

**Welcome to the  
Irvine High Instrumental Music Department MARCHING BAND  
And the Vaqueros Instrumental Music Boosters (VIMB)**

Dear Students and Parents

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that we welcome you to the Irvine High School Vaqueros Marching Band. **RETURNING families, please read entire package as things are being done differently this year.**

**When we talk about Marching Band items**, this includes drumline, front ensemble, percussion, pit members. You are a marching band member if you are on the field, doesn't matter if your feet don't march.

**There will be a MANDATORY parents meeting for ALL marching band, orchestra, wind, percussion, families on Monday, August 29 at 7:00pm in the theater.**

**Uniform fitting will take place on Friday, Aug 26. Band Camp will run Mon-Thurs, Aug 29-Sept 1. See [www.vimb.org](http://www.vimb.org) for detailed information.**

Enclosed please find the following items to be completed and returned by July 25.

- Info Sheet
- Emergency Medical Authorization Permission Form
- Uniform Contract (includes band shoe information)
- Volunteer Form

Also enclosed for your review:

- Explanation of the Instrument Usage and Rental Policy
- Explanation of requested contributions

We are fortunate to have some standard income activities (Bingo, IIFT and Jazz Festival) to support our program but that income falls short. While state law does not allow us to charge fees to students for extracurricular activities, this program relies on financial contributions from participating families. Please know that a contribution is not required to participate, and families that choose to contribute may do so at any amount. Suggested amounts and our budget to sustain our program at current activity levels are shown on the enclosed. Conversely, insufficient enrollment and/or insufficient funding will negatively impact our line-up of marching and music activities. Thank you for all the support you can provide. While the wording has changed, no new source of funds is offered to the program so we will be depending upon the same amounts to be collected in order to continue all components of our program.

If you have any questions over the summer, please contact our registrar, Becky MacIntosh, at 949.857.4723 or [bmac@pacbell.net](mailto:bmac@pacbell.net). Our website has the most recent news and updates. Calendars, volunteer needs, sheet music and more can be found. Section leaders will be contacting new marching band members over the summer about preparations for band camp.

Robert Avzaradel, Director  
Derek Venlet, Director

**This packet is printed front/back to conserve paper. Please check both sides of each page  
for information and forms to complete! Thank You!**

**PLEASE RETURN ALL FORMS BY JULY 25**

**ALL FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ORDER FOR YOUR STUDENT TO ATTEND BAND CAMP!**

**We truly thank you for your prompt attention to all of this information. It makes our volunteer workload much easier when we don't have to chase down students/parents for delinquent forms.**

**PLEASE MAIL FORMS TO:**

**Becky MacIntosh  
3652 Carmel Ave  
Irvine, CA 92606**

## Costs & Contributions

Below we have listed the expenses the Vaqueros Instrumental Music Boosters (VIMB) covers each year in support of our music students and classes. This breaks down to \$415 spent per marching student and \$155 spent per non-marching wind and orchestra student. **Fortunately, with our volunteer supported Bingo program and two hosted music events, VIMB covers almost half of these expenditures!** We have divided the remainder between our number of students to compute your contribution amount in order for us to be able to offer the same awesome program for the upcoming year. No money is received from the State, Federal, IUSD, or IPSF for our program. Please contribute at the highest level possible for you and your family so that we may keep ALL the aspects of our program. Program decisions will be made this summer and fall based upon money available.

Annual budget for Vaqueros Instrumental Music Boosters (sole supporter of IHS Music)

Equipment Purchase	\$ 5,000
Music Coaches	\$31,000
Instrument Repairs	\$11,000
Smart Music Licensing	\$ 5,000
Instrument Purchase	\$ 7,000
Sheet Music	\$ 4,000
Festival Entry Fees	\$ 3,000
Scholarships, supplies, website	\$ 1,000
Marching Band Expense	<u>\$14,000</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$81,000</b>

We appreciate our donors and our volunteers. Please join us. We look forward to seeing you at our music events and our monthly VIMB meetings.

Thank You!

## School Instrument Use

Irvine High School has some instruments available for student use at school. Instruments are used by different students for each class period throughout the day. While some instruments may be taken home overnight for practice, they must be back at school and available for other student use at 7:00am (marching) or 8:00am (other) each school morning even if student does not have a 1<sup>st</sup> period or is absent. Unfortunately, we do not have enough instruments to provide full-time rentals directly through Irvine High School.

