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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.....

Welcome to the start of another exciting and awarding THHS Instrumental Music and Color Guard year! My name is Linda Escobar, and I am your Booster President for the 2009/2010 school year. This will be my eleventh year in the music program and in prior years I have served as Treasurer (4 years) and Secretary. I'm looking forward to the challenges and awards that the president position brings, and I hope to get to know as many of you as possible.

We have a wonderful and hard-working Booster Board—a perfect mixture of seasoned and new parents. As always, they are prepared to do whatever it takes to assist and cheer on this program and our students! When you have a chance, please introduce yourself to the board members who are vice presidents of your student's ensemble.

Be sure to check the website on a regular basis for updates. A printable calendar is available, as well as contact information of all the Board members, including myself. On the website, you will also find information pertaining to all upcoming events, fundraisers, meetings, rehearsals, etc.

It's also very important that you attend as many Music Boosters meetings as possible. During the meetings, we present information relating to upcoming fundraisers and events, have forms and fliers available, and provide an opportunity for parents to ask questions and volunteer to help out. The meetings are on the second Monday of each month in the Multi-Purpose Room, starting at 7pm. I hope to see you there!

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions. Here's to another successful, awarding and fun-filled year!

Linda Escobar ~ Music Booster President

Upcoming Events

Aug 17 and 18	Rookie Band Camp
Aug 19 - Sept 9	Band Camp
Aug 19-21, 23, 25-28	Band uniform fittings
Sept 1-2	Orchestra Camp
Sept 3	Flag Football Band Camp Picnic Family Potluck
Sept 7	Labor Day
Sept 11	Football Game
Sept 14	Music Booster Meeting
Sept 28	NO SCHOOL
Sept 30	Concert Attire Fitting

B I N G O

The Bingo committee is hard at work getting ready for Bingo on Thursday nights. The anticipated start date for Trabuco Hills Music Boosters Bingo is August 27th. Doors open at 5:00 pm early games start at 6:15 pm and main games start at 7:00 pm.

We need volunteers to help with set-up and running the games. To see the times available and sign up - go to http://mysignup.com/thhsbingo

Questions - call Sue Schaefer at 949-454-1621

MARCHING BAND.....

Hi everyone! We hope you are all enjoying your summer.
Can you believe it is almost the start of Marching Band?

Some important Dates to remember are :

Rookie Band Camp August 17th & 18th, 9 am to 1 pm.
Students will not need their instruments for these two days.
Rookie Camp is MANDATORY for ALL new Marching Band and Color Guard members in addition to ALL Battery, ALL Color Guard and ALL leadership.

Regular Band Camp starts August 19th and goes from 9 am to 5 pm.
Please make sure your student has plenty of water, sunscreen, a hat, towel and a lunch. They will be outside. Band Camp is MANDATORY for ALL Marching Band and Color Guard participants.

Because of the late start of the school year, we want to remind you that Band Camp will continue through the second week of September, ending on September 9th. The annual THHS Music Flag Football Tournament (students only) and the Band Camp Picnic and Family Potluck Dinner will be on Thursday, Sept. 3 (see enclosed flier).
We need help with the Potluck Dinner so please sign up at the meeting or let us know and we will put you down.

We will begin having sign-ups for volunteer help starting at the August Booster meeting so please come and be ready to sign up and help. You won't regret it and your students will thank you. .

Thanks and Lets Go Blue!!!

Mike Fink & Frank Schaefer
Co VP's Marching Band

COLOR GUARD.....

Hello Color Guard families!
It's been a busy summer for Color Guard! The girls have been organizing sectionals on weekends, in addition to their regular dance and equipment rehearsals.

The times for Color Guard Camp in August have changed. Please make sure to mark your calendars. No schedule is sacred and is always subject to change.

8/17/09 9:00am to 1:00pm AND 6:00pm to 9:00 pm
8/18/09 9:00am to 1:00pm AND 6:00pm to 9:00pm
8/19/09 1:00pm to 9:00pm
8/20/09 1:00pm to 9:00pm
8/21/09 1:00pm to 9:00pm
8/24/09 through 9/9/09 Color Guard is the same time as Marching Band.
Please see attached calendar..

Marching Band and football season are fast approaching. For football games we need at least two volunteers to help prepare the girls for the Anthem. After their performance during half time, the same volunteers also help the girls remove their equipment from the field. It's fun and you get to see the show close up! If you can volunteer, please give us a firm commitment by signing up during the next Booster's Meeting or let us know.

