



Totally Excellent Music Parents Organization

Dear TEMPO Parents,

To those of you joining the parent ranks of West Hills High School Blue & Black Brigade for the first time, *WELCOME!* Your students have joined an award winning performing arts program. To those of you in your 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or 4<sup>th</sup> year, *it's great to have you back!*

With summer rehearsals and band camp already in progress, the 2011/2012 performance season promises to be terrific! Our Color Guard and Drumline are back from a fantastic winter season, and along with the Band, have some promising new recruits! As parents who have enjoyed the high school marching experience personally can attest, this is more than a class and more than a club. Your high school student's band years will contribute greatly to their overall high school experience, leaving them with lasting memories and lifelong friendships.

Much of what makes this program great happens outside of the classroom and is only possible because of parent participation and support.

TEMPO exists to provide support to the band and color guard program that the school district alone cannot. As the parent or guardian of a Band, Drumline, or Color Guard student, you are a member of TEMPO. TEMPO feeds the students at competitions, provides equipment and supplies needed to put on performances, and pays for clinicians and advisors. We pull trailers, fit and straighten uniforms, style hair, and shine shoes. We organize and participate in fundraisers, take photos, purchase awards, and plan the end of the year banquet. But most importantly, we show we care and we set a good example for our kids.

As TEMPO President, and even more importantly, as a parent of two West Hills High School band students, I challenge you to make the following commitments to your student:

**Give Your Time** — Attend as many performances as you can. Your kid will notice.

**Volunteer Your Talents and Ideas** — Attend the meetings and speak up, run a fundraising event, or participate in one of our many committees

**Make Your Fair Share Contributions** — Every dollar goes directly back to supporting our students

I look forward to working with all of you throughout the year to help make this our best season yet!

Sincerely,

Joe Horger  
2011/2012 TEMPO President