We request a \$75 instrument use contribution (note appropriate area on information form). Second instrument in the same family use contribution is \$50. This contribution covers normal maintenance and repairs of the instrument. Any maintenance and repairs beyond that which is deemed to be normal will be an additional charge to the student. Your support is necessary in order to maintain the quality of our instruments not only for your student but also for the students who will come in the years to follow.

Thank you for your cooperation and generosity.

**2011/2012 Irvine High Music Information Sheet – PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY  
PLEASE RETURN THIS INFORMATION FORM BY JULY 25, 2011**

Student's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: M / F

Marching Band Student: Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ (for uniform fitting) 2011/2012 Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address, City, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Emails (for event updates): \_\_\_\_\_

What instrument will you play? 1) \_\_\_\_\_ Use a School Instrument? Yes No

**NON-MARCHING STUDENTS: Recommended Contributions:**

**Basic Contribution–Non-Marching including wind, string, percussion:** \$75 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Covers sheet music, instrumental coaches, festival entry fees

**ALL STUDENTS: Add Ons available for purchase:**

**Smart Music Software** (used for homework assignments) \$25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Use Smart Music for free in school labs or purchase a subscription for home use.  
One per family. Expires yearly.

**Use of School Instrument (limited supply):** \$75 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
If you choose not to bring your own instrument to school. These are not for “take home”.  
Percussion, string bass players need not pay. Second in same family...\$50

**Ticketless Concerts:** 3 concerts in the year **Total \$15 individual....\$25 family** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Booster Membership:** any amount makes you a member of VIMB \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
We welcome your generous support (\$100-\$50-\$25-\$ \_\_\_\_\_)

**MARCHING STUDENTS: Recommended Contributions:**

**Marching Band Contribution and Band Camp:**  
Includes Band Camp program, Field Tournament or parade entrance costs, uniform use and cleaning. Also provides music arrangement and field show design, professional coaches, refreshments throughout the marching band season, and “Green Bag” essentials (first aid, buttons, hairpins, socks, etc.). \$175 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Marching Band Transportation** buses for field tournaments/parades: \$125 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Will refund if not enough collected and no trips taken. The school **will not** be collecting transp fees for sports this year and will not be covering marching band travel costs.

**Add Ons available for purchase:**

**Marching Band T-Shirt** (band t-shirt or plain white t-shirt under uniform is reqd) \$15 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Size: \_\_\_ Small \_\_\_ Med \_\_\_ Large \_\_\_ X-Large

**Marching Shoes** (Patent leather, closed-toed, black, shiny shoes are required) \$25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
You may purchase from us for \$25 or provide your own. This is a Good price.

**Subtotal of above** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Bingo Volunteer Discount Voucher Amount**  
(Enter Amount only if Bingo Voucher received) (\$ \_\_\_\_\_)

**TOTAL: Check payable to “VIMB”. We Thank you for Your Support** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Subtract line 7 from line 6 Check # \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*IMPORTANT SAN FRANCISCO TRIP INFO ON BACK \*\*\***

**Irvine High Vaqueros – Instrumental Music Boosters (VIMB)**

**Parent Volunteer Opportunities**

We ask all music families to help with our “Bingo nights” as Bingo provides a large portion of our yearly income needs (more info to follow and on our website). In addition, let us know where you would like to get involved within the program. We have a lot of fun.

**All Music Parents or Guardians:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer / Communications Coordinator (Email guru)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Organize refreshments for concerts
- \_\_\_\_\_ Type/copy programs for concerts
- \_\_\_\_\_ Train to be a caller or manager for Bingo
- \_\_\_\_\_ Coordinate Bingo Volunteers
- \_\_\_\_\_ Solicit sponsors for programs
- \_\_\_\_\_ Photographer
- \_\_\_\_\_ Help with sound equipment for concerts / events
- \_\_\_\_\_ Available daytime during school hours to assist in music room (occasional)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Available evenings to assist with music events
- \_\_\_\_\_ Available weekends to assist at music events
- \_\_\_\_\_ Website Master
- \_\_\_\_\_ Registration mailing / recording

