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Dear THHS Instrumental Music and Color Guard Students:

I hope this correspondence finds you having a fun and relaxing summer! As we move toward August, preparations for the 2009 – 2010 rehearsal and performance season are being finalized. From the marching band and color guard perspective, the fall is filled with the usual football games and participating in the Western Band Association Circuit Competitions and Championships. In addition, there will be a couple other field tournaments from other circuits. Orchestra will be participating in the local festivals along with a return to the Heritage Festival in Las Vegas in April. The Drumline and Color Guard will be participating in their circuit shows and the local WGI Regional in Southern California. Jazz Ensemble will be joining the Orchestra and Wind Ensemble in Las Vegas for the Heritage Festival along with their regular (TBA) schedule. Throw in the regular concert program, camps (Band, Color Guard, and Orchestra), and picnics, and all the programs are in for another challenging and exciting year. Visit the website <thhsmusic.com> to check the calendar and get a hard copy. With the success of camps last year, here is the list for the first semester:

- Rookie Thundering Mustang and Color Guard Camp (17 – 18 August 9:00 A. M. – 12:00 Noon)
- Thundering Mustang Camp (19 Aug. – 9 Sept. 9:00 A. M. through 5:30 P. M. excluding Labor Day), Orchestra Camp (1 & 2 Sept. 6:00 P. M. – 8:30 P. M.)
- Tentative dates for the weekend Orchestra Camp are 4 – 6 Dec. or 29 -31 Jan (Friday 5 – 10, Saturday 9 – 9, & Sunday 1 – 4).

These camps are mandatory for the participants of those organizations. Do keep in mind Thundering Mustang Members: **there will be alternates this year and how you perform during camp will determine where your contributions will be during the fall semester. In other words, I suggest you be there!**

As a member of the Western Band Association, the THHS Instrumental Music and Color Guard programs has been recognized as one of the top competition and performance units in the Western United States. We are obligated to those previous students to put forth the effort necessary to maintain and expatiate on this high standard of tradition. We must first and foremost understand, **“we cannot sit back and live in the**

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past.” Just because we have fared well in the past does not mean we will be equally successful because we are “Trabuco Hills High School.” To remain as one of the top instrumental programs in California, a higher level of energy and dedication must be applied to our work ethic to achieve the standard that has made the **THHS Instrumental Music and Color Guard** program successful and respected.

Please read all the materials in this letter carefully. Be sure and mark the rehearsal and performance dates on your calendar so there are no conflicts. Every person is an intricate part of this organization. Your time, energy, attitude, and presence are essential to make this a successful and memorable year. Our past accomplishments will be hard to top, but I am willing to give my best effort to help the organization continue to achieve that level of excellence. Please keep in mind attendance is a prerequisite (at practices and performances) to be a part of this organization. All aspects of rehearsal and performance standards will be higher than in the past. Upper classmen, your leadership skills will be needed! This philosophy applies to all aspects of the program.

Orchestra members, auditions will be held on 31 August between the hours of 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM and 1 September from 9:00 AM – Noon. There is a slight possibility the hours might change, so check the list closely when you sign up to audition. A sign up list will be available the week of 24 – 28 August in the music room. Most of you received the audition music before summer break. Those that didn't can pick it up when they sign up. You will also be required to play a two-octave scale of choice. Sight-reading will finish out the audition process. Music for the year is still under consideration with final decisions coming soon.

One of the most useful items of information I send out every year has to do with rehearsals. Please understand that rehearsals are very important and each person is an intricate part. Your absence during a rehearsal or performance can make a big difference. Please take note orchestra members; this also applies to you too! Read the following article. The “e” is not functioning properly and you will see the problems created by this malfunction:

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You Arx a Kxy Pxrson

Xvxn though my typxwritxr is an old modxl, it works vxry wxll xxcept for onx kxy. You would think that with all thx othxr kxys functioning proprly, only onx kxy not working would hardly bx noticxd; but just onx kxy out of whack sxxms to ruin the wholx xffort. You may say to yoursxlf, “wxll I’m only onx pxrson. No one will noticx if I don’t do my bxst”. But it doxs makx a diffxrxncx bxcausx to bx xffctivx an organization nxxds activx participation by vxry onx to thx bxst of his or hxr abilitixs. So thx nxxt timx you think you arx not important, rxmxbxr my old typxwritxr, You arx a kxy pxrson!!!!!!

Imagine the frustration of trying to rehearse or perform with one or two students missing. The point being made is your attendance at rehearsals (and performances) is needed to make the program successful. The absence of one person creates a bigger impact than is initially imagined. If you make the commitment to be part of the program, there are people relying on you to be there! Missed practices or performances can result in your position being rewritten, you on the sidelines as an alternate, or being removed from the organization completely.

Band and color guard members, although not required, it is highly encouraged that you have a physical before band camp. The **Thundering Mustangs** are not just “any” marching organization (or like your parents’ marching band experience) and the demands put on your body and mind are high. If there are medical problems, you should know before camp and these problems need to be brought to the director’s attention. Please take note; running is a part of the endurance building. If you are unable to at least job, it is very unlikely you will be able to push yourself on the field during a typical THHS Thundering Mustang and color guard performance. Take the steps to make sure you are in shape before coming to camp!

Other suggestions include eating breakfast and lunch. This is very important. You will be burning an exorbitant amount of energy. Bring and drink plenty of fluids, more so water, Gatorade, All Sport, etc. Please be sure to bring your sunscreen too; we do practice during the warmer parts of the day. Your health is important! A major priority is to make sure you bring your medical form. **No marching or pageantry member will be allowed to participate until this card is turned in!**

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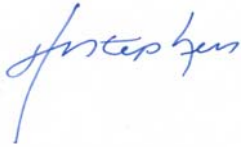
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This year's completion show is entitled **Scenes of Trepidation and Tranquility**, which features the music of **Key Poulan** and **Jay Bocook**. As is always the case, it is a challenging piece of literature along with marching and choreography to match.

