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Trabuco Hills High School Instrumental Music Program

MARCHING BAND

"You have to put in many, many, many tiny efforts that nobody sees or appreciates before you achieve anything worthwhile."

Brian Tracey: Personal and business development author, lecturer, consultant.

Let us start out by saying thank you to all, parents, students, and staff for letting us be a part of your lives. It has been a pleasure and joy getting to know you all. This year's Marching Band program is well under way. We have now completed 3 competitions and with each step a little more improvement shines through. You all have put in those many tiny efforts and although you might not see it, they are beginning to show. The staff and students continue to work hard in an effort to be the best they can be. These next few weeks will go fast and will be a challenge to your kids. This is the time to step it up a notch and put forth your best. Those many efforts will soon be noticeable and you will see that all the hard work was worth it.

Parents, in the next few weeks your children and the staff will be very busy. This is crunch time, the final stretch to the finish line. They will have :

RCC November 7th

Marching Band Rehearsal November 10th and 11th

Varsity Football vs Northwood H.S. on November 12th

Tournament in the Hills November 14th

Rehearsal November 17th

Westminster Field show November 18th

Rehearsal November 19th

WBA FINALS NOV 20 THRU NOV 22

Please help support you child and give them the encouragement to move forward.

We would like to thank all those that have helped out for their support throughout the year. We could not do it without your help. All

President's Message

Dear Booster Families,

THANK YOU to everyone who has volunteered or donated a needed item this school year! It's wonderful to see so many different people want to contribute their time and efforts to this organization. I consider us to be very lucky in that regard. With a group as large as ours, and a program as busy as ours, keep in mind that there are *always* ways you can contribute, and each and every one of them is important! From donating baked goods or water; chaperoning a football game, festival or competition; working Bingo; volunteering at Tournament in the Hills; or participating in the 50/50 fund raisers—***everything matters!***

Equally important to donating your time and items, is ***paying your fair share costs and trip costs in a timely manner.*** Each time you see the band truck, remember that we have to pay to store it, maintain it, fix it, insure it and gas it up! Every time your student performs at a competition or festival, remember that the boosters had to pay for the music and for the entrance fee. Every time you see one of our coaches on the field or in the classroom working with students, remember that the boosters have to pay that coach. Whenever your student is getting on a bus and going *anywhere* in relation with the music program, there are costs involved. When your student goes to an away trip, remember the boosters are paying for the charter bus, hotel and food costs. We are a self-funded organization and can't make our payments without yours! Please keep this in mind the next time you receive your booster statement from our hard-working Treasurer, Kay Jacques. Thank you!

Linda Escobar
Booster President

those Chaperons, 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.

Remember to have your kids at each event when possible and to make sure they get plenty of rest and eat well. This is flu season and each year the biggest down fall for any Marching Band Unit is just this. Plenty of rest, well balanced meals and plenty of hand washing can help prevent outbreaks.

“When you dance, your purpose is not to get to a certain place on the floor. It’s to enjoy each step along the way.”

Wayne Dyer; Self-development author and speaker

Have Fun and Enjoy the Memories!!!!
Mike Fink and Frank Schaefer

Co V P's Marching Band



TITH ALL VOLUNTEER MEETING ~ **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2009 @ 7:00PM**

With less than 2 weeks remaining until the **17th Annual Tournament in the Hills on Saturday, November 14, 2009**, the Committee Chairs are working really hard to ensure everything is in place for the big day! These volunteers have been planning, prepping and organizing for a couple of months and they should be commended for their hard work and effort!

We have 30 schools scheduled to perform. The performance times, ticket prices, menus and much, much more information is located on our website: <http://thhmusic.com>. Invite your family and friends down to one of the **BEST** WBA tournaments in 2009!!!

If you are a tournament volunteer, **please mark this date down on your calendar!** The **TITH All-Volunteer Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at 7:00pm in the THHS MPR**. During this meeting, we will divide the volunteers into their committees and each chairperson will go over the duties of the position. This is a very important meeting for all volunteers and we need everyone to attend! *You will need to attend the meeting to receive your PARKING PASS to gain access to the campus grounds!!!*

For those who have signed-up to loan items for the day, please bring the small items to the *TITH All-Volunteer Meeting*. Larger (such as EZ-ups / Canopies) should be brought on the day of the tournament and left at the Volunteer Check-in Booth. To ensure that your belongings are returned to you, please label the items with your First & Last Name. These are the items we still really need loaned for the tournament day:

- Radios / Walkie-Talkies
- EZ-up / Canopy
- Flashlights
- Power Strips
- Extension Cords
- Clip-on Lights

If you make a tasty salad or dessert, please consider making one for Hospitality and dropping it off in the morning on the day of the tournament. The participating schools' staff will be very grateful!

Although we have many people signed up to volunteer, we still need more volunteers to work the **EVENING SHIFTS** in the following committees: Security, Bus Parking and Band Assistance. If you would like to volunteer and have not done so already, you can email me at thhsmusic@cox.net.

