

# Marking Time...Instrumental Music Association



Newsletter of the IMA, Easton Area High School  
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## **Mission Statement**

IMA is a non-profit fund raising organization whose membership consists of parents and guardians of students participating in the EAHS instrumental program. The main objective of IMA is to provide organizational and financial support to the EAHS Instrumental Department and its director by funding projects not funded by the Easton Area School District. IMA is proud of its many years of service to the EAHS Instrumental Department and our students.

We meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm in the high school cafeteria. The December meeting is on Tuesday, December 9.

## **Announcements**

### **Saving Redner's Receipts (ongoing fundraiser)**

Please save your Redner's receipts and bring them to the IMA meetings or send to the band office. We get 2% of the total receipts. This is an easy way to get profits just from shopping. You must use your Redner's card for this fund raiser.  
Thank you, Judy Graaf, chair

### **Tricky Tray and Basket Auctions**

Thanks to everyone who donated items for the First Flag Basket Raffle. With your help, we raised over \$500 from the nine baskets we were able to make.

We will be raffling baskets at two upcoming events – the Spaghetti Dinner in February and the Jazz Festival in April to help raise funds for the IMA. Donations for the baskets with the following themes are needed:

Lottery Tickets – any of the scratch off lottery tickets

Chocolate - any kind of chocolate  
Italian – pastas, sauces, Italian cookies  
Picnic – paper plates, cups, napkins, tablecloths, non-perishable foods  
Spa Relaxation - candles, aromatherapy, nail care, spa treatment items  
Spring - any kind of decoration or item for the spring, including Easter  
Party – snack foods, sodas, decorations, paper products to host a party  
Movie – popcorn, sodas, box candy, dvd's, gift cards for movie theatre  
Summer – pool items, beach items, towels, sunscreen  
Valentine – candles, anything romantic, wine glasses, non alcoholic sparkling wine

Any items which fits these themes would be greatly appreciated. Items can be brought to any IMA meeting or email Jenny Volchko at [jvolchko@hotmail.com](mailto:jvolchko@hotmail.com) to arrange for pick up.

We will also be organizing to work on the Tricky Tray Auction which will be held during the 2009 school year. Anyone interested in helping can contact Jenny Volchko at 610-559-0478 or by email at [jvolchko@hotmail.com](mailto:jvolchko@hotmail.com).

## **Fruit Sale**

Everyone did a fantastic job with the fruit sale!!!! At this writing we are still tallying sales, but we have far exceeded last year's numbers. Thanks to everyone for making this one of our most successful sales in recent years.

## **Hoagies- Pastie Fundraisers**

Our final two Music Money fundraisers will be as follows:

*December - hoagie coupons will be sold from Noto's and Corinne's Place.*

*January- pasties (more information to follow)*

## **Canteen Help Needed**

The IMA has the area outside of the auditorium in which we can sell snacks and drinks during any event held in the auditorium. We are looking for volunteers to help during these events. It only takes an hour or two, and is an easy way to raise funds

for our organization. If interested in coordinating or being put on a rotating list to help, please call Evelyn Craig 610-253-2439.

### **Craft Show**

On Saturday November 8, the IMA held its fall craft show. This particular show was one of our largest shows – with 98 different vendors and crafters in attendance. The IMA earned approximately \$5,000 to help support our children. I would like to thank ALL the volunteers and STUDENTS that helped make this show a successful fundraiser! We received *many* compliments from the crafters/vendors about how polite and helpful our student volunteers were for them. In addition to our crafters, we had a very successful food court with delicious homemade foods, and a bake sale table filled with mouth-watering desserts. There are SO many of you to thank for making this event successful – but I especially want to thank Dave Korp for coordinating the food court, Mario Pasquini for supplying the rolls, Angel Fortunato & Jill Homa for the chili & soup, the Craig, Homa, Drago, Barbiero, Plennert, Piccotti & Heilman families, our bake sale coordinators – Tammy Kliment & Brenda VanHorn, the Volchkos and all our bakers and early-morning volunteers (yes, 6:30 am after a play-off game was tough!) and *all* the parents and students who came to help throughout the day. This would not have been successful without each and every one of you! It really was encouraging to see so many new faces come to help. I hope you had fun and will be joining us for the Spring show. I'm looking forward to another exciting craft show on March 28, 2009!

*Thank you again!* Ann Marie Ballentine

### **Director's Letter**

Another Holiday Season is upon us, 2008 soon to end and 2009 to begin. As we reflect on our year we realize our successes and our shortcomings. The main thing we must remember is that each parent is a volunteer within this organization and is offering their best for your children. To all of the parent volunteers, thank you for we need each and every one of you to continue to make this program be the best for your child now and in the future.

Monday, December 15th at 7pm is our annual orchestra Holiday Concert. I hope to see all of you there in support of the Symphony Orchestra, Freshmen Strings and Chamber Strings. They have worked hard to present to you a gift of the Holiday Season.

Our marching band season has come to a close for the 2008 season. I would like to thank everyone who took the time to help in any way. The marching season was a success at many levels, you should be very proud of their accomplishments.

Have a great month and see you at the upcoming events.