**Specific to Marching Band:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Water staging / Papering seats before football games
- \_\_\_\_\_ Uniform coordinator (student leaders do a lot of the work)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Green Bag (uniform/hair checks for performances, first aid...)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Chaperone marching tournaments
- \_\_\_\_\_ Drive U-Haul truck to marching tournaments or tow trailer
- \_\_\_\_\_ Coordinate Pizza Night dinners
- \_\_\_\_\_ Coordinate Band Camp refreshments



Questions: Email Becky at [bmac@pacbell.net](mailto:bmac@pacbell.net)

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\* Thank you - IMPORTANT INFO ON BACK \*\*\*\*



**Please ensure that you have completed and signed all forms (front & back).**

The most common reasons for returns of the packages to you for correction are listed below. Please take a moment to confirm that you have included and signed the following:

- Information form with check made payable to VIMB for your total contribution – **ALL**.
- Volunteer Form....thank you for joining and helping us!
- The Medical Form/Permission Slip - **ALL**.  
Please note that the parent AND student must sign the form. If you do not have medical insurance, please indicate “none” on the line requesting the name of your insurance company. For those of you with insurance, please confirm that you have included your policy number.
- The Uniform Contract (on back of information form) – **MARCHING BAND ONLY**.  
Please note that the parent AND student must sign the form.
- San Francisco Trip Reservation Form – **MARCHING BAND ONLY**  
With trip contribution deposit check made out to VIMB.

We are looking forward to seeing you. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Becky at 949.857.4723 or [bmac@pacbell.net](mailto:bmac@pacbell.net)

Thank you  
Becky MacIntosh  
Marching Band Registration  
3652 Carmel Ave  
Irvine, CA 92606

**Irvine High Vaqueros – Instrumental Music Boosters (VIMB)**

**2011/2012 SAN FRANCISCO TRIP**

We are excited to add the Chinese New Year's parade in San Francisco to our list of Marching Band activities for the 2011/2012 school year. This event is the largest celebration of its kind in the world, attracting over three million spectators and television viewer throughout the U.S., Canada, and Asia.

We try to take a significant trip with the marching band once every 4 years so this is your student's opportunity to participate in this type of event.

DATE: Weekend of Feb. 10-13, 2012.

We will be staying at the Hilton, San Francisco Wharf, with complementary breakfasts included.

We need to collect deposits now to lock in this trip on the school calendar and begin the reservation processes. The expenses for this trip are determined by the number of buses and hotel rooms needed to accommodate all students that wish to participate. The anticipated contribution is expected to be \$350-\$400 per student attending.

Contribution Schedule:

July 25, 2011.....\$100 deposit (**after this date, join trip only if space available**)

September, 15, 2011.....\$100 contribution (**no refunds after this date**)

November 15, 2011.....\$100 contribution

December 15, 2011.....Final contribution (\$50-\$100)

Typical Agenda for the trip:

Friday 12:00noon, depart Irvine High School

Saturday, concert and parade events

Sunday, sight-seeing/amusement park event

Monday am, depart for home (School holiday)

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Yes, my child \_\_\_\_\_ will be attending the trip to San Francisco, Feb. 10-13, 2012.

Please enclose deposit of \$100. Checks to "VIMB".

Note: If not enough interest in the trip is shown, the trip will be cancelled and contributions refunded.

I understand that after September 15, 2011 all contributions for this trip will be non-refundable.

Parent Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I, above listed parent, would be interested in accompanying / chaperoning the marching band on this trip. Cost \$350-\$400. We will firm up adult attendance, details in the Fall. No adult deposit needed at this time.

Father Yes \_\_\_\_\_

Mother Yes \_\_\_\_\_

# Marching Band – Uniform Contract

The purpose of this contract is to inform the student and parent of the responsibilities related to the uniform. Parents & students need to be advised that they are financially responsible if the uniform is damaged.

When tailoring your uniform **do not cut any part of it.** Cutting the uniform will result in its automatic purchase for \$400. If anything should happen to the uniform before an event, the uniform crew will be there to help (this does not include alterations). Notify a crew member if there is anything wrong with your uniform (loose or missing buttons, etc.)

Eating in your uniform is limited to a plain hot dog and a clear beverage. Anything else is not permitted while wearing the uniform. The consequences for violating this rule will suit the offense. If your uniform becomes dirty, you will need to have it dry-cleaned **at your own expense** before the next event.

You should wear lightweight clothing under your uniform such as a pair of soccer shorts and a t-shirt. Sleeveless shirts and tank tops are not permitted.