Mustang Round up for the Marching Band and Color Guard Members will be 1 September from 11:30 – 2:30. This time has been specifically set aside for students in the marching band and color guard program to register. **Plan on taking care of your school registration at this time.**

Well, ladies and gentlemen, I am looking forward to getting back in the swing of things! This promises to be yet another outstanding year and well worth the time and effort. Be sure to come to camp with your body in top physical shape, your mind sharp and open, and your musical instrument in optimum playing condition. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at school [(949) 768-1934 X7618 or e-mail me at <stephensh@svusd.org>. I will be calling messages daily.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!!!



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♪ MUSIC BOOSTERS ♪

Dear Parents and Students:

Welcome to another exciting year of the THHS Instrumental Music Program! Enclosed is your packet of forms and information for the 2009/2010 school year. The following are enclosed in your packet, unless noted below:

1. Participation Form – For marching band, color guard and orchestra members, **SIGN AND BRING THIS FORM** to the first day of Band Camp or Orchestra Camp, **with a check**. Jazz members, sign and bring this form to your jazz class the first week of school; your first payment can be mailed later.
2. Marching Unit Camp (consists of band and color guard members, and is also known as “Band Camp”) and Orchestra Camp Information Sheet – This sheet details dates and times of these camps, and what to bring. Jazz members have not received this form.
3. Student Information Sheet – For marching band, color guard and orchestra members, **COMPLETE AND BRING THIS FORM** to the first day of Band Camp or Orchestra Camp. Jazz members, complete and bring this form to your jazz class the first week of school.
4. Emergency Card – For marching band and color guard members, **COMPLETE AND BRING THIS FORM** to the first day of Band Camp. Orchestra and jazz band members have not received this form in their packets; emergency cards will be given to jazz band and orchestra students in class at a later date.

NO STUDENT WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE AT BAND CAMP WITHOUT THIS FORM COMPLETED, SIGNED AND BROUGHT TO CAMP!

5. Clothing Order Form – Students from all ensembles are required to purchase white polo shirts as listed on this form.

MARCHING BAND AND COLOR GUARD STUDENTS: The first football game, at which you will be performing, is on Friday, September 11, 2009. It is **MANDATORY** that the white polo shirts be worn at all football games! Please note the deadline on the form to order your white polo shirts to receive them in time for the first football game. If you have not yet ordered your white polo shirts, please bring your completed form and payment to the booster meeting on Monday, August 10, or mail the form and payment to the clothing chairperson, Patty Morris. Her address and phone number are on the form.

6. Band Uniform Fitting information sheet – Please make sure to review this form so your student comes for his/her fitting on the correct date. **This form is for marching band members only.**
7. Marching Band & Color Guard Picture Day Reminder sheet – The group photo will be taken after school on the first day of school. Individual photos will also be available. The photo order form will be passed out to students during the last few days of band camp. **This is for marching band and color guard members only.**
8. Participation Points information sheet – This sheet describes our program for volunteering.

I encourage you to check the music website regularly at <http://thhsmusic.com> for updates and important information. For freshman parents, please review the Frequently Asked Questions and Freshman Handbook found in the Boosters Information section. Should you have *any* questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Linda Escobar
THHS Music Boosters President
lindaescobar@cox.net
(949) 584-7572

July 2009

**THHS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC – COLOR GUARD/WINTER GUARD
PARTICIPATION FORM**

TURN THIS FORM IN ON FIRST DAY OF BAND CAMP!

STUDENT NAME _____ PHONE NO. _____

PARENT NAME _____

TOTAL COLOR GUARD COSTS – 2009/10

1ST Semester COLOR GUARD - \$450.00

COSTS DUE for 2009-2010 1st Semester - may be divided into 3 payments

as follows:

Due on 1 st day of band camp	- \$150.00	\$ _____
Due Oct. 3	- \$150.00	
Due Nov. 7	- \$150.00	

AMOUNT PAID AT THIS TIME: \$ _____

ESTIMATED 2ND SEMESTER WINTER GUARD FEES: \$450.00. *(We have done our best to provide you with a firm projected estimate. The amount may vary dependent upon student participation count in this ensemble, following auditions. You will be notified of the exact fee by January, 2010).*

****NO REFUNDS AFTER SEPTEMBER 8, 2009**

Please make checks payable to: THHS Music Boosters, AND SEND WITH YOUR SIGNED PARTICIPATION FORM ON THE FIRST DAY OF BAND CAMP!!

All future payments should be made payable to THHS MUSIC BOOSTERS, and sent c/o Kay Jacques, 21902 Calderas, Mission Viejo, CA 92691. If you have any questions, call your booster President, Linda Escobar, at 949/584-7572, or your Treasurer, Kay Jacques, at 949/581-8196.

The above costs DO NOT include trips and food and/or souvenirs at events. You will receive a separate Trip Sheet with trip costs and payment schedules. **Costs DO NOT include SVUSD Transportation Fee (required by the school district). This cost will be collected at school registration.**

I understand that I am financially responsible for any ensemble clothing costs, color guard costs and trip costs of this optional music program.

Parent / Guardian Signature _____(required)

TRABUCO HILLS HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC
PARTICIPATION POINTS

The Trabuco Hills High School Instrumental Music program thrives not only on the dedicated participation of every student, but on the participation, enthusiasm, labor, and support of its boosters. Our program requires hours of work from each and every family in order to maintain its high standard of excellence in education and life experiences for our children. Our boosters support this program, not only in dollars, but in time. Without this participation, the program would most certainly lose its momentum.