Ms. Carole A. Lutte  
Director of Instrumental Music  
Easton Area High School

### **President's Corner**

Ann Marie Ballentine

Though marching band season is coming to a close, our musical program is as busy as ever. Many fun-filled events will be awaiting our children – the traditional rival week events for Easton-P'burg (Powder Puff game, pizza party & bonfire) – culminating in the 102<sup>nd</sup> Easton-P'burg Thanksgiving Day game. Our string ensemble groups will be preparing for some holiday performances and jazz lab and band will begin rehearsals. The IMA is an organization always in motion and always working to support our children's instrumental musical program. Please contact any board member if you have any suggestions to improve our efforts or would like to become more involved.

**Poinsettia Sale:** Each year, the IMA decorates the stage for the December 15 winter concert (7:00 pm). Currently underway is our Poinsettia sale. Please be sure to order a plant or two to help beautify the appearance of the auditorium for our students, as well as to adorn your home. All plants ordered, must be picked up on the evening of December 15 – after the performance.

**Chaperones:** Many parents have inquired about chaperoning events. At the beginning of each school year, we inquire about your ability to chaperone certain events. Please keep in mind that we are limited in the number of chaperones that we can take on any one event. If you were not called to chaperone an event, please do not take this as a sign that we do not want you involved.... WE DO! It is simply a matter of 'numbers' as events only require a limited number of adults per children. We do appreciate your enthusiasm in wanting to chaperone and hope you do get involved in other venues.

**Flensburg, Germany:** On October 21 our German visitors left our Easton homes to continue on their visit in America. Thank you to Pat Korp for coordinating student housing for this event and a HUGE thank you to all the host families! In addition to the farewell concert that was well attended, our visitors performed at Our Lady of Mercy Parrish. This performance was put together through the efforts of Nancy Bonfonti and Ms. Lutte. Thank you again to everyone that was involved in this incredible experience!

**Music Money** 🎵🎵🎵: Recently completed 🎵🎵🎵 is the pie/coffee sale and fruit sale. December 🎵🎵🎵 will be a hoagie sale and January's 🎵🎵🎵 sale will be pasties. The January sale will be the FINAL 🎵🎵🎵 event for the 2008-2009 school year.

**Disney Trip:** Financial statements will be mailed within the week to apprise you of your current (November) payment status (this will include direct trip payments and 🎵🎵🎵). Please be sure to keep the trip payments current – as the IMA will need to make several (large) payments in the very near future to secure all trip reservations for our children. IF you have ANY problems making these payments, *please* do not hesitate to contact me at 610-923-7430.

**Newsletter:** Thank you to both Tara Stephenson & Dave Plennert for the efficient and timely production and mailing of our monthly newsletter. Communication is vital to any organization and these two individuals volunteer each month to ensure that all IMA members receive information through “Marking Time”.

**Pictures:** If anyone has pictures that they would like to share of current 2008-2009 IMA events, please send them electronically to [mouse43837@rcn.com](mailto:mouse43837@rcn.com) or [dbiggfamily@rcn.com](mailto:dbiggfamily@rcn.com). We will include them in on our website. (e.g., band camp, First Flags, football games, German visit, etc.).

The success of this organization – *your* organization – is solely dependent on volunteers. I would like to thank everyone that has gotten involved over the past several months. We cannot support our children without your help. I would like to encourage others to contact me or any board member to ask how you can become involved. And again, if you have any ideas or suggestions you would like the IMA to consider, please let us know.

# IMA EVENTS: November 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 Halloween Parade	3 Jazz Band auditions begin	4 NO SCHOOL	5 Chamber Strings rehearsal until 4pm	6 Band practice until 5pm Pie/Coffee KICK-OFF ♪♪♪♪	7 Football Play-offs @ Wallenpaupack	8 Craft Show – 9:00 – 3:00
9	10	11 IMA meeting 7 pm in cafeteria	12 Chamber Strings rehearsal until 4pm Poinsettia Sale KICK-OFF	13 Band practice until 5pm	14 Football Play-offs @ Northampton 4:45 departure	15
16	17 Pep Band for J/V Game	18 Pie/Coffee Orders DUE ♪♪♪♪	19 Chamber Strings rehearsal until 4pm	20 Band practice until 5pm	21	22
23	24 Powder Puff Game  Poinsettia DUE DATE: First order	25 Pizza Party @ P'burg 6:00 – 8:00	26 Parade & Bon Fire 4:30 shuttle at EAHS 5:30 step-off	27 8:00 Thanksgiving Day GAME	28 NO SCHOOL Brass Quintet @ Easton Square	29

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	1	2 Poinsettia DUE DATE: SECOND & FINAL ORDER	3 Chamber Strings – Barnes & Noble performance	4	5	6 8:00 AM DISTRICT auditions
7	8	9 7:00 PM – IMA meeting – Cafeteria	10 2:30 – 4:00 Chamber Strings	11 Chamber Strings – Philipsburg Mall	12 Fruit sorting	13 FRUIT PICK-UP
14 Pie/Coffee PICK-UP THIS WEEK	15 7:00 PM Winter Orchestra Concert	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL	27
28	29 NO SCHOOL	30 NO SCHOOL	31 NO SCHOOL			





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***Don't forget the next IMA meeting on Tuesday, December 9 at 7:00 pm in the  
EAHS cafeteria!***



