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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fall Greetings, Booster Families!

Looking for adventure, fun and a weekend full of music?

Want to spend some time away with 114 wonderful musicians and color guard students? Then I have the perfect job for you! Become a chaperone for **WBA Marching Band**

Championships in Clovis (Fresno), California! We leave the morning of Friday, November 20, and return on Sunday evening, November 22. Your hotel room is already reserved!

To sign up, complete the **Chaperone Information Sheet** and submit it to me by Tuesday, October 13, along with your check for the hotel costs. I have extended the deadline by one day so that forms can be turned in at the October booster meeting (I will also have the forms available at the meeting). For further information about chaperoning away trips, see the "Chaperone Duties – Away Trips" brochure. This brochure, as well as the Chaperone Information Sheet, can be found under "Booster Information" on the website.

Fall is here, and the cooling of the weather means that marching season is upon us! Now that it's begun, be sure to check the music website regularly and print the calendar.

Remember: *No schedule is sacred and is subject to change!*

Also, join the **Yahoo message board**. Announcements, questions & answers, and the relaying of important information flow through this message board. To join, go to the music website and click on the Join Button on the bottom right portion of the home page.

Should you have questions, feel free to contact me at any time. My email address is lindaescobar@cox.net and my cell phone number is (949) 584-7572.

Linda Escobar, Booster President

Events-At-A-Glance

- ◆Oct 10 SAT Test
- ◆Oct 10 5th Annual Tesoro Invitational Field Show @ Tesoro H.S.
- ◆Oct 13 Music Booster Meeting
- ◆Oct 14 PSAT Make-Up Test
- ◆Oct 15 Minimum Day and Back To School Night
- ◆Oct 15 NO BINGO!!
- ◆Oct 16 Tailgate Party and Varsity Football vs El Toro H. S. (Pep Band)
- ◆Oct 17 3rd Annual Music In Motion @ Ayala H.S.
- ◆Oct 22 Varsity Football vs Huntington Beach H. S. (Pep Band)
- ◆OCT 24 ACT Test FREE WEEKEND!!
- ◆Oct 31 2nd Annual Royal Regiment Field Tournament @ Rancho Bernardo H.S., San Diego
- ◆Oct 31 32nd Annual Capistrano Valley H.S. SCJA Tournamet @ Capo Valley HS, Mission Viejo
- ◆Nov 2 NO SCHOOL
- ◆Nov 6 Varsity Football vs Woodbridge HOMECOMING!!
- ◆Nov 7 SAT Test
- ◆Nov 7 26th Annual Big Orange Classi @ Wheelock Stadium, Riverside Community College
- ◆Nov 10 Music Booster Meeting
- ◆Nov 11 NO SCHOOL
- ◆Nov 12 Varsity Football vs Northwood H.S. @ Trabuco Hills, and 8th grade night
- ◆Nov 14 17th Annual Tournament in the Hills @ Trabuco Hills high School

BINGO, BINGO, BINGO, BINGO, BINGO, BINGO

EVERY THURSDAY EVENING

6:15 EARLY BIRD

7:00 MAIN GAME

THHS MULTI PURPOSE ROOM.

COME AND VOLUNTEER,

OR BRING FRIENDS AND PLAY!!!

CASH PRIZES, FREE REFRESHMENTS, AND

FUN!!!

(no Bingo Thursday Oct 15. Back to School Night)



GRACE NOTES

As we head into this busy marching season, let's not forget to keep our musicians fed, rested, supplied with lots of water, treats, clean polos and dinkles, dark tee shirts and shorts, make-up and hair stuff, and our undying support. The best support we can give them as parents is to go to competitions and watch them perform. Listen to them talk about their shows and give them room to grow. Their growth and development during this time will AMAZE YOU!!

17TH ANNUAL TOURNAMENT IN THE HILLS (“TITH”)

Do you know what is happening on **Saturday, November 14, 2009**???. If you guessed that we are hosting the **17th Annual Tournament in the Hills**, then you are right! If not, please mark this very important date on your calendar!!!

This tournament is the **MAJOR** fundraiser for the entire instrumental music program. Consequently, we request that **EVERY PARENT** involved in any aspect of the instrumental music program (Band, Guard, Drumline, Orchestra and Jazz Ensemble) help out in any way that he/she can. Ideally, we would like you to work one or both shifts on the day of the tournament. If volunteering your blood, sweat and tears is not feasible, you can also help out in other ways – provide baked goods, make signs or do some prep work leading up to the tournament. As we have said before, **EVERY PARENT** is requested to work or assist in some capacity, so please join the fun!

The initial rounds of volunteers were completed at the September Music Boosters meeting. We are still looking for volunteers to work one or both shifts (MOSTLY EVENING) for the following committees where volunteers are still needed:

Here is a quick summary of those committees:

- *Band Assistance* – Guide schools to warm-up areas, bathrooms and then to the stadium
- *Kitchen* – Prepare and sell food to spectators and participants from the Concessions Stand
- *Bus Parking* – Help direct school busses and supporting vehicles to designated areas
- *Security* – Watch over the entire campus and ensure Silent Zones are kept silent
- *First Aid* – Certified nurse or medic to provide first aid to performers and spectators
- *Clean-up* - At the end of evening, return items to bin and organize clean-up process

If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me via email at gdogisgod@cox.net or via phone at (949) 290-0969. We look forward to many more sign-ups at the October Music Boosters meeting!!!