In years past, boosters had the opportunity to make a donation in lieu of providing hours served, in the amount of \$200.00. Boosters had the chance to sign up at the beginning of the year for several different areas of interest. Unfortunately, although we had many sign ups, there was no follow-through on the part of many boosters, and therefore, a small group of dedicated families continued to do most of the work on their own. Not only did our program lose money due to the lack of participation in fundraising, but our trips, tournaments, and on-campus events lacked the necessary support to create the atmosphere of excellence our kids so deserve.

Six years ago, we created the **PARTICIPATION POINTS** program. This program tripled our booster participation and interest. Boosters learned that it was not only important for them to be involved from a financial and time-giving stand point, but that it was also fun and exciting to experience these important times with their children. It has been an extremely successful addition to the Trabuco Hills High School Instrumental Music program. We are very proud of our boosters and this program.

Here's how it works....

Each Marching Band and Color Guard booster family has a \$200.00 (or 200 PARTICIPATION POINTS) requirement. Each Orchestra or Jazz Ensemble family has a \$100.00 (100 PARTICIPATION POINTS) requirement. You can completely eliminate your point requirement by participating in several different ways. As you participate in various events, you earn PARTICIPATION POINTS. These points are applied towards your PARTICIPATION POINTS balance until the required total is met. Any unearned points are then charged to your student's booster account in the form of dollars. You will receive bi-annual statements that will provide you with your balance. You are welcome to contact the Booster Secretary for an earned points report at any time.

There are THREE different credit categories:

10 POINTS	50 POINTS	100 POINTS
<p>Attend a Monthly Booster Meeting (Second Monday of the Month)</p> <p>Be A "Helper" at An Event (Football Chaperone, Tournament Chaperone, Food Helper, Concert Tickets, Uniforms, etc.)</p> <p>Participate in A Fundraiser (See's Candy Sales, TITH Ads, Purchase Scrip, Silent Auction, etc.)</p> <p>Take and turn in digital photos and videotape from an event.</p> <p>Bake some goodies for an event or donate bottled water.</p>	<p>Chaperone An Away Trip!! (Be a chaperone on ANY overnight trip!)</p> <p>Chair Any TITH Committee (Food, Parking, Security, Band Assistance, etc.)</p> <p>Chair Any JITH Committee (Food, Publicity, Stage Admin., etc.)</p>	<p>Become an Event CHAIRPERSON (Band Camp Picnic, Find us a NEW Fundraiser to chair, Chain Gang, Casino Night, See's Candy, Silent Auction, 4th of July Street Fair, etc.)</p>

Note: Tournament In the Hills ("TITH") is a MANDATORY event for ALL Boosters. Participation Points will be granted for every shift to each individual towards the student account of their choice. Questions? Call Linda Escobar (949) 584-7572 or Laura Schneider at (949) 395-2558.

TRABUCO HILLS HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM
2009-2010 STUDENT INFORMATION FORM
(please print clearly)

STUDENT'S INFORMATION

First & Last Name: _____

Grade: 9 10 11 12

Street Address: _____

Ensemble(s): Band Drumline Guard Orchestra Jazz
(circle all that apply)

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Instrument(s): _____
(list all that apply)

Home Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Subscribe to the Message Board: Yes / No

Measurements *(For uniform purposes for all Marching Band members only):*

Height _____ ft. _____ in. Weight: _____ lbs.

MOTHER'S INFORMATION

First & Last Name: _____

Work Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Subscribe to the Message Board: Yes / No

FATHER'S INFORMATION

First & Last Name: _____

Work Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Subscribe to the Message Board: Yes / No

**TRABUCO HILLS HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC
2009-2010 CLOTHING ORDER FORM**

PLEASE RETURN FORM AND PAYMENT TO PATTY MORRIS (address on page 2)

******All Marching Band and Color Guard students MUST have a WHITE POLO shirt prior to the 1st football game on Sept. 11, 2009. All orders must be received NO LATER THAN AUGUST 24, 2009 in order to receive them in time!**

PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE ORDER BEING PLACED****

STUDENT NAME _____

PHONE NO. _____ E-MAIL _____

Please check one: Marching Band Orchestra Color Guard Drumline Jazz Only

REQUIRED ITEMS:

<u>WHITE POLO SHIRT</u> – All members need two (three suggested) M, L, XL, XXL (Freshmen must purchase, returning members may want to replace a stained or worn shirt)	\$25.00 each	<u>QTY</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	No Small or XS Available	\$ _____
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OPTIONAL ITEMS:

<u>NAVY POLO SHIRT</u> – Worn by parents & Boosters S, M, L, XL, XXL (Add \$3 for XXL)	\$25.00 each	<u>QTY</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	1 LINE, \$6 2 LINES, \$8	\$ _____ \$ _____
PERSONALIZATION: _____					

<u>DENIM LONG SLEEVED SHIRT</u> S, M, L, XL, XXL (Add \$3 for XXL)	\$30.00 each	<u>QTY</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	1 LINE, \$6 2 LINES, \$8	\$ _____ \$ _____
PERSONALIZATION: _____					

<u>DENIM SHORT SLEEVED SHIRT</u> S, M, L, XL, XXL (Add \$3 for XXL)	\$30.00 each	<u>QTY</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	1 LINE, \$6 2 LINES, \$8	\$ _____ \$ _____
PERSONALIZATION: _____					

<u>LADIES SCOOP NECK T-SHIRT</u> S, M, L, XL	\$24.00 each	<u>QTY</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	1 LINE, \$6 2 LINES, \$8	\$ _____ \$ _____
PERSONALIZATION: _____					

<u>MENS SHORT SLEEVE T-SHIRT</u> S, M, L, XL, XXL (Add \$3 for XXL)	\$15.00 each	<u>QTY</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	1 LINE, \$6 2 LINES, \$8	\$ _____ \$ _____
PERSONALIZATION: _____					

