

Trabuco Hills Music Boosters

September 2010

Booster President's Message

Welcome to the 2010-11 School Year! It's going to be a great one for our students. I must have said this a thousand times already, but our organization is "all about the kids." The boosters exist to provide the foundation and support for a program that allows the students to grow and excel. And that brings me to our unofficial motto: "It doesn't just happen!"

Along with talented students and dedicated staff, the THHS Instrumental Music and Color Guard program is successful because of the tremendous help of the parents that volunteer. Parents are absolutely vital to making this program work. The fall season is especially busy and there are scores of opportunities for parents in every ensemble to get involved. Don't be shy! Just sign up to help for an event and jump right in. We will make you feel welcome and teach you everything you need to know.

Got questions? Want to volunteer? I am always happy to talk to you. You can reach me at david.yingling@gmail.com or (949) 273-9458.

A few very important items to be aware of: check your emails, and sign up on the Yahoo Groups web site for updates, information, and booster dialog. Also, please be sure to check the Trabuco Hills Music web page often at www.thhsmusic.com

Dave Yingling
Booster President

Treasurer

Nancy Orro and Linda Escobar are your Co-Treasurers this year. Nancy is a sophomore parent and is new to the THHS Music Booster Board. She is eager to learn all that there is to know about keeping the Music Boosters financially healthy and running smoothly! Linda is a seasoned veteran of the THHS Music Board, having previously served as Treasurer for four years, Secretary for one and Booster President last year.

Statements of your student's booster account will be available at the monthly booster meetings. Any statements not picked up at the meetings will be mailed

home. All charges and payments will be detailed in the statement.

Please feel free to contact us at any time should you have questions or concerns. If you are having trouble meeting the payment schedules, call or email us so that we can discuss what works best for you.

Communication is important! Our contact information is on the music website.

We hope to see you soon!

Nancy Orro and Linda Escobar

Marching Band

Welcome to a new and exciting year with the 2010/2011 THHS Instrumental Music Program. My name is Jon Bender and I am CO-VP of the Thundering Mustangs Marching Band Unit along with Frank Schaefer. We are very proud of our kids and as you may have heard Trabuco Hills won WBA Class AAAA Championship 2009/2010.

We recently finished a great three weeks of band camp where the students worked on their fitness, marching skills, and music playing.

Volunteers are needed for THHS Varsity Football games and for tournaments that start in October. We organize chaperones for football games and competitions and we schedule pit pushers as well!

In addition to volunteers, donations of cases of water, cookies and/or snacks for the kids to eat/drink at games and competitions are greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at <mailto:kf6iqh@att.net>. Let's continue the success that we have all worked so hard for.

Jon Bender and Frank Schaefer

Color Guard

Hello, we are Marie & Tom Connell your Co-Vice President's of Color Guard. Our daughter Jessica is a junior, and we have been active with Boosters since her freshman year. We are looking forward to terrific Marching Band and Winter Guard seasons! We have 14 champions from last year's team who are well-trained and motivated to help out the incoming class. With six new girls to teach, next year's guard will work and train hard, but play and have fun as well.

The best way to reach us is by cell phone or email. Marie's is 949-584-6149 and pr4marie@yahoo.com. Tom's is 949-463-5351 and tfconnell@yahoo.com.

We'd like to extend an open invitation to all the Color Guard parents to volunteer and be involved. If you can help out, please feel free to let us know when you see us on campus, at Booster Meetings, at football games, when you pick your daughter up from practice or via email or cell. We'll be in touch to let you know the latest on Color Guard through direct emails to you and your daughter, through Yahoo! Groups and at the Booster Meetings. We are excited to be next year's Color Guard "mom and dad."

□ Can we get a TH Color Guard woot woot?!?!

Marie & Tom Connell

Orchestra

Hello everyone! Welcome to our 2010-2011 Orchestra Year. We started out our year with a bowling challenge on August 19 at Lake Forest Lanes. We had 22 students participating plus a few parents, alumni and Dr. Stephens. Sadly, no one was able to beat Dr. Stephens. Nonetheless, everyone had a lot of fun eating pizza, bowling at least 2 games and chatting with new and returning students.

Orchestra Camp was very successful and it was nice to see and meet all the new and returning students and families. Before the first night's rehearsal we had a family potluck and there were many delicious dishes for all to enjoy. We are very fortunate to have many talented freshman joining us this year...it's going to be an exciting season.

Email List: We will be sending email reminders of upcoming events to parents and students on a periodic basis throughout the year. To get on our email list, please send us your email address. You can also download the form from our website. For those of you who don't check emails frequently and prefer phone calls, please let us know.

As always, we look forward to meeting all of you this year. Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have and we'll try our best to make this an enjoyable year for everyone.

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Tuxedo Fittings

September 29th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Music Room

If you have a new orchestra or band student, or your student has outgrown their concert attire, you **MUST** attend this fitting session. This is the only fitting session at our school, so any student not fitted at this time will have to go on their own to the Friar Tux store in Lake Forest.

Tuxedo order forms were passed out during camp. If your student did not get one, you can download the form from the THHS Music Booster website.

Bingo Update

Bingo volunteering: We strongly encourage everyone to come to one of our bingo games that are held every Thursday in the school's multi-purpose room. This is one of our most successful fund raising events and it takes a lot of volunteers to make it happen. We just celebrated our 1st Anniversary on August 26 and had a great turnout. You can come play the game, help out with refreshments or help us sell pull tabs. No experience is required and we promise you that you'll have a fun time either playing or helping.

Jazz

Welcome to THHS Jazz,

Bessie Nakashima and Chris Knudson are the Co-VPs for this season. Chris has been VP for 3 years and Bessie for 2 years. We are both senior parents this year so it will be our last.

Chris takes care of all the technical aspects of the jazz group like setting up the sound system as he is a professional sound man. We are very fortunate to have him supporting the group. Bessie deals with

the communication and paperwork.

Though advanced Jazz meets all year long, they do not start performing until January when basketball season starts. Then in the spring they will be going to competitions.

The after school band will not start meeting until the second semester. We look forward to another successful year!

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Secretary

Hi, I am your secretary - also known as the "Keeper of the Points!"

Each family is required to earn a certain number of points each year. Marching Band and Color Guard families need 200 points; Orchestra and Jazz families are required to earn 100 points.

Donations of water and baked goods are worth 10 points. Bingo help is worth 20. Chair an event and earn 100 points! And, of course, each time you help at a football game, competition or BBQ, you earn 10 points.

Check out your welcome packet for more info or feel free to contact me.

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