Sincerely,

Quincy Nguyen

Visual Caption Head / Webmaster/Tournament Director

Walt and Mary Howard 2009 Tournament co-chairs

<http://thhsmusic.com>

MARCHING BAND

Can you believe it? It's October already which means things are going to be getting really busy here for Marching Band. The kids and staff continue to work hard at perfecting the show. Hopefully you had a chance to come out to the last football game and get a glimpse of what's to come. This was their first opportunity to display their show in public. Way to go!

October and November are going to be two very busy months for marching band and it is important to plan your student's time accordingly. Not sure if you all know this but each student's spot on the field is critical to the show and when one person is missing that leaves an open spot on the field. These open spots are noticeable during the show and can throw off the other students around that spot. So if at all possible, please have your kids at each practice and event.

There will be competitions coming up every weekend now through November 21st, with the exception of October 24th. THIS IS A FREE WEEKEND, ENJOY IT!!! PLEASE CHECK THE CALENDAR @ www.thsmusic.com FOR ALL DATES AND ITINERARIES.

Remember practice is every Tuesday and Thursday after school, or in the evening from 6 to 9 pm. Please come out and support you kids and the staff if you can.

We can use help with each event so sign up at the booster meetings to help with loading, hauling, feeding, chaperoning, you name it.

Go Blue!!!

Mike Fink/ Frank Schaefer

Co VP's of Marching Band



COLOR GUARD

Color Guard has had an excellent turnout of parents and family at our last few football games. It is so exciting to see that the majority of our girls have their family in attendance supporting them. We'd like to thank those of you who have volunteered to help us out. While we didn't have any equipment to remove from the field, it's good practice chaperoning the girls and gives us a wonderful opportunity to get to know our Color Guard parents.



With competitions around the corner, your daughter will be learning a lot of new work. Keep in mind that current work and drill may be revised as the season progresses. We encourage your daughter to practice a lot at home. It is also very important to attend the sectionals arranged by the captains on the weekends or after school. We realize that sectionals are optional. However, they help refine your daughter's technique.

Also, each girl was assigned a **big sister** her freshman year. If your daughter is a freshman, and she is struggling with her work and drill, please have her contact her big sister to work with her. Many upperclassmen stay on campus on Mondays before dance class, or on Thursdays before evening rehearsals. If your daughter stays on campus too, please encourage her to ask her big sister for help and to practice. If her big sister is not available, we're confident that others will volunteer to help her.

During our monthly Booster Meeting, we have sign up sheets for parents to volunteer at football games and competitions. If you are unable to sign up at the meeting, but want to volunteer, please feel free to contact us. And don't forget about Bingo! Every Thursday Music Booster's hosts our weekly Bingo game in the MPR. Please volunteer. We have shifts to accommodate a variety of schedules. You can work as few as two hours, or the whole night. Whichever works best for you!

Marie and Tom Connell

Co-Vice Presidents, Color Guard

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ORCHESTRA

Just a few things to review this month:

- Thank you to everyone who got fitted for tuxedos last month. And, thank you to the volunteers who made the fitting go so smoothly.
- For those students that didn't get a chance to attend the school fitting, please get fitted **immediately** at the [Friar Tux on El Toro](#). You will not be able to perform without a Tux!

This is our fourth and last year in the music program and it has been truly rewarding for us both. Even though we were overwhelmed at the beginning, we got involved and have many wonderful experiences to share. So, please jump in and join us! (Hint: A good place to start is this November with the Tournament in the Hills event! It's a requirement!)

This music program instills many values in our students and we thought we'd share a few we've witnessed:

RESPONSIBILITY: Trying to get a teenager to take initiative and responsibility can be a challenge. We all know that. But the Directors in this program treat the students as young adults and **expect** responsibility from them. As a result, most of them learn responsibility, and beyond that, leadership. We've seen many kids go from lazy and naive to proactive and devoted. Yes, it **can** and **does** happen very often in this program.

RESPECT: As parents, we have always given encouragement to our students. But when you see or overhear our kids **giving** encouragement to their peers, **respecting** their directors and leaders, or **acknowledging** a job well done ... well that shows that they've grown.

GROWTH: This is a time for us as parents to let our kids grow. We've nurtured them, while they were young, to understand the essential values in life to become adults of great character. High School is the time for us to slowly let go, **trust** that our hard work has paid off, and to let that person **bloom**. Helping out in this program has allowed us to witness this growth in our son and many, many other students.