<u>HOODED / ZIPPER NAVY SWEATSHIRT</u> S, M, L, XL, XXL (Add \$3 for XXL)	\$33.00 each	<u>QTY</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	1 LINE, \$6 2 LINES, \$8	\$ _____ \$ _____
PERSONALIZATION: _____					

<u>CREWNECK NAVY SWEATSHIRT</u> S, M, L, XL, XXL (Add \$3 for XXL)	\$23.00 each	<u>QTY</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	1 LINE, \$6 2 LINES, \$8	\$ _____ \$ _____
PERSONALIZATION: _____					

<u>NAVY SIDELINE JACKET</u> (windbreaker type) XS, S, M, L, XL, XXL (Add \$3 for XXL)	\$29.00 each	<u>QTY</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	1 LINE, \$6 2 LINES, \$8	\$ _____ \$ _____
PERSONALIZATION: _____					

<u>HOODED PULLOVER SWEATSHIRT</u> XS, S, M, L, XL, XXL (Add \$3 for XXL)	\$29.00 each	<u>QTY</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	1 LINE, \$6 2 LINES, \$8	\$ _____ \$ _____
PERSONALIZATION: _____					

OPTIONAL ITEMS: (Cont'd)

<u>LADIES LONG-SLEEVED T-SHIRT</u>	\$27.50	QTY	SIZE		
S, M, L, XL	each			1 LINE, \$6	\$ _____
PERSONALIZATION: _____				2 LINES, \$8	\$ _____

<u>FLEECE LINED COAT</u>	\$52.00	QTY	SIZE		
S, M, L, XL, XXL (Add \$3 for XXL) each				1 LINE, \$6	\$ _____
PERSONALIZATION: _____				2 LINES, \$8	\$ _____
PRICING FOR FULL LOGO ON BACK OF COAT				Add \$14	\$ _____

<u>PAJAMA PANTS</u>	\$25.00	QTY	SIZE		
S, M, L, XL, XXL (Add \$3 for XXL) each				1 LINE, \$6	\$ _____
PERSONALIZATION: _____				2 LINES, \$8	\$ _____

<u>NAVY VISOR</u>	\$12.00	QTY			
	each				\$ _____
PERSONALIZATION: _____				Add \$6	\$ _____

<u>NAVY HAT</u>	\$19.00	QTY			
	each				\$ _____
PERSONALIZATION: _____				Add \$6	\$ _____

<u>NAVY STADIUM BLANKET</u>	\$30.00	QTY			
Polar fleece in a plastic carrying bag	each				\$ _____
PERSONALIZATION: _____				Add \$6	\$ _____

<u>LARGE NAVY SPORTS BAG</u>	\$48.00	QTY			
24" X 12" X 11"	each				\$ _____
PERSONALIZATION: _____				(included in price)	\$ _____

<u>FLANNEL NAVY PLAID BLANKET</u>	\$45.00	QTY			
Matches the flannel PJ Pants					\$ _____
PERSONALIZATION: _____				Add \$6	\$ _____
TRABUCO HILLS CLASS OF 20__ (w/Horse Head) (Indicate Class Please)				Add \$14	\$ _____

TOTAL CLOTHING DUE: Please pay for all clothing at time of order \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: **THHS Music Boosters**. All clothing order forms and payments must be delivered to Patty Morris at: 22 Los Picos, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688 or at the monthly Booster Meeting. Orders are submitted when sufficient orders have been received. During Marching Band season this is usually about once every month. Clothing will be delivered to the Booster Meetings or other Music Program events as announced on the Music Program Website or Yahoo email group.

Questions? Please call either your clothing Chairperson, Patty Morris at 949-459-1919 or email her at morris_patty@pacific-com.com, or call your Booster President, Linda Escobar at 949-584-7572.

This sheet is representative of clothing costs ONLY. The above costs **DO NOT** include trips and food and/or souvenirs at events. You will receive a separate Trip Sheet with trip costs and payment schedules. **Costs DO NOT include SVUSD Transportation Fee** (required by district) and **THHS ASB Card**. These two costs will be collected at school registration.

I understand that I am financially responsible for all of the above clothing, band costs and trip costs of this optional music program.

Parent / Guardian Signature _____ (required)

**TRABUCO HILLS HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM
2009 THUNDERING MUSTANGS MARCHING UNIT & 2009 SYMPHONIC ORCHESTRA
CAMP INFORMATION**

Thundering Mustangs Marching Unit

The **2009 Rookie Band Camp** will be held on Monday, August 17, 2009 and Tuesday, August 18, 2009 from 9:00am until 1:00pm at Trabuco Hills High School. This is a **MANDATORY** camp for ALL incoming freshmen members, ALL battery members, ALL color guard members and ALL new members/marching members to the ensemble, regardless of class. On these days, the section leaders and the visual instructors will teach the members the fundamentals of our marching style. There will be no playing on these days, so you do not need to bring your instruments. **ALL paperwork for all participants is due on the first day of camp!!!**

The **2009 Band Camp** will begin on Wednesday, August 19, 2009 and will end on Wednesday, September 9, 2009 at Trabuco Hills High School. *There is no camp on Friday, September 4, 2009 or Monday, September 7, 2009 for Labor Day.* Band Camp lasts from 9:00am until 5:00pm every weekday. This is a **MANDATORY** camp for ALL members of the marching unit. It is vital that everyone attends every day of camp. The typical schedule will be music rehearsals in the morning and marching rehearsals in the afternoon (*subject to change*). **ALL paperwork is due on the first day of camp!!!**

Below are items we recommended the students bring to Rookie Band Camp / Band Camp.