The uniform will stay in good condition if you know how to hang it up properly. Putting your uniform away includes the following steps:

- . Button the shield on both shoulders and zip the jacket
- . "Choke" the collar
- . Correctly position the hanger (colored dot shows the front of the hanger)
- . Keep the top 6" of the garment bag unzipped. This allows for air circulation and prevents fungus, mold, and odors from forming

The uniforms are stored at school after each event. The students arrive in lightweight clothing and dress in the music room before events. The students will be trained in these procedures during band camp.

We need to maintain the garment bags for many years. Do not leave your shoes in the uniform bag at any time. If you leave your shoes in the uniform bag or hanger, they become the property of the uniform crew. Do not damage the bag or put stickers on the bag or hanger. Damaged bags will be charged a \$10 replacement fee.

We have expensive plumes (feathers) that are placed in the shakos (hats) for all marching band events. In order to keep the plumes in top condition, do not touch them as natural oils from your hands are left on the plume and attracts dirt. A uniform crew member will place the plume in the shako, as well as take them off. If there are any problems with a plume, see a crew member. If you damage a plume, you will need to purchase a replacement for \$15. The shakos need to be placed in a plastic bag during the football games. The plastic bag fits inside your shako for easy transportation. When you retrieve your hat before an event, leave the plastic bag inside the hat to use for this purpose, do not leave the plastic bag behind in the music room – you will need it.

Thank you, the Uniform Crew.

## **Please Sign and Return with Band Registration Papers:**

I have read this contract and understand that I must treat all parts of my uniform with care. I understand that if I damage the uniform in any way, I will be held financially responsible.

Print Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Marching Shoes:**

In order to perform with the Irvine High School Marching Band, your student must have a pair of shiny, black marching shoes. You may purchase your own black, patent leather, shiny, closed-toed shoes or order directly through us at a very good price of just \$25. Your student will be sized during band camp for these shoes. You may continue to use the same shoes each year until you need to purchase a larger size.

You are responsible for providing black crew socks to complete the uniform. NO short socks please, legs are not to show when marching. Black socks and shoes must be stored at home and brought (worn) to each event.

**Irvine Unified School District Excursion/Field Trip Waiver and Medical Authorization for  
Minor & Private Transportation via Private Vehicle**  
(Education Code Section 35330)

Name of School: **Irvine High School**

I hereby give my permission for my child, (student name): \_\_\_\_\_

To participate in all of the **Irvine High School Band Field Trips and Activities for the year 2011/2012.**

I fully understand that my child is to accept all rules and requirements governing conduct during field trips, events, and activities. It is understood that any child determined to be in violation or unfulfilling of these behavior standards will be sent home at the parent's expense.

I fully understand that private automobiles will also be used for transporting my child for these activities.

I, the undersigned, hereby release and discharge the Irvine Unified School District, Vaqueros Instrumental Music Boosters, officers, employees, agents, and servants (herein collectively referred to as "District") from all liability arising out of or in connection with the above-described field trips, events or activities. For the purposes of this agreement, liability means all claims, demands, losses, causes of action, suits, or judgments of any and every kind that I, my heirs, executors, administrators or assignees may have against the District because of any death, personal injury or illness, or because of any loss or damage to property that occurs during the above-described field trips, events or activities and that results from any cause other than the negligence of the District.

In the event of any illness or injury, I hereby consent to whatever X-ray, examination, anesthetic, medical, dental or surgical diagnosis or treatment and hospital care from a licensed physician and/or surgeon as deemed necessary for the safety and welfare of my child. It is understood that the resulting expenses will be the responsibility of the parent(s), guardian or participant.

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Signature of Parent/Guardian	Date	Signature of Student
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Address, City, Zip	Phone/Cell Number
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Health Insurance Company	Group & Policy Number
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In the event of illness or accident and in addition to above contact info, please contact:

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Name	City/State	Phone/Cell Number
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**SPECIAL NOTE TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS:**

(1)  **check here if there are NO special problems the staff should be aware of, and NO drugs are required on any excursions;** (2) All drugs must be registered on this form; (3) all drugs, excepting those which must be kept on the student's person for emergency use, must be kept and distributed by the staff; (4) if any medication or drugs are to be taken by student, list them here:

Name of drug and reason: \_\_\_\_\_

List any allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

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***If your son or daughter has a special medical issue, please attach a description of that problem to this sheet. Thank you.***