Trabuco Hills High School Instrumental Music Program



2025 Freshmen Orientation Meeting

Tue, May 06, 2025

Location: THHS Band Room



Today's Agenda

Welcome & Introductions

Instrumental Music Program Overview

III. THHS Ensembles Overview

IV. Parent Involvement & Support

v. Music Program Funding Support

vi. Contributions & Financial Commitments

VII. Resources & Key Information

VIII. Q&A

IX. BREAK-OUT Sessions

Darrell Gene & Brenda Gene

Brad Pollock

Brad Pollock

Cynthia Longacre

Cynthia Longacre & Rae Fujimoto

Anna Baldenegro

Quincy Nguyen

All

All





Welcome & Introductions

Welcome

 Introductions of Boosters Board Members

2024 - 2025 Co-Presidents: Brenda Gene & Darrell Gene

2025-2026 Booster Board Members

Boosters Board Roles	Total	Interested Parties		
Co-President	2	Lorna Pham OPEN		
Co-Treasurer	4	Carol Compher Bernadeth Ronquillo Anna Baldenegro OPEN		
Secretary	1	Dana Martin		
Co-VP of Ways & Means	2	Agnes Lee Lourdes Trinidad		
Co-VP of Marching Band	4	Kevin Pirotin Paul Biagan Devon Biagan Melvin Solorzano Lourdes Trinidad		
Co-VP of Color Guard	2	Suriana Bombalier Sherri Arnold		
Co-VP of Drumline	2	Sandra Macias Lei Castulo		
Co-VP of Orchestra & Concert Band				
Orchestra	1	OPEN		
Concert Band	1	Kristin Pirotin		
VP of Jazz Ensemble	1	OPEN		
Co-VP of Bingo	2	Rae Fujimoto Kevin Fitzgerald		
Total Board Members	22			





Instrumental Music Program Overview

Directors Professional Bio's

 Award-Winning THHS Instrumental Music Program

Music Staff and Coaches

THHS Music Director: Mr. Brad Pollock

THHS Instrumental Music Program Leaders



Mr. Brad Pollock - Director of Instrumental Music

- 34 years teaching music education
- Berklee and APU Graduated

Mr. Quincy Nguyen - Assistant Director

- THHS Graduate & has been part of the program for 30 years
- UCI graduate





Trabuco Hills High School Instrumental Music Program

- A nationally recognized music program with 100+ students
- Recipient of the CA Distinguished School of Fine Arts Award
- Marching Unit:
 - California State WBA Class 3A Champions (2022, 2023 & 2024)
 - ➤ WBA Grand Champions 2022 & 2023
- Award-winning Symphony Orchestra & Jazz Band
- Award-winning Drumline & Color Guard
- Continuous Superior Music Festival Ratings
- Recipient of the Strike Up the Band Orange County Philharmonic Society Foundation \$10,000 Music Grant
- Performed at the 2021 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade
- Performing at the 2026 London New Year's Day Parade

Ensembles:

- Thundering Mustangs Marching Unit
- Percussion Ensemble
- Color & Winter Guard

- Symphony Orchestra
- String Orchestra
- Concert Band

- Chamber Orchestra
- Jazz Ensemble
- Pep Band







THHS Music Director: Mr. Brad Pollock, Email: Bradley.Pollock@svusd.org

THHS Asst. Music Director: Mr. Quincy Nguyen

Website: https://thhsmusic.com



Trabuco Hills High School Instrumental Music Program

- Invited to march in the 2026 New Year's Day Parade in London, England. Outstanding Recognition!!
- Thousands take part in London's annual New Year's Day parade
- More than 8,000 performers take part in the annual event, which was watched by thousands on the streets of the capital trendy neighborhoods
- > There is still time for you to join!
- A lot to do from now till January.
 Please support our fundraising efforts.







Trabuco Hills High School Instrumental Music Program 2025 - 2026 Roadmap



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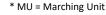
- Building a great tradition of excellence in musicianship at THHS
- Offering the highest quality music instruction and performance opportunities for students
- Performing well at competitions, festivals and concerts

Change(s)

Marching Unit will not attend the WBA championships in Nov due to London travel

Support Needed

- Parent support is very much needed
- Fundraising & Bingo support is always needed
- Many opportunities to get involved (e.g., chaperones, loading instruments, potluck donations, etc.)