- ❖ Your completed medical release form and all paperwork received in the mail (**MANDATORY**)
- ❖ A good, positive and open attitude
- ❖ A jug of water
- ❖ A hat or visor
- ❖ Sunglasses
- ❖ Sun Block
- ❖ Flexible running or tennis shoes
- ❖ Your equipment (i.e. instrument, flag, rifle, sabre, drumsticks, etc.) in good playing condition
- ❖ A folder to hold all your music and a pencil to write with
- ❖ Lunch or money for lunch
- ❖ A "Dot Book" (contact your section leader if you do not know what this is)

Symphonic Orchestra

The **2009 Orchestra Summer Camp** will be held on Tuesday, September 1, 2009 and Wednesday, September 2, 2009 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm in the Trabuco Hills High School Music Room. This is a **MANDATORY** camp for all members of the 2009-2010 Symphonic Orchestra (string and wind players) including the members of the Marching Unit who also perform in the Orchestra. Chair seatings will be determined at this camp so you will not want to miss out on this opportunity. *String players* - Bring a piece of music you feel will show your abilities on your instrument. Wind and percussion players from last year will have the first opportunity at playing. If you would like to audition to be a member of this ensemble, please contact Dr. Howard Stephens. There is no charge for this camp.

This information and much, much more is also available on the Trabuco Hills High School Instrumental Music website at <http://thhsmusic.com>.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Linda Escobar at (949) 584-7572 or at Linda.Escobar@gemb.com OR any of your booster board members listed in the Boosters section of the website at <http://thhsmusic.com>.

MARCHING BAND & COLOR GUARD

PICTURE DAY REMINDER

Sept. 10th, first day of school, 3:15 pm

**IT IS MANDATORY
THAT YOU WEAR THE FOLLOWING
CLOTHING UNDER YOUR UNIFORM ON
PICTURE DAY:**

**LIGHT WEIGHT, DARK COLORED SHORTS,
NO BOXERS
DARK COLORED SHIRTS WITH SLEEVES
NO SPAGHETTI STRAPS, SPORTS BRAS,
TUBE TOPS,
TANK TOPS, HALTER TOPS, ETC, ETC.**

**MARCHING BAND MEMBERS –
DON'T FORGET TO BRING
YOUR WHITE SOCKS
AND MARCHING SHOES!!!**

TRABUCO HILLS HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC EMERGENCY CARD

ATHLETE'S LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____ GRADE _____ BIRTHDATE _____

ADDRESS _____ HOME / CELL PHONE _____

STUDENT INSURANCE: "I certify that my son/daughter (or ward) is insured for accidental death insurance in a amount of \$1500 and for at least \$1500 insurance protection for medical and hospital expenses resulting from accidental bodily injury while participating in or practicing for inter-school athletic events, or while being transported to and from such athletic events."

INSURANCE CO / PHONE NUMBER _____ POLICY / GROUP NUMBER _____ PARENT / GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____

Circle Student Living With
YES NO

FATHER'S FULL NAME _____ EMPLOYER _____ BUSINESS ADDRESS _____ BUSINESS PHONE _____

YES NO

MOTHER'S FULL NAME _____ EMPLOYER _____ BUSINESS ADDRESS _____ BUSINESS PHONE _____

YES NO

STEP PARENT/GUARDIAN _____ EMPLOYER _____ BUSINESS ADDRESS _____ BUSINESS PHONE _____

Please list two persons in the LOCAL area who will assume temporary care of your child if you cannot be reached:

Name _____ Phone _____ Name _____ Phone _____


Family Physician _____ Phone _____

PARENT CONSENT: I hereby give my consent for the above named son/daughter (or ward) to compete in sports and to go with a representative of the school on any trips. In case this pupil is injured, you are authorized to have him/her treated.

(Please notify school of any changes to the information on this card)

