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CONGRATULATIONS CLASS AAAA WBA CHAMPIONS!!!

On behalf of the entire instructional staff, we would like to say that we are very happy and proud of all the members of the **2009 Trabuco Hills High School Thundering Mustangs Marching Unit!!!**

It has always been, and always will be, the philosophy of the staff for the students to perform their special piece of art to the best of their ability and let the subjective judging fall where they may. Do your best and that's all we ask, no matter the result.

Well, in the Class Championships last Saturday, the Marching Unit performed their best show of the year and they rightfully earned the distinction as the **2009 Western Band Association Class AAAA Champions!** It was a special end to a great season and we hope that everyone will cherish these memories in the many years to come.

All of this would not be possible without the support and encouragement of the boosters, parents and alumnus who have supported the music program all season long. It takes an army behind the scenes to make this program run so smoothly. The entire staff sincerely thanks all our supporters for their endless hours of dedication and effort! It doesn't just happen!

This is on top of all the other accolades that we received all season long. It was truly a special, memorable season.

It's time to be thankful for everything that we have been fortunate enough to experience in our lives. Relax and enjoy the holidays - you deserve it J

Regards,

Quincy Nguyen

Visual Caption Head / Webmaster

Tournament Director, 17th Annual Tournament in the Hills

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MARCHING BAND

Whew! What a finish to the Marching Band season!

To reiterate everyone's sentiment: To the Students in the Marching Unit, what a great job throughout the year. You all have worked so hard from band camp to the finals. All that time, effort and sweat has now paid off ---- **Class 4A Champs** --- Way to go! You kept the focus on the vision and learned to accomplish that dream. Seniors, your leadership and perseverance have shown through and motivated your band mates to do their very best. It is not about winning but the experience that causes us to grow.

To the staff, coaches, and directors: Thank you for keeping it real; for putting up with us and pushing where ever and whenever it was needed. Our thank you cannot express our appreciation and the success was the icing on the cake.

We thank **all those that have helped out** (parents, families, tag-a-longs, etc) for **their support throughout the year; we could not do it without your help. All those Chaperones, pit workers, uniform parents, drivers, feeders, you name it. You all have been there for your students and these are memories that could never be replaced. We salute you all.** To quote Dave Yingling "*Wow! What a weekend!*"

NOTE: If Football continues winning, we will have one more performance - keep watching for the details.

We are honored to have been a part of this organization, a part of your lives.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 4 CIF Playoff Varsity FB VS Tustin HS @ Tustin HS 7:00 pm PEP Band
- Dec 6 8th Annual music Boosters Holiday Party Mojtahedi Home 5:00 pm
- Dec 8 Music Boosters Meeting THHS MPR 7:00 pm
- Dec 9 Late Start Day
- Dec 12 Holiday Concert. Jazz Ensemble and Symphonic Orchestra @ THHS
- Dec 21 thru Jan 3 Winter Recess

Mike Fink Frank Schaefer Co VP's Marching Band

"There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure."

— Colin Powell



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The 2009 marching season ended with a bang with the Thundering Mustangs marching unit bringing home the WBA Division 4A Marching Band Championships banner. Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's marching season such a success.

In a few weeks, Winter Break starts and with its end begins Winter Drumline, Winter Guard, Orchestra, Jazz Band, and the two concert ensembles. We still have a very busy school year ahead of us, so it's important to continue to attend the monthly booster meetings. December's meeting is on Tuesday, December 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room. Also, please check the music website regularly. Our webmaster, Quincy Nguyen, does an excellent job of keeping the website updated with the latest events and dates. Check out the photo gallery on the website as well! There are many great photos posted there from the past few months' events.

As always, don't forget about Bingo! It's every Thursday night starting at 6:15 p.m. We will be closed on Christmas Eve, but come out and play on New Year's Eve! The games will be done well before midnight, but we are planning our own pre-midnight celebration. Perhaps you'll have some winnings to spend in the New Year!

Linda Escobar

Booster President

COLOR GUARD

It is Winter Guard season! The girls have started learning their Winter Guard show, and they are prepping the performance floor. Please make sure to check the online calendar, since there have been a few changes to the rehearsal days and times. Their first competition is on Feb. 20.

For Winter Guard, we are in desperate need of parents who have pick-up trucks to take turns helping us haul the performance floor (which folds up flat) to the competitions. We also feed the girls a hot meal at each performance. We need parents to volunteer at least once to be in charge of making catering arrangements for dinner. And, as always, we need volunteers to help us move equipment. If you can volunteer for any of this, please make sure to sign up at the December or January Booster meeting. If you can't attend the meeting, please feel free to send us an email.

Also, a big thank you goes out to all the Color Guard parents, family and friends who have helped us this past Marching season. We've been flooded with so many volunteers this year - we feel very blessed and fortunate! Thank you to the mom's who drove the girls this past August for the Annual Color Guard Kidnapping the Saturday before Band Camp. At performances this fall, we appreciated our volunteers who removed equipment from the field. Your flexibility to work both the front and back of the field enabled every parent helping out to see the show at least once from the front. And we truly appreciated our chaperones that did multiple duties by riding the bus, handing out water, loading/unloading the whale and granny cart, guarding the bus when the girls changed, and making sure each girl had everything she needed.

We have a lot to be thankful for this year. We are honored to be the Color Guard Mom & Dad to 17 girls

who've grown and flourished this past season, and we've made a lot of new friends. From our family to yours, have a safe and blessed holiday season.

Marie & Tom Connell

Co-Vice President, Color Guard

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JAZZ BAND

Mr. Moreau had sign-ups for 8th period jazz and got a tremendous response from about 50 students. There were even a couple of vocalists. He will be breaking the group into 2 jazz bands. Along with the advanced band that makes the ensemble 3 groups strong. The groups are all very excited to start the jazz season.

