

My name is Tanya Garrison and I am running for Band Booster Secretary. Although personally an orchestra person, my husband, Tom, and two sons, Noah and Connor, have brought me to the band side. I love being a band mom and am amazed watching the students' musical and personal growth each season. Connor is a junior and plays trumpet in the Marching, Symphonic and Jazz Bands and will be in the Wind Ensemble next year.

I play the violin and the piano and grew up taking private lessons, participating in school and city youth orchestras and events such as Arizona Study Program, TMTA Piano Ensemble, Regional/State auditions and Tucson Jr. Strings. As an adult, for 10 years, I was a 1st violinist in the San Marcos Symphony, a volunteer community orchestra now called the Chandler Symphony Orchestra. I share this to let you know that music, supporting music education and offering my time and talents to the community have always been a part of my life.

My goal as Secretary is to support the band by successfully completing the requirements of the role while encouraging continuous improvement in communication and organizational processes and helping increase parental involvement in the booster organization.

Some of my volunteer activities include: current and prior DV Band Thunder Board Representative; current Band Bylaw & Policies/Procedures Committee Member; Teacher Appreciation Committee Volunteer; and helping other band events. I served as the Mountain Pointe High School Band Booster Secretary and was a regular volunteer in various capacities for Tempe Union, Mountain Pointe, KMS, Akimel A-el, and Milenio, as well as other organizations.

Professionally, since 2001, I have operated my own business as a sole proprietor providing accounting/bookkeeping services (exclusive of income tax preparation), consulting and training to local and international non-profit and for-profit businesses. Professional titles previously held include Controller, Accounting Manager, Office Manager, and human resource roles within privately held and public corporations. My degree is from Arizona State University.

If you feel my background and willingness to serve help support the band's goals and mission and you are willing to vote for me, I would be glad to serve as Secretary for the Band Boosters.