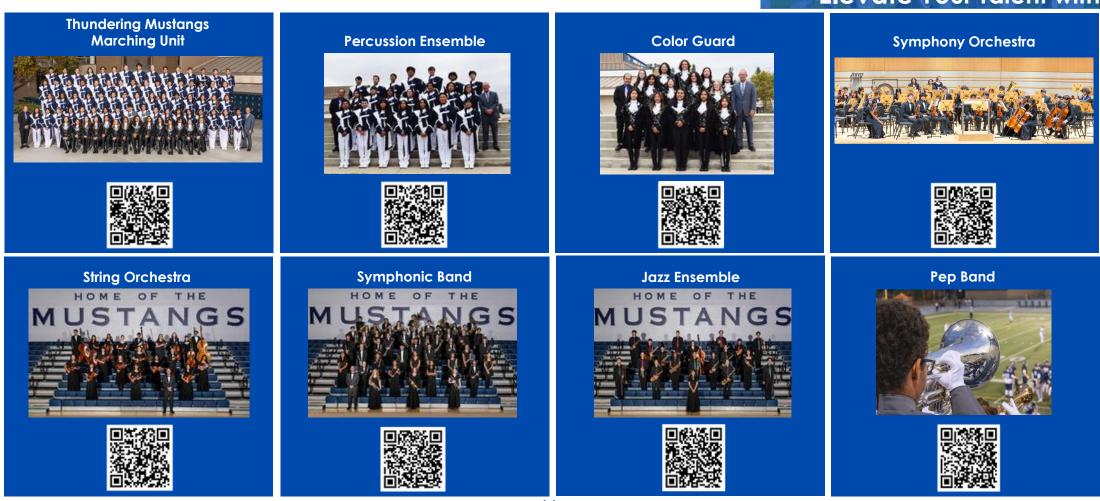






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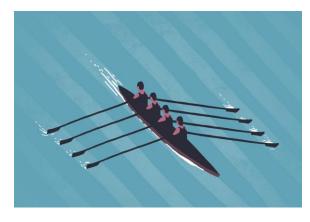
Website: https://thhsmusic.com

Extended THHS Music Staff and Ensemble Coaches

Total of 35 staff members

- 2 Directors
- Instructional Staff
 - 4 Color Guard
 - 5 Percussion
 - 4 Visual
 - 8 Woodwind & Brass
 - 5 Jazz Ensemble
 - 5 Orchestra









THHS Instrumental Music Program Ensembles

- Marching Unit
- Tournament in the Hills (TITH)
- Concert Ensembles
- Jazz Ensemble
- Color Guard / Winter Guard
- Winter Drumline

Mr. Pollock and Mr. Nguyen

THHS Marching Unit – A Championship Caliber Program

























Marching Unit



- A Fall semester activity
- Number of students in the Unit: ~80



THHS performs at several competitions, concerts & games in Southern CA

- Numerous competitions in Southern CA area
- Western Band Association (WBA) Championships (Central CA)
- Fall & Holiday Concerts
- Football & Basketball Games Pep Tunes

2024 Outcomes:

- WBA Class 3A Champions (2022, 2023 & 2024)
- 3rd Place @ WBA Grand Championships (1st place in 2022 & 2023)

Upcoming:

- London Trip rehearsals: June July
- Band Camp: July Aug



Marching Unit - Tournament in the Hills ("TITH") Quincy Nguyen



- Date: Saturday, Nov 15, 2025
- Location: THHS Campus
- Friday: Set-up begins
- Saturday: from 5:00 AM to approx. midnight
- Lots of committees & shifts to volunteer for
- Every family needs to participate
- Money raised supports ALL ensembles







Concert Ensembles







- Ensembles: Symphony Orchestra, String Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra & Concert Band
- Full year programs
- Number of students: ~40+
- Performs at several area concerts & festivals in Southern CA
 - Fall, Holiday and Spring Concerts at THHS Gym
 - Segerstrom Performing Arts Center, Costa Mesa, CA
 - Disneyland Park, Anaheim, CA
 - San Juan Hills High School Orchestra Festival