Do you want to have a blast hanging out and getting to know other parents and the kids? Then Saturday competitions are for you! We need several volunteers to chaperone and help get the

girls ready for their performance, and remove their equipment from the field. If you can volunteer, please give us a firm commitment by signing up during the next Booster's Meeting or let us know.

Marie & Tom Connell
Co-Vice Presidents, Color Guard

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ORCHESTRA .....

Hello everyone and welcome to the new school year! We are your Orchestra VP's and look forward to our fourth year in the music program. Some of you may not know us, so here's a quick introduction. Len owns an insurance agency and June is a human resources consultant. Our son, Alex, plays Double Bass in the Orchestra and is also the Drum Captain in Marching Band and Drumline. We encourage you to seek us out and introduce yourself. We are always happy to help since we know it can get overwhelming at times.

We have a very busy year ahead and here are some reminders of upcoming events for you:
Orchestra Summer Camp is on September 1st and 2nd - 6:00 to 8:30 PM for all students in the orchestra program. This is a mandatory camp and details can be found on the website:
www.thhsmusic.com.

Tuxedo Fittings: September 30th from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. If you are a new orchestra or band student, or your son/daughter has outgrown their concert attire, you MUST attend this fitting session. Pricing for the concert attire will be announced in the near future. Additionally, we will be on–hand at the summer camp on September 1st from 5:00-6:00 PM to sell some new and slightly used concert attire for those of you that may want to purchase items at reduced prices. We have an early concert schedule starting in December, so it is extremely important for your student to get fitted in order to get their Tuxedo in time. They cannot perform without their concert attire!

A few pointers for new freshman parents and students (we were pretty lost for a while, so this is from experience):

- Check the website often for updates and information: www.thhsmusic.com.
- The Calendar on the website is very helpful, so please check it often for the latest updates.
- Signup for the Yahoo Group so you are informed of all things for the entire program (not just orchestra) throughout the year. It is a link on the website, bottom right, click on it and signup. It is totally safe.
- Please do not be shy and meet us in person.
- Please feel free to ask or email us with questions. We are here to help.
- Get involved by helping at various events. It truly is fun and you'll get to know all the students. (That's our favorite part!)

See you soon!!

It promises to be a special year ahead in Orchestra starting with the September Summer Camp and December Holiday Concert. Keep checking the music website for information on these and other events planned for the school year.

We look forward to meeting you and promise this will be one of the best experiences your student will have in high school. Just ask our son Alex!

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CHEESES AND FLAMS FROM DRUMLINE.....

Hi all! Your VPs of Drumline here. Raul Escobar and Dave Yingling. This is Raul's umpteenth year (we forget how many) as DLVP (Drumline VP), and Dave's first year. Dave drives the truck and Raul takes care of the kids and meals etc. for Winter Drumline Season. We are also really involved in the Marching Band season, schlepping all the same equipment. During the Fall Marching Season, we work with the Marching Band VPs Frank and Mike and the pit crew to get the equipment in shape, repaired, painted and then loaded and moved to competitions and on and off the field. One of the best jobs you can volunteer for as a parent is The Pit Crew. We need 12 to 15 people each competition to load up the 4 trailers and get the stuff out, placed, hooked up back off the field and back into the truck. You aren't a JACO (Just Another Casual Observer). If we don't do it right, we can cost our kids points and lower their scores. What better place to be then out on the field with your kid and 115 of their closest friends? Give it a try! The best way to get into the swing of things is to come to a football game and help out at halftime. When the band kids get up and come down to the field, you'll see some of us going out there too. Follow us and see how easy and fun The Pit can be. You won't regret it! Come on down!

We also repair and repaint the equipment before Marching Season and before Winter Drumline. We'll be scheduling a FixIt day in early September and need help fixing, cleaning and painting our instruments and rolling stock. Dads, moms and of course, students (that's you Pit and Battery !) are needed for a ½ day or so of manual labor, usually in the 9AM to 2ish timeframe. Keep an eye out for FixIt Day on the calendar.

Raul Escobar and Dave Yingling, VPs of Drumline

JAZZ ENSEMBLE.....

The director of Jazz is Mr. Russel Moreau. If you are interested in auditioning for the Jazz ensemble, please email him at moreaur@svusd.org. Advanced Jazz normally meets during 2nd period for the full year. Beginning or Novice Jazz will meet after school as 8th period starting second semester. Jazz competitions will not start until the second semester. If you have questions about the program, pleas email us. Make sure to put "THHS Jazz" in the subject. Keep an eye on the calendar for more updates as the year progresses.

Your VP's of Jazz,
Chris Knudson, sounddecision@cox.net
and Bessie Nakashima, bessierick@hotmail.com

MONEY MATTERS.....

