



August 2023

Greetings LHHS Instrumental Music Families,

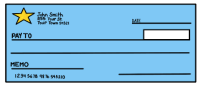






Thank you for being part of the LHHS Instrumental Music Family and supporting your child(ren) in the program. Whether in Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Orchestra, Jazz Band, Marching Band and Color Guard, Winter Drumline, or Winter Guard, your child will surely find this an outstanding learning experience, not only in the world of music but in their life.

You've heard it before, but we can't do it without your monetary support. We are thankful that this year we are able to have our scheduled fundraisers including the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Event, Mixed Bags, Kettle Korn, Restaurants, Drive-a-Thon, plus other fundraisers yet to be scheduled for this year. Please see our Events Calendar on our website for dates. But, please know that the bulk of Instrumental Music funding still comes from the generosity of parents and "angel" donors!

Based on this year's budgeted expenses of \$41,040, the suggested "needed-to-operate" program contributions for the ensembles have been calculated as follows:

ENSEMBLES	Suggested Contributions Per Student (2023-2024)	
Marching Band/Color Guard (Fall Semester)	\$412	(not including costume for Color Guard)
Symphonic/Wind Ensemble (Full Year)	\$35	
Orchestra (Full Year)	\$88	
Jazz Band (Spring Semester)	\$50	
Winter Guard (Spring Semester)	\$305	(not including costume)
Winter Drumline (Spring Semester)	\$555	(not including costume)

Please select whichever payment method works for your family's contribution. Please include the parent name, student name, and ensemble(s) on any transaction with the Boosters, whenever possible.

Monthly, Bi-monthly, Weekly, Bi-weekly installments are welcome.		
Check	Cash	Mobile Apps
 Payable to: <b>LHHS Music Boosters Association</b>  Mail to: Mary-Alice Blanchard, Booster President 24481 Dardania Mission Viejo, CA 92691  <b>OR</b>  Drop off in our Booster Mailbox in the Band Room 	  Drop off cash in our Booster Mailbox in the Band Room	 Username: @LHHSMusicBoosters  Last 4-digit phone #: 4046   Username: treasurer@lhhsmusic.org   Username: treasurer@lhhsmusic.org

Where does the money go? Your "as-needed-to-operate" contribution goes directly to purchasing and providing music, bringing in coaches to give extra specialized instruction to enhance student playing ability, replacing/repairing broken equipment, transportation costs and meals, and enabling our students to attend competitions and festivals where they can perform their music at the highest level for a wider audience. In short, your contribution goes directly to supporting your student's music education and musical experience at Laguna Hills High School.

Unfortunately, if funds are insufficient, these activities and coaching will be in jeopardy. While this would never be our desire, it could be our reality.

The Saddleback Valley Unified School District is very proud of the extensive co-curricular programs offered at the comprehensive high schools. Through state funding, the District provides financial support for these programs, which may include stipends for one or more coach/advisor for each program, superb facilities, and general maintenance of the facilities. However, costs exceed limited state allocations, thus necessitating booster club support and requests for contributions from participants. Participation in the Laguna Hills High School Music Booster Organization is strictly voluntary, and no student will be denied the opportunity to participate in a SVUSD co-curricular activity because of a parent or guardian's failure to participate in fundraising activities, failure to devote time or resources to the booster club, or failure to purchase uniforms, or other accessories or equipment. Parents or students who do not participate will not be publicly identified. In an effort to provide a comprehensive program for students at all levels, the Laguna Hills High School Instrumental Music Program is requesting additional contributions in the amount of \$41,040 to fulfill our operating budget, which has been calculated per student per program (see suggested contributions for individual groups). If additional funds to augment the program are not raised in the amount noted above, the school may find it necessary to scale back the program. We are strongly encouraging all parents to contribute to the program. Remember, your contributions may be tax deductible. Please consult with your accountant or tax advisor for specifics. Additionally, parents and students may be asked to participate in fundraising activities throughout the year in an effort to provide even greater financial support for the program. Participation is highly encouraged. However, lack of participation in these fundraising activities by a parent or guardian will not affect their student's ability to participate.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of the LHHS Instrumental Music Program.

Respectfully,

The LHHS Instrumental Music and Color Guard Booster Association Board

*Mary-Alice Blanchard, Beth Pierce, Jen Snow, Leo Chua, Suzy McMasters, Julissa Salamanca, Heath McMasters, Mary Zepeda, Bryan Molar, Chris Estrada*