Jazz Ensemble

autumn spring

- A full year program
- Number of students: ~21
- Performs & competes at several area concerts & festivals in Southern CA
 - Fall, Holiday and Spring Concerts at THHS Gym
 - Essentially Ellington Southern CA Regional Festival @ RCC
 - Irvine Jazz Festival @ Irvine HS
 - Cal Baptist University Jazz Ensemble Concert @ Corona, CA
 - Disney Imagination Campus @ Disneyland Resort, Anaheim,
 CA
 - Music in the Parks @ Universal Studios, CA
- 2025 Outcomes:
 - Placed in various Jazz festivals
 - Won several Individual awards













Winter Drumline



- Spring semester program
- Number of students: ~30
- Performs and competes at several events in Southern CA area
 - La Quinta HS Show @ Westminster, CA
 - Monrovia HS Show @ Monrovia, CA
 - Great Oak HS Regional @ Temecula, CA
 - Southern California Percussion Alliance Championships @ Rancho Cucamonga HS, Great Oak HS, and San Bernadino, CA
 - Disney Imagination Campus @ Disneyland Resort, CA
 - THHS Showcase @ THHS Gymnasium
- 2025 Outcomes:
 - 6th place at 2025 PSA Finals. Impressive!
 - History: 2022 PSA 4th place, 2023 PSO 12th place, & 2024 PSA did not make the finals







Color Guard / Winter Guard







- Color Guard (Fall) & Winter Guard (Spring)
- Number of students: ~15
- Performs and competes at several events in Southern CA area
 - Color Guard travels to numerous competitions with the Marching Unit in the Fall
 - Winter Guard travels alone to numerous competitions in the Spring
- 2024/2025 Outcomes:
 - 2024 WBA Class 3A 1st place for Color Guard
 - 2025 Winter Guard International (WGI) made it to finals after last competing 7 years ago
 - 2025 Winter Guard Association of Southern California (WGASC) - 3rd place in Class SA at Championships weekend





Parent Involvement & Support

 Why I Volunteer with the THHS Music Boosters Program

Parents: Cynthia Longacre

Why I volunteer with the THHS Music Boosters Program

"Volunteering with my student's music program has been one of the **most rewarding** things I've ever done. It's not just about helping out; it's about being part of something **meaningful** for my child, the music program, and even for my myself." – **Cynthia Longacre**



For My Child	For the THHS Instrumental Music Program	ข้าง For Me
 ✓ We are Closer Than Ever • Being involved has helped me stay closer to their school life 	 They Need Us Parent volunteers are a big part of what keeps the program running smoothly from events to competitions 	 ✓ Gained many Great Friends • Volunteering introduced me to an amazing group of parents
 ✓ Leading by Example • I wanted to show my child what dedication and community spirit looked like 	 Builds Community Working together with other parents, students, and staff creates something truly special 	 ✓ I've Grown Too • I learned skills like organizing events & fundraising – things I never thought I would enjoy
 My Child Feels Supported Knowing I'm there cheering them on helps them do their best 	 We Make a Difference Our help means more coaches, more opportunities, and better experiences for everyone 	 ✓ It Feels Good • There is nothing like seeing the kids perform well & knowing I helped make that happen
		 ✓ I Understand More Being involved gave me insights into my child's world at school (their teachers, peers, challenges, wins, etc.)

- It's not just about showing up → it's about showing my student that I care
- The THHS Music Boosters Program is more than just music → it's family, fun & unforgettable experiences
- If you've ever thought about getting involved in your student's activities → I promise, it's well-worth it





