



## Rancho San Diego Music Foundation

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Dear VHS Instrumental Music and Color Guard Parents,

What an exciting 2009-2010 Band & Color Guard Season! Only three weeks into this new school year and we've very successfully completed Band Camp, our Family Potluck Dinner, our first Football Half-time Show, a Team Angel Fundraiser, a Rubios Fundraiser, a Car Wash Fundraiser AND we learned that Valhalla High School will finally be getting new marching band uniforms and a semi truck to transport our equipment!

Our students are excited, motivated and enthused. They are working hard to develop their Field Show and they are doing so with plans to compete for the Division 3A Championships in December. Their first competition is the Rancho Buena Vista High School Premier Field Tournament, 17 October 2009. They look forward to your support.

The purpose and objective of the Rancho San Diego Music Foundation (RSDMF) is to aid, promote, and sustain the Valhalla High School instrumental music and color guard programs by providing financial and other support. RSDMF raises money to cover costs not supported by the State of California's School Budget; including honorariums for our skilled music and color guard advisors, transportation to/from events, event fees, music, repairing instruments, insurance, dry cleaning uniforms, etc.

Unfortunately, the RSDMF does not raise sufficient funds to cover all of these program's costs and must ask for your help. You can help with a tax-deductible student donation and your volunteer efforts to make our fundraising programs successful. RSDMF is a tax-exempt, non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization, and will provide you with an acknowledgement of any single donation greater than \$250. Your canceled checks or bank statement will satisfy the IRS for donation amounts smaller than \$250.

This student donation is determined by dividing the program's expected costs, less fundraising revenues, by the number of students (including Jazz Band and String Orchestra). This year's student cost is \$460 for each Marching Band and Color Guard student and \$300 for each Jazz Band and String Orchestra student. Two donation options are described below:

### For Marching Band and Color Guard students:

1. **Ten monthly donations of \$46** (once each month – September 2009 through June 2010) due at the beginning of the month. Students are asked to participate in multiple fundraising events to make up the balance of our total costs.
2. **One donation of \$460.** A \$50 deduction can be applied (making your donation only \$410) when the student's full donation amount is paid no later than November 1, 2009. Students are asked to participate in multiple fundraising events to make up the balance of our total costs.

For String Orchestra and Jazz Band Students (not in Marching Band and Color Guard):

1. **Ten monthly donations of \$30** (once each month – September 2009 through June 2010) due at the beginning of the month. Students are asked to participate in multiple fundraising events to make up the balance of our total costs.
2. **One donation of \$300.** A \$50 deduction can be applied (making your donation only \$250) when the student's full donation amount is paid no later than February 1, 2010. Students are asked to participate in multiple fundraising events to make up the balance of our total costs.

If a student participates in two programs (for example, Marching Band and Jazz Band), his/her donation is the greater amount (i.e., \$460 plus fundraising for Marching Band and no additional donation for Jazz).

For families with two or more students, the donation amount for the first student is the full amount described above and each sibling donation will be one half the full amount (i.e., 2 students in Marching Band equals \$460 + \$230 (1/2 of \$460) plus fundraising).

RSDMF will accept cash, check, credit card, or electronic funds transfer (EFT) tax-deductible donations. **Cash** or **check** donations should be put in an envelope and delivered to the DROP BOX in the band room. Please make your checks payable to RSDMF and write your student's name in the check's memo line. **Credit card** or **electronic funds transfer (EFT)** donations can be accomplished through PayPal. *You do not have to have a PayPal account to use this service.* Go to our website ([www.vhsmusic.org](http://www.vhsmusic.org)), select the Donate button on the left side of the page and follow the directions. Make sure to enter [rsdmf@vhsmusic.org](mailto:rsdmf@vhsmusic.org) as the destination email address and enter your students name and "Student Donation" in the message box.

A sheet of Student Donation Coupons is included on the following page for your convenience. Please include the appropriate coupon with each donation. If you use PayPal, please have your student drop the coupon in the band room DROP BOX so we can ensure that your PayPal donation is received.

Money should never be a reason why a student does not participate. We handle special needs and situations on an individual basis and have offered scholarships in the past. Please call Mr. Almanza at (619) 593-5431 or email him at [ralmanza@guhsd.net](mailto:ralmanza@guhsd.net).

Please email any questions to [rsdmf@vhsmusic.org](mailto:rsdmf@vhsmusic.org).

Respectfully,



Claude Herron  
Treasurer  
Rancho San Diego Music Foundation

# Valhalla High School Instrumental Music and Color Guard Programs

## 2009-2010 Student Donation Coupons

### One Time Donation – Save \$50

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Paid By (circle one): **Cash** **Check to RSDMF** **PayPal**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Marching Band & Color Guard: only \$410 when full donation is paid no later than November 1, 2009

Jazz Band or String Orchestra: only \$250 when full donation is paid no later than February 1, 2010

#### Donation #10 of 10 – due 1 June 2010

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Paid By (circle one): **Cash** **Check to RSDMF** **PayPal**

Marching Band & Color Guard: \$46 / month

Jazz Band or String Orchestra: \$30 / month

#### Donation #9 of 10 – due 1 May 2010

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Paid By (circle one): **Cash** **Check to RSDMF** **PayPal**

Marching Band & Color Guard: \$46 / month

Jazz Band or String Orchestra: \$30 / month

#### Donation #8 of 10 – due 1 April 2010

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Paid By (circle one): **Cash** **Check to RSDMF** **PayPal**

Marching Band & Color Guard: \$46 / month

Jazz Band or String Orchestra: \$30 / month

#### Donation #7 of 10 – due 1 March 2010

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Paid By (circle one): **Cash** **Check to RSDMF** **PayPal**

Marching Band & Color Guard: \$46 / month

Jazz Band or String Orchestra: \$30 / month

#### Donation #6 of 10 – due 1 February 2010

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Paid By (circle one): **Cash** **Check to RSDMF** **PayPal**

Marching Band & Color Guard: \$46 / month

Jazz Band or String Orchestra: \$30 / month

#### Donation #5 of 10 – due 1 January 2010

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Paid By (circle one): **Cash** **Check to RSDMF** **PayPal**

Marching Band & Color Guard: \$46 / month

Jazz Band or String Orchestra: \$30 / month

#### Donation #4 of 10 – due 1 December 2009

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Paid By (circle one): **Cash** **Check to RSDMF** **PayPal**

Marching Band & Color Guard: \$46 / month

Jazz Band or String Orchestra: \$30 / month

#### Donation #3 of 10 – due 1 November 2009

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Paid By (circle one): **Cash** **Check to RSDMF** **PayPal**

Marching Band & Color Guard: \$46 / month

Jazz Band or String Orchestra: \$30 / month

#### Donation #2 of 10 – due 1 October 2009

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Paid By (circle one): **Cash** **Check to RSDMF** **PayPal**

Marching Band & Color Guard: \$46 / month

Jazz Band or String Orchestra: \$30 / month

#### Donation #1 of 10 – due 1 September 2009

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Paid By (circle one): **Cash** **Check to RSDMF** **PayPal**

Marching Band & Color Guard: \$46 / month

Jazz Band or String Orchestra: \$30 / month