



TRABUCO HILLS HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM



Meeting Agenda

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Meeting Name: 2025-2026 Freshman Orientation **Meeting Facilitator:** Darrell Gene & Brenda Gene

Date: 05/06/2025 **Time:** 7:00 p.m. **Designated Secretary:** Dana Martin

Meeting Location: THHS Choir Room **Pre-work:** None

Agenda Topic	Facilitator	Start & End Time
I. Welcome & Introductions of Board Members	Darrell Brenda	7:00 - 7:05
II. Music Program Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Welcomeb. Staff Introductionsc. Music Program Values & Objectivesd. Educational Goals & Objectivese. Upcoming School Year Roadmap	Mr. Pollock	7:05 – 7:15
III. THHS Ensembles Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Thundering Mustangs Marching Unit<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tournament in the Hills ("TITH")b. Concert Ensemble (Symphony Orchestra, String Orchestra, & Symphonic Band)c. Jazz Ensembled. Color Guard & Winter Guarde. Winter Drumline	Mr. Pollock	7:15 – 7:25
IV. Parent Involvement & Support <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Why I Volunteer at the Music Program	Cynthia	7:25 – 7:30
V. Music Program Funding Support <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Ways and Means Fundraisersb. Bingo Fundraiser	Cynthia Rae	7:30 – 7:35
VI. Contributions & Financial Commitments	Anna	7:35-7:40
VII. Resources & Key Information <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Website, Social Media & Student Information Formb. Freshmen Orientation Packet	Mr. Nguyen	7:40 – 7:50
VIII. Q & A	All	7:50 – 8:00
Meeting Adjourn		8:00
BREAK-OUT SESSIONS		8:00 – 8:30

Next Meeting Dates:

Parent Meeting Tue, July 15th
& London Meeting

Time:

7:00 p.m.

Meeting Location:

THHS MPR



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FRESHMEN ORIENTATION PACKET LIST

Dear Instrumental Music Students and Families:

Welcome to another exciting year of the Trabuco Hills High School (THHS) Instrumental Music Program! Listed below are the key music program participation information and forms to be reviewed, completed and returned to the music program for the 2025-2026 school year.

1. **[Student Information Form](#)** – Please complete this form online, so we can maintain a master roster for the Trabuco Hills High School Instrumental Music Program.
2. **[Schedule of Ensemble Contribution & Costs](#)** – A summary and form of the costs to be a member per ensembles within the Trabuco Hills High School Instrumental Music Program. *NOTE: The costs for the 2025-2026 school year should be finalized by June 2025 (refer to website for last year as a reference).*
3. **[Program Costs & Ensemble Contributions](#)** – This is an overall summary of the cost per member to participate in the different ensembles. Further details of the costs for each ensemble with and without fundraising can be found on Exhibit A. *NOTE: The costs for the 2025-2026 school year should be finalized by June 2025 (refer to website for last year as a reference).*
4. **[Bingo Fundraiser](#)** – To remain competitive and be a successful program, some additional fundraising is necessary to supplement the amounts allocated by the school district. Bingo is a major fundraising activity, and we would like to continue raising the importance of this fundraiser for the THHS music programs. The funds raised through Bingo help to defray costs for all ensembles including String Orchestra, Jazz Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Percussion Ensemble, Color Guard and the Thundering Mustangs Marching Unit. This fundraiser is not only vital to the financial health of the music boosters, but also to the quality of the music education and experience for each student. We kindly request for your support by having parents within the music program work at least one Bingo shift per month. Bingo takes place every Thursday evening year-round. Set up, concession, game sales, and clean up are just a few ways that you support at Bingo. [SignUp](#) can be found on the <https://thhsmusic.com>.
5. **[Summer Camp Information](#)** – This document provides details of Rookie Band Camp, Band Camp, Color Guard Training Camp and Drumline Camp dates. These summer camps are required for all members of the Thundering Mustangs Marching Unit.

For updates and important information, we strongly recommend you do the following:

- Bookmark <https://thhsmusic.com> and check the site regularly
- Review the Music Handbook found in the Boosters Information section of the website
- Follow us on social media: Facebook (#181587690977), Twitter (@thhsmusic) and Instagram (trabuco_hills_music)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either Darrell, Brenda or any of the Boosters leaders (visit website to get a list of the booster leaders). Please know that parent and family involvement is paramount to the success of this program, so please get involved in as many opportunities as you can. By working together with other parents, we know you will make many great friends, have a lot of fun doing it and surely, the students will appreciate your involvement. We look forward to working with each of you!

