

MUSTANG NOTES

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Trabuco Hills High School Instrumental Music Program

ORCHESTRA

Hello and Happy Second Semester to all the Orchestra students and parents!

We have an exciting concert season ahead and here are several events that are scheduled so far for **Symphonic Orchestra (SO), Wind Ensemble (WE), Chamber Orchestra (CO) and Symphonic Winds (SW):**

- **Serrano Music Festival in Phelan (SO/WE/CO/SW) – March 11th**
- **Festival Concert I @THHS (Jazz/Symphonic Winds) – March 17th**
- **Festival Concert II @ THHS (Wind Ensemble/Symphonic Orchestra) – March 18th**
- **San Juan Hills High School (SJC) Festival (SO/WE/CO/SW) – March 23rd**
- **Solo and Ensemble Concert – April 28th**

HELP! We need chaperones for the out of town events (Phelan and San Juan) so please sign-up or let us know if you can take some time off to help us out. Parents ... even if you can't chaperone, it is definitely worth the effort to make the drive out to see your kids perform some amazing pieces. We'll keep you posted with all the details as the events approach, and as always keep an eye on the THHS Music Website for updates. It is also very dry/riy/it

CHEESES AND FLAMS FROM DRUM LINE

The roar of Marching Band has long since faded, but the thunder of Winter Percussion Ensemble (AKA Drum Line) is in full swing. Nope, Marching Band doesn't end in November, it just moves inside for the performances. Pit crew is almost identical. We just trade in yard markers and drum major podiums for a 400 pound floor and props!

Speaking of props, this year we have two full-size doors and four walls to schlepp, set up, and tear down for each show in addition to all the usual pit equipment. PARENTS: come on out and be part of the action! We also need parents to volunteer to feed our hungry percussionists and donate water and baked goods. Please keep in mind there are 25 students in this group and the performances are inside although warm ups are usually outside.

The first competition was February 6th at Valencia High School in Placentia. The show this season is "Escape" and is themed on escaping from life's pressures through music. The music is from Alanis Morissette's "Perfect". It is great! The student's look great and sound even better!

Drum Line rehearsals are generally Monday and Wednesday evenings and Saturdays. Check your calendar often for specific times and dates, and consult your students! Robert usually gives them the schedule changes directly. Remember though, SCHEDULES CHANGE! (often).

The next competition is in Cucamonga on Feb. 27.
Come on out. Schlepp, schmooze and enjoy the show!

Your Drum Line VP's
Raul Escobar and Dave Yingling

JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Planning for Jazz in the Hills, which is on 4/17, has started. Invitations to more than 60 schools have been e-mailed out. We already have boosters who have volunteered to chair the snack bar-Carol Boeryd and Elizabeth Stetzer, advertisement-Carmen Sjelin, band assistance- Kevin Irwin. We still need parents to help with the BBQ. Please sign up at mysignup.com/thhsjith or email me if you would like to help.

Plan on coming out to listen to some great jazz music!

Ties for advanced Jazz band students are in. Please let us know if you need a tie. They are the same ties as years previous.

Bessie Nakashima and Chris Knudson; co-VPs Jazz

UPCOMING EVENTS JAZZ AND DRUM LINE:

March 6 Temecula Valley HS Regional Show @ Temecula Valley HS (SCPA)

March 14 2010 Aliso Niguel HS Regional @ Aliso Niguel HS in Aliso Viejo (SCPA)

March 20 16th Annual Irvine Jazz Festival @ Irvine HS (*Advanced Jazz Ensemble only*)

March 27 Prelims: 2010 SCPA Championships @ Great Oak HS in Temecula CA

April 3 Finals: 2010 SCPA Championships @ Coussoulis Arena, Ca State University San Bernardino CA

April 5-9 NO SCHOOL, SPRING BREAK!

April 17 6th Annual Jazz In The Hills (JITH) @ Trabuco Hills High School (*All Jazz Ensembles*)

May 8 2010 San Clemente HS Jazz Festival @ San Clemente HS (*All Jazz Ensembles*)

May 15 6th Annual Hilltop Jazz Festival @ Brea Olinda HS in Brea (*All Jazz Ensembles*)

WAY AND MEANS

Yes it is true, we have all had to do it from the time our kids started school! It is always there, and probably always will be. Especially since we receive no monies from the state or school district. With the budget crisis looming and cuts being proposed, we will have to be more diligent in our fundraising efforts.

But you have to look at the benefits of it as well. Fundraising in the Music Program pays for all the coaches that each and every ensemble requires! Yes, we would not have an award winning Marching Band or Orchestra or Color Guard or Jazz Band or Drum Line without them.

Yes, they probably would be awesome groups but that extra coaching just puts us over the top.

There are many ways to fundraise and most of them are 50/50 fundraisers! This means that 50% of the profits earned go into your students' account! It does add up!