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

List any health problems _____

 **TRABUCO HILLS HIGH SCHOOL
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAMS
and MUSIC BOOSTERS**

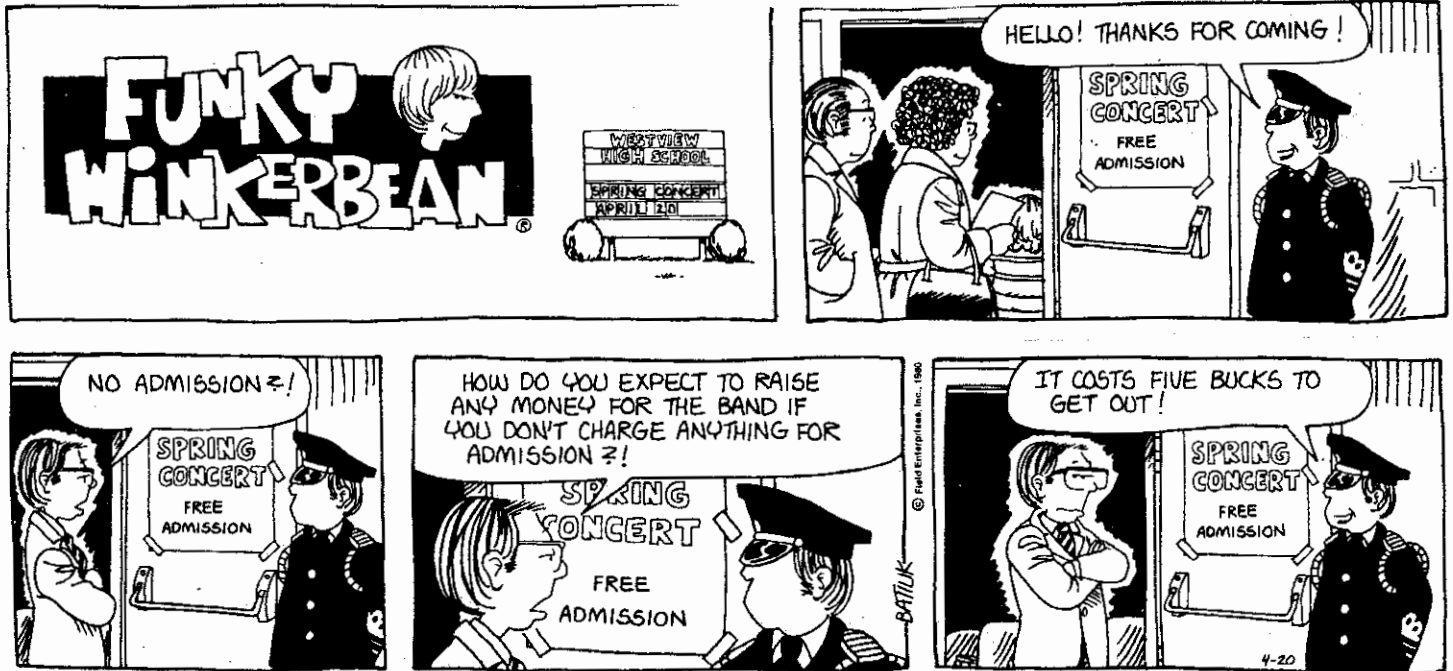


FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

<http://thhsmusic.com>

1. *What is the Music Boosters organization and what is its purpose?*

The Music Boosters is an organization consisting of all the families of the students in all of the music programs. A parent is a Booster member by having a student in the instrumental music program. Booster Board Members are elected each May by the membership for the upcoming school year. The Boosters hold monthly meetings to keep members informed. The primary purpose of the Music Boosters is to fund the music programs at THHS as the school district contributes very little as far as actual funding.



2. *What choices does my student have in regards to the different programs (ensembles) within the Instrumental Music Department? For which ensembles does my student have to audition?*

Marching Band, Wind Ensemble*/Symphonic Winds (second semester band), Jazz Band*, Orchestra, Color Guard*, Winter Guard (second semester) and Drumline* (second semester).

**Ensembles that require auditions.*

3. *Can my student be in more than one of these ensembles?*

Yes, but most of the groups have designated class time and count as an elective, such as:

Band: Marching band is during first semester; Wind Ensemble/Symphonic Winds are during second semester.

Color Guard: Color Guard marches with the band during first semester; Winter Guard is during second semester.

Orchestra: First and second semesters.

Jazz Band: First and second semesters. Auditions for Jazz Band are in September.

Drumline: Second semester ensemble. Auditions are in December or early January.

4. ***What would our costs be for these ensembles, and if my student is in more than one, do we have to pay for each ensemble?***

The participation costs, called Fair Share Costs, are determined by the Music Booster Board each June by preparing a budget for the upcoming school year based on projected and historical operating costs of each ensemble. These budgeted costs are then divided among the number of projected students for each ensemble. You pay for each ensemble your student is in.

The budget has not yet been set for the 2009/2010 school year; therefore, the exact amount of the Fair Share Costs is not yet available. However, for informational purposes only, below are the annual costs per ensemble as they were for the 2008/2009 school year.

Marching Band:	\$425.00	First semester cost
Wind Ensemble/Symphonic Winds:	\$105.00	Second semester cost
Total Band:	\$525.00	
Color Guard:	\$390.00	First semester cost
Winter Guard:	\$400.00	Second semester cost
Total Color Guard:	\$790.00	
Orchestra:	\$360.00	Cost for the year
Drumline:	\$400.00	Second semester cost
Jazz Band:	\$300.00	Cost for the year

We understand that it can be difficult to pay the Fair Share Costs in one lump sum, particularly at the beginning of the school year. Therefore, we offer the option of the Fair Share Costs being paid over the course of the school year as described below.

One-third of the first semester costs for **Marching Band and Color Guard** are due on the first day of Band Camp in August with the other two-thirds payable over the fall. Second semester costs can be divided into two payments in winter/spring.

For **Orchestra**, one-third of the annual costs is due on the first night of Orchestra Camp in August, the second one-third is due in the fall, and the final one-third is due in February.

For **Jazz Band**, one-half of the annual costs is due in the fall with the second half due in February.

A payment schedule with payment due dates for all of the ensembles will be provided at the August booster meeting. You will receive statements from the Treasurer on a regular basis showing all activity in your student's account.

The Fair Share costs for **Winter Guard, Drumline, Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Winds** are billed in late January because they are second semester groups. For Color Guard, Winter Guard, Drumline and Jazz Band, there are additional uniform and/or flag costs. Students are required to purchase concert attire for Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Winds and Orchestra. Detailed information about concert attire will be available at the September booster meeting. Marching Band uniforms are provided by the school district.

All accounts must be current by June 1 in order for seniors to receive their graduation cap and gown, and for anyone to attend the End-of-Year Music Awards Banquet held at the beginning of June.

5. ***Is there a way for families to defray some of these costs?***

ABSOLUTELY! Raising fundraising dollars is as equally important to the music programs as the collection of the Fair Share Costs because we are essentially self-funded. Several of the fundraisers are aimed at providing families the opportunity to defray their Fair Share Costs by participating in **50/50 fundraisers**. These fundraisers are generally the type associated with selling individual items. The total profit earned by your selling these items is split 50/50, with 50% of the profit (not the selling price) going to the Boosters' general account and 50% being credited to your student's individual booster account. The more items sold, the more earned toward your student's account. These funds are automatically credited to your student's account as they are earned.