Sincerely,

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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:

- 2025-2026 season will be our 15th 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 (2025).
- 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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SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION

Rookie Band Camp / Band Camp / Color Guard Camp / Drumline Camp

THUNDERING MUSTANGS MARCHING UNIT

2025 Rookie Band Camp:

Dates/Times: Mon, Jul 28, 2025 and Tue, Jul 29, 2025 from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM

Location: Trabuco Hills High School Music Room

This is a **MANDATORY** camp for ALL incoming freshmen members, and ALL new members to battery, color guard, and marching band, regardless of class grade. For the entire day, 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.

2025 Band Camp:

Dates/Times: Wed, Jul 30, 2025 through Tue, Aug 12, 2025 from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM

Location: Trabuco Hills High School Music Room & Upper Field

This is a **MANDATORY** camp for ALL members of the marching unit. It is vital that everyone attends every day of the camp. The typical schedule will be music rehearsals in the morning and marching rehearsals in the afternoon (*subject to change*).

We recommend the students bring the following items to the Rookie Band Camp and Band Camp:

- ☐ Complete [Pre-Participation Physical Examination Form](#) and online [Athletic Clearance](#)
- ☐ All completed forms and paperwork as listed on Welcome Packet List
- ☐ Equipment (i.e., instrument, flag, rifle, saber, drumsticks, etc.) in good playing condition
- ☐ Music sheets, a 3-ring binder to hold all your music sheets and 2 pencils to take notes
- ☐ Water, half gallon or a gallon recommended
- ☐ A hat or visor, sunglasses, pair of gloves, and a large beach towel
- ☐ Comfortable workout clothes and running shoes
- ☐ Deodorant, personal hygiene items, and medical inhaler
- ☐ Sunblock and lip balm – SPF 30 or higher recommended
- ☐ A "dot book" ^A - section leaders will provide at day 1 of camp for a small fee (bulk purchase)
- ☐ A lunch or money for lunch
- ☐ A good, positive and open attitude



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COLOR GUARD

2025 Color Guard Training Camp:

Dates/Times: Mon, Jun 16, 2025 and Tue, Jun 17, 2025 and Mon, Jul 14, 2025 and Tues Jul 15, 2025 from 3:00 PM until 7:30 PM & Wed Jun 18, 2025 and Wed July 16, 2025 from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM

Location: Trabuco Hills High School Auxiliary Gymnasium

We recommend the students bring the following items to Color Guard Camp:

- ☐ Gloves - Order via online [Peacock's Marching World](#) or [Amazon](#) (Ever-Dri Performance Gloves by DSI in tan)
- ☐ Knee Pads - Athletic volleyball type
- ☐ Water, half gallon or a gallon recommended
- ☐ Sunblock and lip bum – SPF 30 or higher recommended
- ☐ A hat or visor, and sunglasses
- ☐ A "dot book" ^A - section leaders will provide at day 1 of camp for a small fee (bulk purchase)
- ☐ Pen or pencil and a notepad
- ☐ Black & white electrical tape (for rifles only)
- ☐ Extra hair ties, Bobby pins and/or hair clips
- ☐ Yoga mat or a large beach towel
- ☐ Tissue, Band-Aids, deodorant, personal hygiene items, and medical inhaler

PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE

2025 Drumline Camp:

Dates/Times: Mon, Jun 16, 2025 and Tue, Jun 17, 2025 and Mon, Jul 14, 2025 and Tues Jul 15, 2025 from 1:00 PM until 9:00 PM & Wed Jun 18, 2025 and Wed Jul 2, 2025 Wed July 16, 2025 from 5:00 PM until 9:00 PM

Location: Trabuco Hills High School Music Room

This camp is for all members of the Percussion Ensemble (battery and pt) for the upcoming school year. These students will be working with the instructional staff on rudiments and learning the music for the first movement of the Fall 2025 Show.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact any booster board members listed in the Boosters section of the website at <https://thhsmusic.com>.

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^A Also known as a drill book, a small notebook used by marching unit to help learn formations on the field.



2025-2026 STUDENT INFORMATION FORM

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE
STUDENT INFORMATION FORM
BEFORE YOU LEAVE TONIGHT**