Welcome to our returning and new families! I hope you've had an enjoyable summer and are ready for another year in our outstanding music program. My name is Kay Jacques and I'm your treasurer. Every student in the program has their own account, even siblings. This is where I keep track of the costs you are billed, the payments you make, and the credits that you earn by participating in fundraisers. Beginning with our booster meeting in August, you will receive a statement every month that shows all the activity in your account from July 1st, the start of our fiscal year. I hand out the statements at each booster meeting and if you can't attend one, I will mail the statement to you.

Since the booster organization has bills to pay also, it is really important that you make your payments as scheduled. The schedule was in the welcome packet on the Participation Form showing total amount due and payment due dates. If you have a problem maintaining this schedule, or need to make smaller payments over a slightly longer amount of time, it is imperative that you contact me so we can set up a schedule for you. **I can't stress enough how important it is for you to keep up on your payments!**
Payments can either be given to me at the booster meetings or mailed to my home at 21902 Calderas, MV, 92691.

All checks should be made payable to THHS Music Boosters. My name should not appear anywhere on the check. There is also a lock box located in the music room outside of Mr. Moreau's office where payments can be placed (in an envelope please) but since I no longer have a student in the program, I will rarely be at school to check the box.

We now offer another way for you to make a payment on your account: you can use PayPal. Simply go to our website, www.thhsmusic.com, scroll down to the bottom left side under "boosters" and click on "payments / purchases". This will send you to the PayPal link and you can make your payment there. Please note: PayPal charges you approximately 3% every time you use this service. We've had many families use this system over this past year and they've been happy with it. If your credit card gives you points, or miles, or cash back, you might want to consider using PayPal to make your payments.

I can't encourage you enough to participate in the fundraisers we offer throughout the school year. Please participate and you'll be happily surprised at how those credits help out in your account. Don't forget to contact me with any questions, concerns or to reschedule payments and I'll see you at the booster meeting in August.

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WAYS AND MEANS.....

fund-rais·ing [fuhnd-rey-zing] noun; the act or process of raising funds, as for nonprofit organizations.

It always seems like we are fundraising, but it helps to remember what we are fundraising for. Our kids are in an awesome music program. They have won many awards and always excel at what they do. In order to have a great program it requires coaches. Coaches for strings, coaches for color guard, coaches for jazz, visual coaches for marching band and the list goes on. This is what we fundraise for. All of our fundraising dollars go towards paying for these coaches.

That being said, there are many ways to fundraise and most are 50/50 fundraisers, where 1/2 of the money raised goes into your student account to offset your costs.

So welcome to the 2009/2010 school year! Our first fundraiser right off the bat is discount cards, you know the cards that you sold in little league or pop warner. Please DO NOT BUY THEM FROM PTSA, buy them from us! You will get a card in your roundup paperwork that is a discount card order form. PLEASE DISREGARD! BUY THEM FROM THHS MUSIC! DO NOT BUY THEM FROM PTSA! They are $10 each and last year $3.25 of that $10 went back into your student account. So talk to your neighbors and friends and have them buy discount cards from you. We do require that each family buy 2. You will receive them during August and your account will be billed.

Our second fundraiser is entertainment books. They are always a great seller and a great way to save money with movie coupons, restaurant coupons, grocery coupons and special discounts on entertainment and travel. The books can pay for themselves in one use. Karen Hughes is our chairperson, so look for more info from her in the coming month.

Last we have a Silent Auction on Back To School Night which is October 15th. This is an awesome fundraiser run by Mitzi Perry. Donation letters will be available at the August Booster meeting for you to distribute and get some great baskets donated. We have a limit this year of 100 baskets and 10 per person. If more are needed, the amount per person will change. This is also a 50/50 fundraiser. It is fun to see the great ideas people come up with.

Have a great August and see you on the 10th,
Laura Nygaard VP Ways & Means

FINAL(E) NOTES.....

All THHS music students have to have a white polo for travel, games, and competitions when they are not in uniform. These are available for purchase and to order at all Booster meetings but Freshmen need them by September 11, for the first football game.

No Band Camp on September 4 or September 7 for Labor Day weekend.

Please see your Welcome Packet and attached calendar for Marching Band Fitting schedule. Please wear a thin black t-shirt and shorts to have on under uniforms, and returning students please try on you Dinkles to make sure they still fit.

Please remember to bring your paperwork the first day of camp!

If you did not receive a welcome packet in the mail, contact Linda Escobar (booster president) immediately

Thank you to the Class of 2009 for our new golf cart!