Easter is April 4th and we will be handing out the See's Candy Fundraising forms at the next booster meeting.

May 8th is our 5th annual Casino Night. Make sure you put the date on the calendar! This year the theme is Wild West so come ready for a hoe down! There is a donation letter on the website asking for donations and sponsors of the gaming tables. This is very important as the more costs we can get sponsored the more money the program makes. We will also have a Silent Auction which is a 50/50 fundraiser so get those baskets ready!

Don't forget about scrip! This is a great way to get monies into your account for everyday items that you would buy anyway! Every time you go to a fast food place for dinner or to the grocery store, you could be using scrip! And don't forget about Starbucks. Just look for Judy Ramsey at the next Booster Meeting and she will get you hooked up! The list is on the website as well.

Lastly, please consider coming to Bingo on Thursday nights! It is great fun whether you work or play. We are really getting a good crowd and really need to keep the momentum going! Every Thursday 6:15 in the MPR. Invite your neighbors, friends and co-workers. We really only need a few more players to make this a real success.

If you have any questions or would like to help in any way, please give me a call!

Thanks,
Laura Nygaard, VP Fundraising
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COLOR GUARD

Winter Guard season is in full swing! The girls had so much fun at our Winter Guard party. It was the last weekend before their first show, and we celebrated in style with lots of pizza, ice cream, junk food, Wii games and playing Scene it. It was great to kick back and hang out.

Winter Guard will be performing their new show called "Escape." Our first competition was Saturday, February 20 at Marina High School in Huntington Beach. Thank you everyone who came and please continue to come out to watch our girls and cheer them on. The season is a short one, with two sets of prelims and finals. The first set of prelims and finals is on March 20-21 for the WGI circuit. The end of Winter Guard season is on April 20-21 with our last set of prelims and finals with the WGASC circuit. Please make sure to take the time to come to one of our shows.

Just like Marching Band season, we feed the girls a hot meal, snacks and water. Please have your daughter bring \$10 to each competition to cover her meal. If she forgets, we'll have the fee added to your account.

Though we want sunny weather, inevitably a few competitions are in rainy or drizzly weather. Please make sure that your daughter brings a jacket and an umbrella if it's a bit overcast. It's pretty crummy for your daughter to walk from the bus in the rain and get soaking wet in her uniform right before she performs. Help us, help her do her best by making sure she brings a coat, umbrella, proper shoes and anything else to keep her dry and warm.

And a big thank you goes out to all the parents who have volunteered as meal coordinators, chaperones, volunteers and drivers. We also appreciate everyone who

UPCOMING EVENTS:Color Guard

March 6 Huntington Beach HS Show @ Huntington Beach HS Winter Guard Association of Southern California (WGASC)

March 14 2010 San Juan Hills HS Show @ San Juan Hills HS, San Juan Capistrano (WGASC)

March 20 Prelims: Winter Guard International Rancho Cucamonga Power Regional @ Etiwanda HS in Etiwanda (WGI, WG)

March 21 Finals: 2010 Winter Guard International Rancho Cucamonga Power Regional @ Etiwanda HS in Etiwanda

March 27 2010 Tesoro H S Show @ Tesoro HS in Las Flores (WGASC)

**April 5- 9 NO SCHOOL
SPRING RECESS!**

April 17 Prelims: 2010 WGASC Championships @ Los Osos HS in Rancho Cucamonga

April 18 Finals: 2010 WGASC Championships @ Rancho Cucamonga HS

is donating water and snacks. Together, we are making this a great experience for your daughters and everyone involved in our Winter Guard program.

Marie & Tom Connell

Co-Vice President, Color Guard

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MONEY MATTERS

Dear Families - Just a reminder that if you are on a payment plan, you need to make a payment every month in order for your student to be eligible to attend the year-end banquet. If you have any questions or need to establish a payment plan, please contact me right away. Also, you will receive a points statement along with your monthly statement if you have not yet met your points goal for the year. If you don't see the points statement, then you've already met your goal. You have until the end of May to reach your goal (200 points for marching band and guard families, 100 points for orchestra and jazz). We always need help at bingo on Thursday nights and it's a great way to earn points!

Kay Jacques, Treasurer

FINALE NOTES

Just a reminder that the SVUSD budget crisis is back! (O.K. So it never really left). Although high school stipends for the music programs are currently not on the cut list (this could change at any moment), elementary music is and cuts to elementary music trickle down to high school programs in the form of staffing and other resources. As Booster parents of high school musicians, we have all seen the benefits of Trabuco's outstanding music program both in competition, on stage and in the personal growth, development, and maturity of our children at school and at home. Our voices matter. The more parents who show up at school board meetings to support and speak to the cause of saving music, the more successful we will be. Please visit the district website to stay informed and let your voices be heard for all SVUSD students.

Laura Schneider, Editor