



Boulder High School Instrumental Music Parents Association

Supporting Boulder High School Bands and Orchestras

Dear Family and Friends of Boulder High Instrumental Music,

The Boulder High Instrumental Music Parents Association (*IMPA*) is kicking off the 13th-annual Instrument Fund Drive for the purchase of new school instruments.

You may be asking why IMPA needs to raise money for instruments. The first answer is student equity. IMPA is committed to making sure that all students who want to play in band or orchestra are able to do so, even if they cannot afford to rent or buy an instrument. For this reason, BHS must have instruments available for student use. Secondly, the difficulty of carrying a large instrument to and from school can be a barrier to student success. Having a large instrument to use at home and one that is kept at school, eases practice, thereby improving the quality of our students' music education.

The Boulder High School budget provides a mere ten percent of band and orchestra classroom budgets (*excluding salaries*) and therefore, does not afford the purchase of new instruments. We hope you will help our dedicated instrumental music teachers by making a contribution. A donation of any amount helps and will be greatly appreciated.

This year our Band and Orchestra classes are in need of:

- Two bassoons - \$4,000 each
- A full-size tuba - \$8,000
- A 3/4-size Shen double bass - \$5,000
- Five German bass bows - \$185 each

In the photos on the reverse side, you can see that the BHS instruments on our wishlist are in disrepair. Donations will go towards purchasing new instruments, as well as maintaining and repairing existing instruments. BHS does not own a bassoon; therefore, any current student who wishes to play bassoon must provide her/his own instrument.

How you can contribute:

- Send a check made out to BHS IMPA with “Instrument Fund” in the memo line, and mail it to: **BHS IMPA, Boulder High School, 1604 Arapahoe Ave, Boulder, CO 80302**
- Donate via credit card or PayPal on the IMPA website at **bhs-impa.org**.
- Make a tax-deductible donation of a gently-used musical instrument. **We particularly need bassoons, violins, violas, cellos and upright basses.**

IMPA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation; all donations are tax deductible. Please include an address or email address with your donation so that we can send you a tax receipt.

Please share this letter (*which can be found at **bhs-impa.org***) with family, friends, and anyone else who may be interested in supporting the BHS instrumental music program. Check to see if your employer has a matching funds program that would increase your contribution. Feel free to contact us with any questions and thank you in advance for your generosity.

Sincerely,

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