Music Program Support

Ways & Means Fundraising

Bingo Fundraising

2024-2025 Co-VPs: Cynthia Longacre & Brenda Gene

2024-2025 Bingo VP: Rae Fujimoto

Ways & Means – Fundraising

- Fundraising efforts support ALL Ensembles in the Music Program and they help reduce the Parent Contributions
- Excluding Parent Contributions, Fundraising efforts are the 3rd highest source of revenue for the Music Program (#1 Bingo & #2 TITH)
- Fundraising Opportunities:
 - Ralph's Grocery Card Registration
 - Car Decals
 - Monthly Family Dine Outs
 - TITH Program Ads
 - Clothing & Shoe Drive
 - See's Candy Sales
- <u>Note</u>: London Trip Fundraising to work closely with Ways & Means to **THIS Instrumental Music**

 THIS Instrumental Music**



Bingo Fundraiser Overview









- Outside of Parent Contributions, Bingo fundraiser is the highest source of revenue for the Music Program
- Generates ~25% (~\$50K) of the annual revenues & helps lower the Parent Contributions by ~35% (\$400/student)
- Supports ALL Ensembles
- **Exclusively** supports the Instrumental Music Program at the high school
- 2025 2026 will be the 15th Anniversary having the Bingo Fundraiser supporting the Music Program
- Excitement at Bingo:
 - Pay-outs range from \$250 \$1,199.
 - Amazing crowd: >70 regular players show up every Thursday to play
 - Great snacks & drinks offerings
 - Various themes (e.g., Halloween night) and activities (birthdays, chili cook-off, etc.) announced each month
- Bingo Location: Trabuco Hills High School MPR starts at 6:00 PM
- Dates: Thursday evenings, year-round





Bingo Fundraiser Support



- Your involvement and support **IS CRUCIAL** to our students and to the Music Program. Everyone **is requested** to work on a team throughout the year.
- 3 distinct areas and times when support is most needed:
 - SET UP (begin 3:00 p.m.): set up player tables and chairs, buy-in table, hospitality stand, game caller's table, pre-package games, and other minor tasks as needed
 - PLAY TIME (begin 6:00 p.m.): set up pull tab tables, sell games, maintain hospitality stand, and support players with various needs they may have
 - CLEAN UP (begin 9:00 p.m.): put away tables and chairs, game caller's table, close hospitality stand, collect trash, and tidying up the MPR
- No experience is necessary to begin supporting Bingo. Training will be provided.
- Website: https://thhsmusic.com/2024_2025/Music_Boosters/Bingo.asp
- **Bingo Sign-Up:** https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/622345634286472050/false#/invitation





Contributions & Financial Commitments

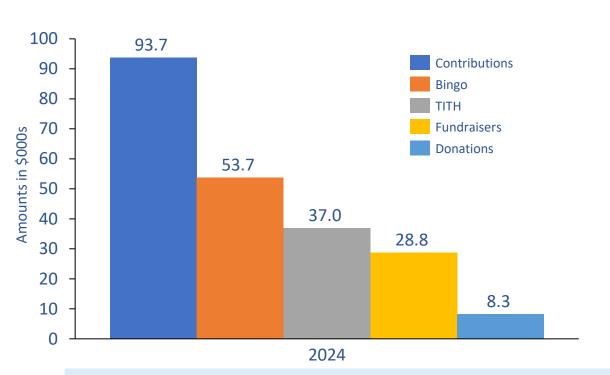
- Music Program Income and Spending Overview
- Ensemble Costs & Parent Contributions
- Form: Schedule of Ensemble Contributions & Costs

Co-Treasurer: Anna Baldenegro

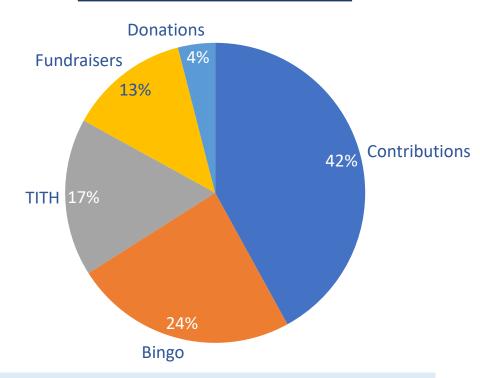
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THHS Instrumental Music Program Revenue Sources July 2023 – June 2024*