Thanks for your support,

**Quincy Nguyen
Howard**

Visual Caption Head / Web master
Tournament Director, 17th Annual Tournament in the Hills
Tournament in the Hills
<http://thhsmusic.com>

Mary & Walt

Tournament Co-Chairs
17th Annual

COLOR GUARD

It seems like Marching Band season just started, and we are just a few week's away from it ending with the WBA Championships in Fresno on November 21 and 22. If you haven't had a chance to see our kids perform, please try to make it to one of their competitions or football games. Time flies...and so does the opportunity to see your daughter perform this incredible show!

With finals around the corner, the Color Guard show and drill will be constantly refined. Your daughter will be going through a stressful time, and she will need your support, plenty of sleep and nutritious meals. She'll also need plenty of practice, practice, and more practice! Please encourage her to attend sectionals.

We'd also like to thank those who have volunteered their time and energy to chaperon and remove equipment from the field after their performances. Your camaraderie is great – and your help is very much appreciated!

After November 22, we will be entering Winter Guard season. There will be no performances in December or January, and most of February. Our first competition for Winter Guard season will be on Saturday, February 20, and the girls will perform with new uniforms. You will receive more information about that, as we get closer. Please check the calendar frequently to see if there are any changes to their schedule. Remember – no schedule is sacred and is always subject to change.



Color Guard will be on it's own during Winter Guard season, and we'll need a ton of help! We anticipate that there will be large props for us to take to every competition, as well as the floor mat and Color Guard equipment. If you have a pick-up truck and can help us haul the equipment, please call or send us an email. And of course, we'll need chaperons and volunteers. We'll have sign ups for Winter Guard at the January 12 Booster Meeting.

Marie & Tom Connell
Co-Vice Presidents, Color Guard

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As we near the end of Marching Season, here are some reflections:

Beginning of Band Camp:

End of Season:

"I hope someone talks to me."

"1000 texts in 48 hours???"

"I can't do this routine one more time!!!"

"Can we do another show today??"

"I can't hold my arms up another minute!!!"

"Here, I'll carry those 5 cases of water for you!"

"A sandwich and an apple is fine Mom."

"Can I have a 5th helping of Mac and Cheese?"

It's my second day of tryouts and I can't catch the flag!

Watch Mom, I can catch a double!!

Ugh, he changed it again?

New changes? Here we go again, and again, and again, and again...

ORCHESTRA



Greetings from the Orchestra Section!

Just a few things to review this month:

- There is a Holiday Concert on December 10th at 7:00 PM. It is for both the Jazz and Symphonic Orchestra so please put it in your calendar. You won't want to miss it! However, keep an eye on the calendar since sometimes schedules change at the last minute. We will do our best to inform you via email.
- The tuxedos are on order and we hope to get them in late in November. We want to thank Cathy Yang for chairing the fitting and orders. When they arrive, Cathy and her team will distribute them to the students during class or after school. We will keep you posted.
- There is an orchestra camp in January. Please note that it will be the weekend of January 29, 30 and 31. Refer to the calendar for details.

And lastly, thanks to all of you who have helped out to keep this program going strong. We are truly fortunate and I hope all of the students and parents realize what a great musical experience this is. It is a month of being thankful, so take a moment to thank your teachers, coaches, parents, volunteers and many others for this wonderful opportunity.

As John Wooden says, "Success comes from knowing that you did your best to become the best that you are capable of becoming."

Success does not just "happen". It is earned. It requires doing your "best". It takes hard work and perseverance.

To the students – keep working hard, stay focused, be a team player and persevere. You are learning skills to take you very far in life.

To the parents – please get involved and join the fun with the orchestra boosters. Help us to continue the success we have had so far. Let us become the best that we can be. Don't be shy and reach out to us or any fellow booster. We will need help in January for the orchestra camp and we look forward to seeing you!

Thank you!

Len and June Archibeque
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CHEESES AND FLAMS FROM DRUMLINE

Howdy fellow schleppers! Well, we've had a couple of comps now and plenty of help mit der schleppin' as we say in the pit. Ayala was a little squirrely entering the field, but The Good Doctor straightened things out and we got on without too much trouble. Rancho Bernardo went very smoothly with lots of assistance. Now we have a couple of dates that will be a little harder to coordinate.

First, TITH: Lots of us regulars will be working, so if you haven't done a pit schlepping yet you might want to try that night. You'll be there anyway and the more people we have the smoother it'll go. So look for one of us around ½ hour before our show time. I'd say follow the sound of the drums but you'll be surrounded by drumming all day long. Anyway, look for us!

Then, Westminster: This is a Wednesday show so it'll be hard for folks to meet us at the school to load but come on out to Westminster High and help schlep anyway. It's not that far and it's a cozy little competition to get involved in.

Then comes Championship Weekend. We'll probably load Thursday night (TBD) then off to Bakersfield to rehearse Friday. Saturday and Sunday we'll have multiple opportunities to perform and will need schleppers for each show. If you chaperon the trip, you can still schlep and if you don't, just come hang with the band and watch. We can still use you!!

