume temporary care of your child if you cannot be reached:

Name _____ Phone _____ Name _____ Phone _____

Family Physician _____ Phone _____

PARENT CONSENT: I hereby give my consent for the above named son/daughter (or ward) to compete in sports and to go with a representative of the school on any trips. In case this pupil is injured, you are authorized to have him/her treated.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

(Please notify school of any changes to the information on this card)

List any health problems _____