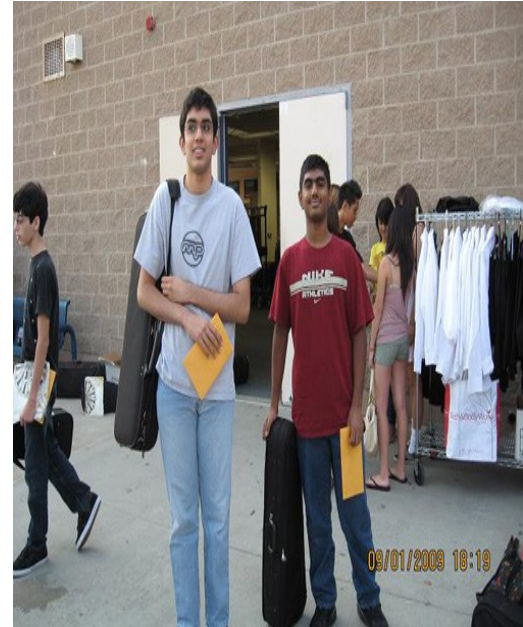
So, please take the time to see some of these great qualities bloom in all of our students. You won't regret it! We look forward to the season ahead and, as always, feel free to contact us with any questions. Thank you for all your support!

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JAZZ ENSEMBLE

We would like to welcome 3 new members to the Advanced Jazz Ensemble. Cody Irwin, Chris Stetzer, and Brandon Card. The group is looking forward to competing in the Advanced Level for jazz Competition Season.

Jazz attire consists of a grey shirt and tie for competitions and a referee shirt for performing at basketball games. During period 4



Jazz class, we will be fitting new members and returning members that have outgrown their attire. **Payment for any new shirts purchased will be due upon receipt.** If any alumni donate their shirts, they will also be available for purchase at a lower cost. All members are responsible for supplying their own black dress pants, black shoes, black socks and a black belt to be worn for competitions.

Mr. Moreau will still be fielding positions for next semesters intermediate level after school jazz group.

Chris Knudson and Bessie Nakashima
Co-VP Jazz

CHEESES AND FLAMS FROM DRUMLINE

Alrightythen. We've had one football performance, and by the time you read this, one competition performance. Now you know what all that sweating, running, marching, painting and fixing was for. Pretty fun, huh? So, what we need now is more schleppers! If you've ever wanted to have the "sideline" experience at a football game, well, now you can get the next best thing (or the next better thing). **The Pit Crew!** Think about it. Beats sitting around in the stands, I'll wager. Plus, it's good exercise. Anyway, give it a shot.

While I'm at it, I'd like to put in a push for **BINGO**. If you can come out and spend a few hours of a Thursday, like from 6:30 to 9:30, we could use your help. There's a small group of people who keep coming out and doing the work and having fun to boot, and you could be one of them! Bingo benefits the whole program and we could use some more help so give it a try! We always overdo things and it's always fun, and our Bingo players appreciate it.

Raul Escobar and Dave Yingling
CO VP's Drumline

What exactly are Cheeses and Flams?

*A **Flam** is a note played on percussion with a quick "crushed" grace note.*

***Cheeses** are Flams with a diddle on the main note. Any questions???*



MONEY MATTERS

Hello everyone - It's time for your monthly update on payments that should have been made and

what's coming up. First, unless you've spoken to me already and you're on a payment schedule by now you should have made two of your ensemble payments if you're in Marching Band, Color Guard, or Orchestra. Marching Band and Color Guard families should have paid a total of **\$300** and Orchestra families should have paid a total of **\$240** by now. The first payment for the jazz ensemble is due by **Oct. 17**, in the amount of **\$162.50**. Second, the first payment for the trip to WBA Championships in Fresno for both Marching Band & Color Guard families is also due next week, by the **15th**, in the amount of **\$140**.

Please make your payments on time as we have bills to pay and financial obligations to meet by certain dates also. The more you participate in fundraisers, the more money you'll earn for your account and the less out-of-pocket expense you'll have. So come to the booster meetings and check the website for all the fundraising details and then participate so I can put credits in your account!

See you at the booster meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 13th.

Kay Jacques

Treasurer

WAY AND MEANS

Welcome to Fall and Marching Band Season! It is lots of fun and excitement with a little bit of work thrown in there for good measure! Just don't forget about all the great fundraisers we have going on now and on the horizon! Here is a list:

Discount Cards – There are still some available, just ask Mojadeh

Entertainment Books – You can still get yours, remember buy 10 get 2 free, they make great Christmas presents!

Silent Auction – this is on 10/15 at Back to School Night. If you didn't get a chance to donate, please stop by and bid! You never know what you will find!

BBQ at Back to School and Tailgate – who else but the Music Boosters would do 2 BBQ fundraisers back to back! Yes we are a crazy but productive group! So stop by for a burger or to help! The more the merrier!

Christmas Poinsettias – The flyers are in the works and should be out shortly. These are beautiful plants that are grown south of here and can last for a long time. Keep them on your list of things to remember to buy for the holidays.

Sees – Yes it is coming! This is a great fundraiser and always does well. Remind your family and friends that you will be selling it, so they can get in on the action!

And please don't forget **BINGO!** It is a lot of fun to come and work as well as play. You can win real money!

Have a great october,

Laura Nygaard, VP Ways and Means