Thanks to everyone who's come out to help, chaperons, food people, schleppers and the rest. Wasn't I right? Isn't it the funnest thing ever?

Raul Escobar and Dave Yingling
Co-vp's Drum line



JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Advanced Jazz- All shirts have been purchased for the group. If your child ordered a shirt, please send a check with them to school on Thursdays when the shirts will be distributed to during period 4 jazz class. The grey shirts are \$20.00 and the referee shirts are \$35.00. Make checks out to "THHS Music Boosters." The ties are still being discussed.

First performance on the calendar is the Holiday Concert on Thursday, December 10 at 7:00 pm. Come out and listen to some great holiday tunes jazz style.

Novice Ensemble-Currently, there are no fees due for this group. Students will be required to have black slacks, black shoes, a dress shirt (any color) and a tie for competitions in the spring.

Thank You,

Chris Knudson & Bessie Nakashima
Jazz Co-VP

WAYS AND MEANS

**"Christmas is coming the geese are getting fat,
Please put a penny in the old man's hat"**

Can you believe that Christmas is just a 6 or so weeks away!

And we have some great ways for you to celebrate the season and help yourself as well!

Don't forget **Poinsettia's** are available. They are \$10 each and will last a long time. This is a 50/50 fund raiser, so 50% of profits earned go back to your student account. These are great for businesses, so hit up those contacts! They make great neighbor gifts as well!

See's Candies are coming! You will be receiving your order form at the Nov 10th Booster meeting and the turn in date is the 30th of November! So get out and sell. Lots of people like to give **See's** as gifts and it is a known name and practically sells itself, also a 50/50 fund raiser!

Also at the Nov 10th Booster Meeting, **Cookie Lee Jewelry** will be there! Our great Cookie Lee lady, Stephanie will be there with brochures and merchandise to sell! She graciously give 35% back to the program, so 17.5% comes back to you. Great teacher gifts as well as gifts for you!

We are also planning a **Family Dine Out** in December at Chick Fil A, details forthcoming!

Have a great November!

Laura Nygaard
VP Ways and Means

MONEY MATTERS

Dear Families - Another month and another reminder about what is coming up financially. The trip to Fresno for WBA Championships for the Marching Unit is fast approaching. You should already have paid the first half of the trip cost (\$140) which was due on Oct. 15. The remaining balance for the trip (\$140) is due to me by Nov. 15, the day after Tournament in the Hills. Also for Marching Band and Color Guard families, the final payment of your first semester ensemble costs (\$150) are due to me by Nov. 7. I can't stress enough how important it is for everyone in the program to keep up with their payments. If you are having trouble making your payments on time, please call or email me so we can set up a payment plan that will work for you.

How would you like a discount on your ensemble costs? We offer a discount to every family in our program. In order to receive this discount, all you have to do is participate in fundraisers. We offer many fundraisers throughout the school year so you can participate in the ones that are right for you. We have a few families that participate in every one we do, but unfortunately, most of our families don't participate at all. Of the fundraisers we've had so far this year, our statistics are pretty low. For the Silent Auction, we had only 16 families participate or 9.6% of the families in our program. For the Program Ads for our tournament, 31 families or 18.7% participated. For the Entertainment Books, so far 40 families or 24.1% have participated. Over the past several years, we've averaged 25 - 30% of our families participating in at least one fundraiser during the year. That's not a great participation rate and so far, we're falling below average this year.

So what fundraisers do we have coming up? Poinsettia sales; See's Christmas Candy; and of course, we sell scrip all year long. How often do you shop? How often do you give gift cards during the holidays or for birthdays or other special occasions? Why not buy them from us and help support the program and put some money into your account at the same time. It's easy and you were going to buy the items anyway, so shop with us first. Judy Ramsey is our Scrip chairperson and she makes it very easy to order and pick up your scrip.

Please participate in the upcoming fundraisers and help the program and take advantage of the discount we offer everyone. If you choose not to fundraise, then please keep with the payment schedule so we can also meet our financial obligations. Please feel free to contact me to discuss your account or to set up a payment plan if needed. See you at the booster meeting on Nov. 10th!

Kay

TITH SODA & WATER ROUND-UP!!

The **17th Annual Tournament in the Hills**

is our biggest fund raiser of the year!

The funds earned on the day of the tournament help pay for necessary items for the ENTIRE instrumental music program and its students!

We are requesting ALL students in the Instrumental Music Program...

Marching Unit, Color Guard, Orchestra, and Jazz Ensemble

to bring *at least* one 12-pack of a brand name soda / case of water

for the Tournament in the Hills! Bring several if you like.

With all students donating just *at least* one pack/case, our tournament dollars will stretch even further to help increase our income!!

Please bring the following, as per the first letter of your **LAST NAME:**

A-B- COKE
C-E- DIET COKE
F-K- DR. PEPPER
L - SPRITE
M-Z - WATER

PLEASE SEND ONLY BRAND NAME
AND NO SPECIALTY VARIETIES!!!

Students may leave the packs of soda / cases of water in the music room for collection starting

Saturday, October 31st through Monday, November 9th!!!