THHS Music Boosters Revenue 2023-2024

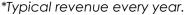


2023-2024 Revenue Mix



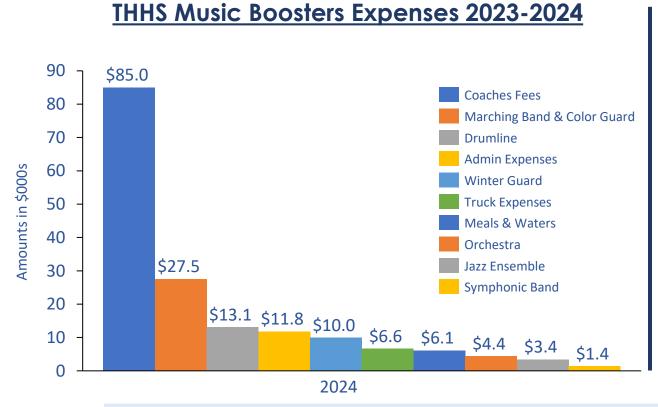
Key Take-aways:

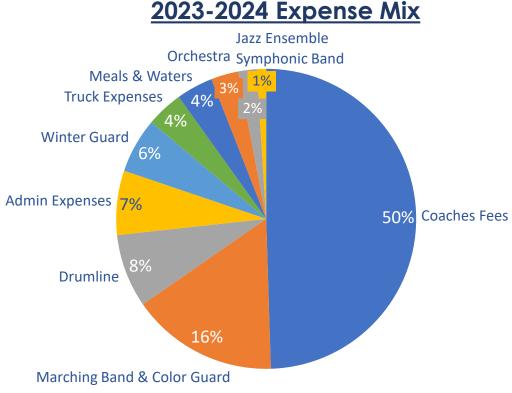
- Parent Contributions are a major source of revenue to support THHS Instrumental Music Program (42%).
- Fundraisers, including Bingo, are a major help in defraying costs (24% + 13% = 37%)
- The Tournament in the Hills (TITH) is not only a great way to showcase our ability to put on a tournament, but also a great source of revenue (17%). Both revenue and expenses must be managed appropriately for best outcome.
- All donations are helpful.



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THHS Instrumental Music Program Expenses July 2023 – June 2024*





Key Take-aways:

- To remain competitive and have a high performing music program, having strong and experienced coaches is a must!
- Ensemble costs vary mostly due to ensemble group sizes and the number of events and activities planned
- Truck Expense: box truck rentals, trailer and golf cart maintenance needed just to keep the wheels moving
- Students are provided meals and water whenever possible. Any donations towards food and water are always welcome.

^{*} Typical expenses every year.



Ensemble Costs & Parent Contributions (2024-2025)*

Ensemble	Tota	Il Parent Contribution WITHOUT Fundraisers	Tota	l Parent Contribution WITH Fundraisers	S	avings	%
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Marching Band Member	•	1 200 00	Φ.	800.00	•	E00.00	2007
Marching Band (Fall Semester)	\$	1,300.00	\$	800.00	\$	500.00	38%
Marching Shoes & Gloves A	S	50.00	^	50.00	s	-	0%
Annual Total per Member	\$	1,350.00	\$	850.00	þ	500.00	38%
Guard Member Year-Round Cos	ŧ				İ		
Color Guard (Fall Semester)	\$	1,300.00	\$	800.00	\$	500.00	38%
Fall Uniform A		150.00		150.00	ľ	-	0%
Winter Guard (Spring Semester)		1,400.00		700.00	1	700.00	50%
Winter Uniform A		150.00		150.00	į.	-	0%
Annual Total per Member	\$	3,000.00	\$	1,800.00	\$	1,200.00	40%
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Drumline Member Year-Round C	ost				į.		
Marching Band (Fall Semester)	\$	1,300.00	\$	800.00	\$	500.00	38%
Marching Shoes & Gloves A		50.00		50.00	į.	-	0%
Winter Drumline (Spring Semester)		1,400.00		700.00	i .	700.00	50%
Winter Uniform A		175.00		175.00	1	-	0%
Annual Total per Member	\$	2,925.00	\$	1,725.00	\$	1,200.00	41%
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		CONCERT ENSEMB	LE FE	E	H		
Orchestra	\$	800.00	\$	450.00	\$	350.00	44%
Symphonic Band	\$	800.00	\$	400.00	\$	400.00	50%
Jazz Ensemble	,				ij		
JUZZ Erisemble	\$	700.00	\$	400.00	\$	300.00	43%