6. ***What do our Fair Share Costs pay for?***

It is extremely expensive to run an instrumental music program such as that at THHS, which has an excellent reputation for the quality of its performances and players. These costs include, but are not limited to: Band truck maintenance, gasoline, storage, toll charges and insurance; additional truck rental; liability and bonding insurance; band uniforms dry-cleaning (after each competition); uniform fittings; postage; supplies; bank fees; newsletter printing; purchase of music; music copyright fees; website maintenance fees; Marching Band field show design and arrangement; color guard flags; Winter Guard show design and arrangement; Drumline show design and arrangement; choreography; instrument purchases and repairs; purchase of instrument cases; all show, festival and competition entry fees; equipment purchases; props; awards; senior dinner; band camp picnic; etc. etc. etc.

7. ***Aside from the Fair Share Costs, are there any additional costs to the Booster families?***

Yes. The Boosters provide hot meals to the students at competitions and festivals if the students will be performing away from school over meal times. For the 2008/2009 school year, the cost to each student was \$8.00 per meal.

Parents are also responsible for all trip costs which include charter bus rentals, hotel accommodations, meals (except Friday sack lunch), and entertainment (usually bowling). Students need to plan on attending *every* trip. You will receive adequate notice of any away trips planned including dates, cost, option of payment plans, etc.

Be assured that the Music Boosters organization makes every effort to keep the costs for these trips as low as possible. Costs for each trip are collected prior to the departure date.

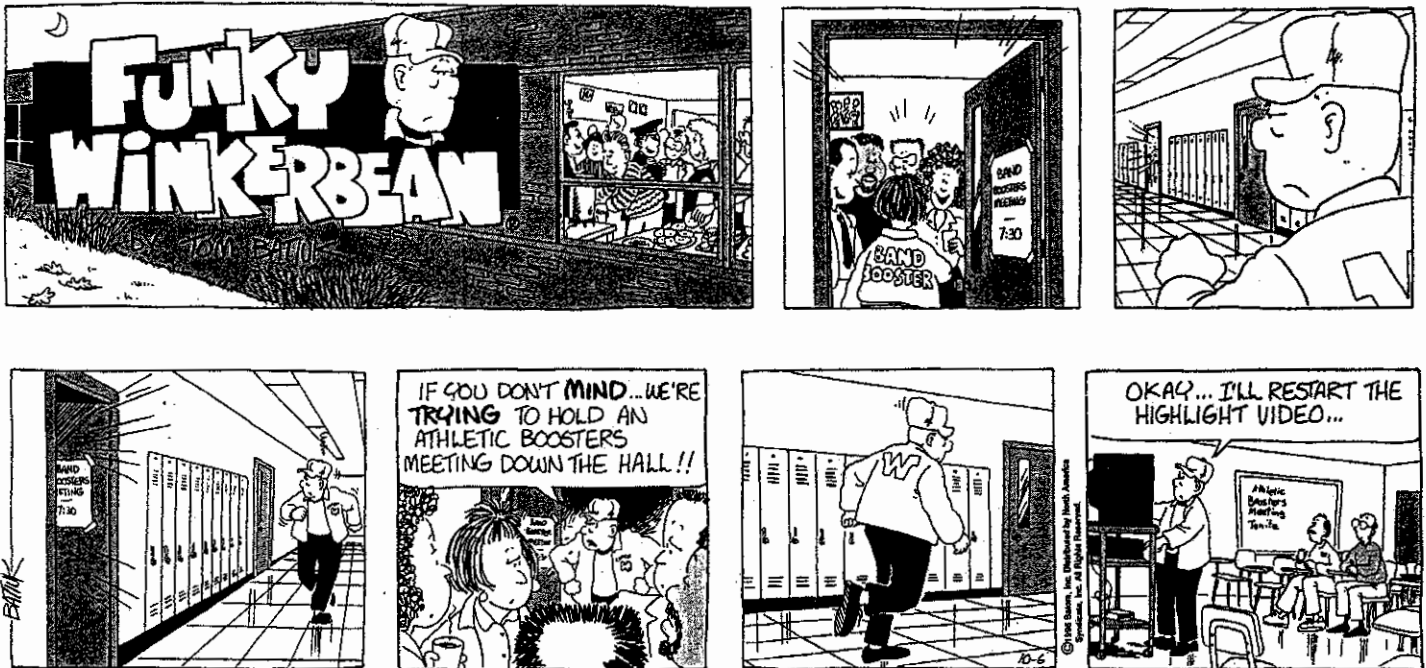
Note: The transportation costs for these trips are not included in the transportation fee you pay to the District during registration. The transportation fee paid to the District only covers the costs for school buses which are only used in the case of local trips.

8. *What other costs are associated with Instrumental Music?*

THHS Music Boosters hires several coaches each year for each and every music program. It is our goal to pay the salaries of these coaches with fundraising dollars. If we do not raise enough money through fundraising to pay coaches' salaries, we will be forced to cut coaches, which in turn affects the quality of the program, or raise the Fair Share Costs paid by each family.

9. *How do I keep informed of upcoming events and fundraisers?*

- Come to the monthly Music Booster meetings! These meetings are currently held on the second Monday of each month (except July) in the THHS multi-purpose room at 7:00 p.m. At these meetings, you will receive important information pertaining to upcoming events and fundraisers; have the opportunity to sign up for chaperoning; get any questions answered; meet other parents; sign up for committees, etc. We encourage and recommend every Booster parent to attend these meetings!



- Go to the music website at <http://thhsmusic.com>. It is updated regularly and contains information pertaining to all upcoming events, each ensemble, and fundraisers. From the site you can download the music calendar for the entire school year with the dates of all competitions, festivals, concerts, rehearsals, trips, booster meetings, etc. The website also provides you with the contact information of the Booster Board members and fundraiser chairpersons. It also includes a photo gallery which the students love to view! We recommend that you and your student familiarize yourselves with the music website as soon as possible.
- You can contact any of the Booster Board members directly via phone or email; their contact information can be found on the website.

