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End of year greetings! Last year was a new start for the Music Boosters as we added the Middle School (grades 5 – 8) to the program which means we will be supporting more of the district's music education!

I bet you are wondering what Trumansburg Music Boosters is and how you can help!

Trumansburg Music Boosters is a parent-sponsored organization that works with the district's music teachers to support and maintain the high quality of our Trumansburg Central School's Music Program. The music program, which offers a wide variety of opportunities for students to participate in music, is a holistic K-12 program that builds on what students have mastered during earlier years and prepares them for high-school opportunities that include traditional band, jazz band, chorus and vocal jazz ensembles. Our students get an opportunity to study their craft as seriously as they would like. Some years students join forces with a community band of all ages to perform together. Our students perform for sporting events, meetings, PTO fundraisers, and more!

Each year we have some students, who pursue music as a career, but more importantly our students become music lovers; attending concerts, learning new instruments for fun, forming a cappella groups, and performing in their own groups. Students benefit from the experience of working together in a group without competition, focusing on the good of the group. They develop patience, self-discipline, listening skills, public speaking skills, and so much more. We should all be proud of the successes of our music students individually and of our Music Program as a whole.

The success of the Trumansburg Music Program is indisputable, but consistent school district budgetary limitations do not provide for all the exceptional opportunities that are offered to our music students. Therefore we need your assistance – both your time, and financial support– to make the Trumansburg Music Program the best it can be.

We ask that you please consider becoming a music-program supporter by contributing to our "Friends of Trumansburg Music" (FTM) fund. FTM is a fund created to benefit all Trumansburg music programs, K through 12. FTM pays for opportunities and programs that would not be possible through the regular music department budget:

- Provides scholarships for students to attend music trips and summer music camps
- Helps defer the cost of students performing in all-state and all-eastern ensembles
- Pays for end-of-year awards
- Funds workshops

Recent use of funds from the Trumansburg Music Boosters and FTM fund include:

- Sponsored HS Jazz Band trip to jazz festival in Buffalo, NY
- Provided scholarship money for students
- Hosted the district-wide annual Talent Show (since 2009)
- Sponsored the annual Jazz Cabaret
- Aided students' participation in the N.Y. State School Music Association (NYSSMA) solo and small ensemble festival
- Purchased marching band necessities for community parades.
- Hosted 2011 STMEA all-county choral festival.
- Commissioned an original piece for the High School Band, entitled Taughannock Falls
- Jazz Cabaret Professional Accompanist
- Provided Funds for Senior Music

Planned music activities that will be funded during the 2015-2016 school year include:

- Guest clinician to work with our ensembles
- Performace Trip to Hershey Park (pending fundraising!)
- Talent Show in January and Jazz Cabaret in February
- Purchase instruments/equipment for students in need
- Help with funding of summer music programs for music students

What you can do to help with the Trumansburg Music Boosters:

- Become a Friend of Trumansburg Music by donating to FTM.
- Join the Trumansburg Music Boosters as a volunteer to help with fundraising activities. The Boosters are open to and need the involvement of all parents from grades 5 through 12.
- Sign up to help with any annual fundraisers or assist with music activities
- We are looking for new ideas and fresh faces. Feel free to come to a meeting when you can!

Become a FTM Sponsor two ways! All donations are tax-deductible.

1. By Mail: Fill out below and send your check into:

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Checks should be made payable to Trumansburg Music Boosters – FTM Fund

2. On Line: Go to http://tcsd-ny.schoolloop.com/music_boosters and click DONATE.

All funds go through the TMB paypal account. If you want your donation to be for a FTM Sponsorship please leave a comment in the notes section!

___ \$25 **Individual Membership** ___ \$40 **Family Membership** \$___ **Business Donation** \$___ **Other**

Name _____

___ Please put me on the music boosters e-mail list for notification of upcoming meetings and information!
E-Mail: _____

For information regarding the Music program, including concert dates, the Trumansburg Music Boosters, and other music news, go to the school webpage at www.tburghschools.org/musicboosters

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