* 2025-2026 values pending new budget approval



> 35% in Savings

Welcome Packet: Ensemble Contribution & Costs Form*

SCHEDULE OF ENSEMI	BLE CONTRIBUTIONS &	COSTS (2024-2025)
STUDENT NAME:	STUDENT GRADE:	PARENT NAME:
PARENT CELL PHONE NUMBER:	PARENT EMAIL A	ADDRESS:
ENSEMBLE - CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:		
☐ Marching Band (Fall) ☐ Color Guard (Fal	ll) 🗆 Orchestra (Full	Year) Symphonic Band (Full Year)
□ Jazz (Full Year) □ Winter Guard (Sp	oring) 🗆 Winter Drumlin	e (Spring)
PAYMENT METHOD: Cash Check	□Square □PayPal	

1) Ensemble Selection:

Select the Ensemble your student will participate in

2) Contribution Costs: (Jazz Example):

- Each ensemble will have a similar contribution costs detail
- Some items need to be purchased / paid online (e.g., polo shirt)

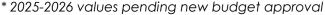
JAZZ ENSEMBLE (Full Year)	IF PAYING BY				
DESCRIPTION	CASH/CHECK COST	SQUARE/PAYPAL COST	LINE TOTAL		
☐ Ensemble Contribution	\$400	\$412			
□ 1 Polo Shirt Required	Order via vendor <u>Designs That Fit</u>				
☐ Long Black Dress					
□ Black Long Sleeve Button Up Shirt					
☐ Black Suit or Black Sports Jacket with Black Dress Pants					
□ Black Socks	" Purchase on your own				
□ Black Shoes	j i				
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□ Instrument & Equipment Rental Per Semester □	\$50	\$52			
SUBICIAL Contribution Due on or Before Fall Semester					

FALL 2024 GRAND TOTAL SPRING 2025 GRAND TOTAL

- A Students who have paid contributions for Marching Band, Color Guard, Winter Guard, or Winter Drumline are exempt from paying Orchestra, and Symphonic Band contributions.
- Oolor Guard members have additional costs for required gear and clothing accessories.
- Cuniform cleaning cost is required for all Band and Percussion members of the Marching Unit.
- Pental cost is required for any student using school-owned instruments (band, percussion, & orchestra) or equipment (guard sabres only). One rental fee per semester, no matter the number of ensembles enrolled (maximum twice per year).

3) Contribution Grand Total:

 Be sure to read subscript notes at the bottom form for further guidelines







Resources & Key Information

- How to stay connected & informed
- Websites
- Online Calendar
- Ways to Communicate
- Social Media

Communications: Stay Connected

- THHS Instrumental Music Website: https://thhsmusic.com
 - Please bookmark the website, you will visit often
 - Calendar is updated regularly with details on latest music program events and activities

Email communications to

- Mr. Pollock: <u>bradley.pollock@svusd.org</u>
- Mr. Nguyen: thhsmusicwebmaster@gmail.com
- Booster Board Members (see boosters members list)

GroupMe App:

- Please download the application to your phones
- Request to join ensemble groups your student has joined

Social Media:

- Facebook Trabuco Hills High School Instrumental Music
- Instagram trabuco_hills_music
- Parent Boosters meetings occur usually every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the MPR





Key Documents in the Freshmen Orientation Packet

Physical Packet

- 1. Welcome Message
- 2. Bingo Fundraiser
- 3. Summer Camp Information

Online

- 1. 2025-2026 Calendar
- 2. Student Information Form please complete tonight!

All documents available online at thhsmusic.com









Break-Out Sessions

- Marching Unit Kevin
- Concert Ensembles Kristin
- Jazz Ensemble Tracy
- Color & Winter Guard Sue
- Winter Drumline Sandra

Thank you for attending the Freshmen Orientation. We look forward to continuing our journey together.



Amazing things happen with parents & family involvement & support. We appreciate you!