- You can (and should!) join the THHS Instrumental Music and Color Guard Yahoo Group, an email group that allows you to automatically receive announcements, bulletins and reminders from the Booster President, other Booster Board members, and Committee Chairpersons. By joining, you can also post questions that generally will be answered within a few hours. This Yahoo Group is an important tool for the distribution of information to everyone, including the students. Instructions to join are on the home page of the music website.



10. ***Does my student have to participate in each activity for the program in which he/she is enrolled?***

The participation in all performances and events is **MANDATORY**. It is nearly impossible for another student to play or perform in your student's place because each student has a specific, unique role within the performances.

11. ***What is expected of parents, and how do I get involved?***

We have our own slogan, which is: "Music Boosters...It doesn't just happen!"

It requires hundreds of volunteer hours to run the music programs at THHS. Volunteers are needed to chaperone and feed the students at competitions, drive the truck, load the truck, coordinate trips, run meetings, collect payments, coordinate and run fundraisers, organize events, take band uniforms to the cleaners, fit the students for uniforms, order concert attire, build props, provide baked goods, collect money at concerts, etc. etc. etc. The list is too extensive to include everything in this short amount of space. These things do not get done on their own!

It also takes a lot of money to run the music programs. The school district provides no funding for the music programs beyond the salaries of our directors. The Boosters organization must pay for everything from coaches' salaries to truck expenses to uniform cleaning to buying instruments. It takes a lot of work, over the course of the entire year, to fundraise the money we need and to collect the Fair Share Costs from Booster families. We expect every family to contribute to our fundraising efforts in one form or another.

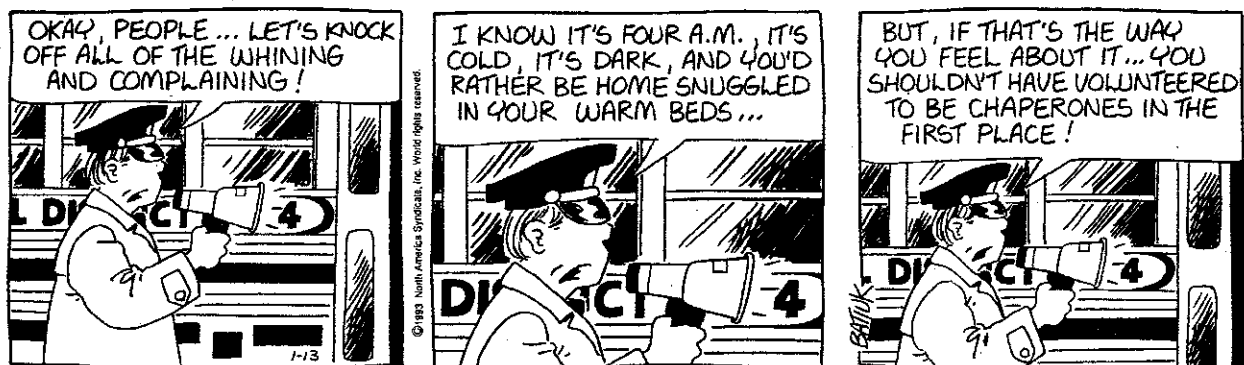
Six years ago, we developed the Participation Points program, which is designed to encourage *every* parent to get involved. Points are earned for participating, whether it's volunteering your time, attending a booster meeting, or participating in a fundraiser. The music programs need every Booster family to contribute in one way or another. There are countless opportunities to earn points, so each family can contribute in the manner they are most comfortable.

A brief explanation of the Participation Points program is that each family is given a required amount of participation points to earn during the school year. This amount depends upon which music ensemble your student is involved (maximum 200 credits per family, or \$200). As you earn credits (or "points"), your obligation is reduced. Each point is worth \$1.00. In May, you will be billed for the balance due (the difference between the original obligation and the amount earned). Points do not roll over to the following school year. More detailed information regarding the Participation Points program is available in the Freshman and Rookie Student/Parent Handbook.

12. ***If I chaperone on an away trip, do I have to pay for meals and hotel accommodations?***

Yes, all chaperones have to pay for their trip expenses; however, you do not make your own travel arrangements or hotel reservations. You will be an official part of the group and the Booster President will make your hotel accommodations and meals arrangements along with the students', staffs', board members', and other chaperones'. All parents, including chaperones and board members, pay for their trip expenses including hotel accommodations and meals. We normally receive discounted hotel rates because of the size of our groups. You will have your own Booster account like that of the students, and your account will be billed for the trip expenses. As for transportation, chaperones can drive themselves or ride the busses, space permitting. We cannot guarantee chaperones that there will be room for them on the busses, but we make our best effort to accommodate as many as possible. Parents who are not chaperoning cannot ride the busses. Neither can any children/students who are not enrolled in the THHS music programs. For more information on chaperoning, go to the music website and read the Chaperone Duties in the "Boosters" section.

Chaperoning is a rewarding experience and a great way to get to know the students and other parents. In addition to away trips, chaperones are needed for local competitions, festivals and football games. Sign-up sheets will be available at all Booster meetings prior to the dates of the events, trips or football games.



13. ***What can my student, and me as a parent, expect to get out of our experience with the THHS instrumental music program?***

Like anything, you get out of it what you put into it. Your student will be part of a wonderful group of students and an impressive music program taught by dedicated staff members. He/She will grow as a person and as a musician. They will also take with them upon high school graduation memories and friendships that will last a lifetime.

As a parent, you will be amazed at what your student will accomplish. Attend the various ensembles' competitions, festivals, and concerts. Get to know the other parents and the students by getting involved as a Booster volunteer. Go on the road trips. Chaperone. Chair a fundraiser. You will find the Booster organization to be full of caring, hard-working parents and you, too, will make lasting friendships. It will be a time in your lives that you and your student will never forget.



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