



TRABUCO HILLS HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM



BINGO FUNDRAISER

OVERVIEW

On an annual basis, the Saddleback Valley Unified School District (SVUSD) allocates funding provided by the state for co-curricular activities to all schools in our district, including Trabuco Hills High School (THHS). THHS faculty then allocates these funds from the district amongst the various co-curricular activities at the school, such as athletics and sports, academic clubs, performing arts, visual arts, hobby clubs, leadership and service clubs, and many other programs. Due to the increasing competition for these same funds, the amount allocated to the Instrumental Music program is often a very limited amount. Many of the important and impactful activities that are needed to help shape our band students and to give the students a robust music experience are often not fully covered by the allocated funds. Furthermore, the costs of festivals, concerts, competitions, performance events, transportation to/from events, experienced coaches, family potlucks, year-end awards dinner and so many other activities are often at-risk of being cut due to the limited funds.

To help cover costs, the THHS Instrumental Music Program has needed to raise funds through requests for donations, selling program advertisements to local businesses, and sponsoring various fundraising activities. The music program Ways and Means Committee has a list of all fundraising activities the music program has used to help raise funds. One of the largest and most important fundraisers is/has been the Bingo Fundraiser. Due to the size of the activities for this fundraiser alone, it warrants a dedicated Booster VP. As a percent of total dollars brought in, the Bingo Fundraiser is at the top of the list.

Fun Facts about Bingo at THHS:

- 2024-2025 season will be our 14th Anniversary with the Bingo fundraising.
- Bingo is exclusive to the Instrumental Music program; all profits support the music program.
- Funds from Bingo support ALL ensembles, including the Marching Unit, Orchestra, Symphonic Band, Jazz Ensemble, Winter Guard, and Winter Drumline.
- Bingo and the other fundraiser activities help lower the Parent Contributions by ~35%.
- Bingo at THHS is one of the most popular bingo halls in Orange County! Reference: Yelp: Bingo Halls (2024).
- This is serious BINGO! Payouts range from \$250 - \$1,199.
- More than 75 regular players show up every Thursday.

Bingo Location: Trabuco Hills High School Multi-purpose Room

Dates: Thursday evenings year-round

Times: Set-up begins at 3:30 PM. Bingo play begins at 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM. Clean-up 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

Your involvement and support of Bingo means a lot to our students and music program:

The Instrumental Music Program kindly requests that each ensemble member's parents and friends help support this great fundraiser on Thursday evenings. There are three distinct areas and times when support is most needed: during set-up, play time, and clean-up at the end. The set-up phase help entails helping set up the player tables and chairs, the buy-in table, the hospitality stand, the game caller's table, pre-package the games for the evening, and other minor tasks as needed. The play time phase support includes helping with the pull tab tables, sellers walking the room selling the games, maintaining the hospitality stand, and supporting players with various needs they may have. The clean-up phase support includes putting away the tables and chairs, the caller's table, closing the hospitality stand, collecting trash, and tidying up the multi-purpose room. A successful Bingo night usually requires a minimum of 30 members and a lot of teamwork to support the event. Parents can choose to stay the whole evening or arrive to help in a specific area and/or cover a specific shift timeslot.

Keep in mind, this fundraiser is exclusive to the Instrumental Music program and there are many other co-curricular programs at the school who would love to take over the Bingo fundraiser for their own fundraising. Without the Bingo fundraiser, the Instrumental Music Program will have some serious strain on funds and will result in an increase in the risk of losing key events and activities for the students. So, the Instrumental Music



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Program would greatly appreciate your generosity with your time and commitment to keep this fundraiser alive and be a part of our wonderful program.

Other Notes:

- No experience is necessary to support Bingo; just your friendly attitude and willingness to help.
- If you are new to Bingo, have no worries; we will have a list of roles & responsibilities, plus some training to help you get started and get acquainted.
- Ideally, if one parent from all ensembles can work one bingo shift per month, it would greatly reduce the stress on the Bingo VP, managers, and parents that show up every week.
- We also encourage parents to at least try a night of Bingo as players. Any candid feedback on what is working and what is not working would greatly benefit the Bingo experience at THHS.
- You will be moving a lot when helping, so comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

All shifts will be listed on the following [THHS Bingo Sign-Up](#). Each week, a volunteer sign-up sheet will be circulated to all parents in the program. Don't miss out, please sign up and support the Bingo Fundraiser and join the fun. If you have any questions, please contact Rae Fujimoto or any of the Bingo managers.

Thank you,

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