The 8th period jazz groups will start meeting on Dec. 1. For the first semester the schedule will be as follows: woodwinds and brass every Tuesday from 3:00-4:00 and rhythm section at lunch on Tuesdays. No Thursday practices.

First event for the advance band will be the holiday concert on December 10th. All advanced students should have received their grey shirts. The basketball games start on Jan. 8, 2010 where they will need to wear their referee shirts. I still have a couple of shirts to hand out.

There are 2 openings for advanced band, one for a piano and one for a trumpet. Auditions will be held in January. See Mr. Moreau for audition music.

If you have questions about the up coming season contact us at

Bessie - bessierick@hotmail.com or Chris - sounddecision@cox.net Co-VP's Jazz Band



ORCHESTRA

Thank you to all the Orchestra parents and students that helped out at our annual **Tournament in the Hills** marching band tournament. As you know, with an event of that size, we always need everyone's help to make it a success. We appreciate your involvement and effort!

Just a couple of announcements for this month:

- **Tuxedos are in!** For those of you that were fitted for tuxedos in October, we will be distributing these over the course of the next few days. Please have your student listen for an announcement in class for their pick-up day. Please make sure they meet after school in the music room on that day for pick-up. If you haven't received your tuxedo, please contact Cathy Yang at cyang28@gmail.com.
- The Orchestra Holiday Concert scheduled for December 10th has been cancelled. Please keep an eye on the music department calendar for future concert dates.

Ziggy Marley the reggae superstar said, "People don't stop playing because they grow old, they grow old because they stop playing!" We hope everyone has some time to "play" this holiday season. Enjoy time with your friends and family. Have a Happy New Year and we will see you in 2010!

Len and June Archibeque

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MONEY MATTERS

Credits, credits, credits!! Yep, if you've been participating in fundraisers, you should see various credits on your statements in Nov., Dec., and Jan. In November, you saw the credits from the Silent Auction and the TITH Program Ads. In December, you'll see the credits from the Poinsettia sale. In January, you'll see the credits from See's Candy and the Entertainment Books. If you purchase scrip, you'll see that throughout the year. I love putting credits into your accounts so keep participating in those fundraisers - it helps our program and it reduces your out-of-pocket expense.

When you receive your Dec. statement, if you're a Marching Band or Color Guard family, you should have either a zero balance or a credit balance from your fundraising efforts. By now, your ensemble costs of \$450 should have been completely paid and the trip costs for Fresno of \$280 should also have been paid. If you're an Orchestra family, you probably have a balance of about \$120 for the last payment on your ensemble costs; jazz families should see a balance of about \$162.

If your balance is higher than any of these, you need to contact me right away so you can start a payment plan. If we've already spoken and you are currently on a payment plan, thank you for communicating with me and please continue with your payments. Otherwise, call or email me and let me know what you can afford to pay each month so that your balance will be paid off by the end of the school year. Keep in mind that in January, you will see charges on your account for second semester ensemble costs.

In June, we have our annual banquet. This is a very popular event open to our students and their parents and our attendance for the past few years has been near 300. It is a great way to end the school year. However, unless you have either paid off your account by June 1st or you are on an established payment plan, your student will not be allowed to attend the banquet. I know that June sounds a long way off right now but as we all know, it will be here in the blink of an eye - especially if you have a senior. That's why I'm bringing this up now in December, so everyone who needs to has plenty of time to talk to me and get a payment plan established. You can't wait until April or May, make a couple of payments and then want your student to attend the banquet with a balance still due. I'm sorry to say that I've allowed that to happen in the past and we've been burned. I want every student to attend the banquet if they want to. Please make sure your student has that opportunity by talking to me and making monthly payments of whatever you can afford on your account.

Thank you and I'll see you at the booster meeting on the 8th!

Kay Jaccques, Treasurer

To the Wonderful TITH Volunteers ~

THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!

There is nothing that we can say which would express our enormous appreciation for all of the TITH Volunteers - Current Music Boosters, their family and friends, Alumni Music Boosters and Alumni Students - who helped out at the 17th Annual Tournament in the Hills. Volunteers started showing up at 5:00am and some did not leave until 1:30am! What a tremendous amount of dedication and support! As others have expressed, I also received many nice compliments from visiting parents and staff throughout the day on how well-run our tournament was this year, and every year, and that's the reason why they always want to come back. Even though this was the first year with the new setup, the tournament ran like clockwork and we were very

happy! The weather was PERFECT and the tournament was a COMPLETE success! This could only happen because of all the hard work and dedication from each and every one of you!!! THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!!

Here is a quick recap of the tournament:

- Over 250 TITH Volunteers
- Over 300 happy & stuffed Staff Members at Hospitality
- Nearly 3200 performers
- Nearly 3000 paid spectators
- Over 160 buses and vehicles tightly parked into our lots
- In-N-Out nearly sold out of food
- Concession Stands sold out of food
- Vendor Booth sales was good
- Baked Goods COMPLETELY SOLD OUT and brought in record revenue
- Programs sales were good
- Parking Structure brought in record revenue (of course, since this is the first year)

Thank you for loaning us your personal belongings for use at TITH. If you have not picked up your belongings, they are available in the music room in the corner near the water/soda. If it's not there, some items are located in the booster bin. If you mistakenly picked up someone else's belonging, please return it to the music room so that it can be returned to its rightful owner.

For those of you who were working so hard and may have forgotten to get a program, I'll have them with me this week. Just let me know that you want one.

This is a first-class organization and we are very proud to be a part of such a wonder group of people!!! This is one of the best TITH in recent years and possible one of the best ever.

Sincerest Thanks,

Quincy Nguyen / Walt Howard / Mary Howard
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