

# Marking Time...Instrumental Music Association

Newsletter of the IMA, Easton Area High School  
2601 William Penn Highway, Easton, PA 18045



September, 2008

[www.eahsmusic.org](http://www.eahsmusic.org)  
**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 usually meet on the second Tuesday of every month. BUT, the October meeting is Tuesday, October 7 at 7:00 pm in the high school cafeteria.*

## Announcements

### *Basket Raffle at 1<sup>st</sup> Flag*

We will be raffling baskets at First Flags to help raise funds for the IMA. Donations for the baskets with the following themes are needed:

- ~Chocolate - any kind of chocolate
- ~Breakfast in Bed - flavored teas, coffees, mugs, tray, non perishable breakfast items
- ~Spa Relaxation - candles, aromatherapy, nail care, spa treatment items
- ~Autumn - any kind of decoration or item for the fall, including Halloween
- Football party - food, decorations, paper products to host a football party

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

## 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

**REMINDER: Did you order any mums? If so, please remember the pick-up date is SATURDAY OCTOBER 4 from 9-12 in the gym parking lot.**

## Mums Mums Mums

Mums money due September 26

Place all money & orders in an envelope with your name on it. Place in collection box and Pick up will be Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup> 9-12 gym parking lot. Help will be needed that day to unload and sort. Please call David or Mindy Plennert at 610-258-1622

## Bakers Wanted!

Volunteers are needed to bake for a variety of events throughout the school year, such as the Fall & Spring Craft Shows, Spaghetti Dinner and whenever any other functions may need a sweet confection. Your name will be placed on a list and called when needed. The more bakers we have on the list will keep us from calling the same volunteers all the time. Please consider adding your name to the list by giving Tammy Kliment a call at 610-559-0811 or email her at [typingmom@rcn.com](mailto:typingmom@rcn.com). Thank you!

## Hang Up Those Uniforms!!!

Due to the wet weather that we had during the football game on Friday, the uniforms are wet/damp. **Please be sure to hang up the uniform jackets and pants in order to allow them to dry properly.** This will both help to minimize wrinkles and the creation of any moldy smell.

### **Season Football Tickets:**

The athletic department has notified us that many parents have not yet picked up their season football tickets (for home games). The time and date for the pick-up was indicated on the original order form.

If you cannot pick up your tickets by 3:00 on Friday 9/12:  
THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT HAS KINDLY OFFERED TO TAKE THE TICKETS TO THE FIELD HOUSE (COTTINGHAM STADIUM). YOU WILL NEED TO KNOCK ON THE DOOR TO GET THEM.

### **IMA Fruit Ssle**

Information and order forms for the IMA fruit sale will be sent home with the students the first week of October. The sale runs through the month and is one of our largest fundraisers. The fruit is sent directly from our grower in Florida to us and is truly delicious!!! This is a product that sells itself and many customers look forward to this sale each year. If you have any questions on the sale please call Evelyn Craig at 610-253-2439.

### **Craft Show News!**

Helpers will be needed on November 8 (Saturday) starting at 6:30 am to help with our fall craft show. Assistance will be needed throughout the day - from 6:30 am until 4:00 pm. If you can spare one or two hours... or the entire day.... please let me know! We're anticipating a very large show this fall, so any time you can spare, would be appreciated! Many different volunteers positions are available --- from the 50/50 to helping out in the IMA 'kitchen'. Please contact Ann Marie Ballentine at [mouse43837@rcn.com](mailto:mouse43837@rcn.com) or 610-923-7430 if you are interested. Thank you!

### **Director's Letter**

As the school year moves into full swing, so does the EAHS Instrumental Department. A big thank you to all the parents who have helped out and continue to help out at band camp, uniform fittings, orchestra picnic, orchestra

fittings, chaperoning, fundraising chairpersons and the volunteer officers. Without everyone the program could not succeed. As the year continues I hope each parent/guardian can give of themselves at just one event to enjoy the "magic" of your children. The instrumental students in all of the ensembles have been working hard already to perfect their art and I know this will be another stellar year.

The marching band will compete in their first festival on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> in Boyertown. The kids and I would certainly love to see a sea of red and white. Come enjoy an evening of great music.

The Chamber Strings have begun rehearsals every Wednesday from 2:30 – 4:00pm. This group will be working with the Flensburg Youth Ensemble from Flensburg, Germany. The Chamber Strings will perform during the Farewell Concert on Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. The Flensburg Youth Ensemble will arrive on Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> and will depart on Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. We are still in need of housing for this great group of young musicians and their directors. This is a wonderful experience and one that we have had the pleasure of hosting since 1998. If you are able to help host please contact Mrs. Pat Korp or myself.

As the demands of the "test" become more and more each year they have begun to affect the Arts programs at ALL levels in many Districts. We in the Easton School District have been fortunate to have strong supporters that have made sure we are able to give the best to the children. Please help us and be an advocate of our Districts' Music and Art programs. Your child has had the great benefit and you know the all the benefits first hand of a solid program. We need to continue to foster the Arts in children; even more society needs us to continue to foster the Arts in our children.

Have a great month.

Carole Lutte

## President's Corner

Thank you to everyone who attended our September 9th meeting. I know how hectic coordinating schedules can be and at times it may be difficult to attend each month. We do try to keep the meetings brief (about an hour or so) – but at the same time convey important information to you. I hope you can put this time aside to support our students in the IMA! Hoping to see you in October!

Palmer Days was held on August 14<sup>th</sup> through 17<sup>th</sup> and was successful. A HUGE thank you to Nubia Gonzalez and her volunteers in ensuring that the community was welcomed at the IMA booth with enthusiasm and smiles! ☺ Though this four-day event is quite 'labor-intensive' over the course of the four days, it is important for the IMA to participate in this community-wide event. We are going try to relocate our booth and expand our area in order to increase our visibility at the event. Thank you, Nubia – we will miss you next year – and hope you come to visit us with your BIG SMILE!

Our first fundraiser of the school year ("WOW") was very successful! The students earned almost \$6,000 in 🎵🎵🎵🎵. Delivery is anticipated for the week of 9/22. Thank you to Melinda Trapani for handling all the 'behind-the-scenes' work associated with this sale.

The IMA flea market was held on Sept. 13 and chaired by Pat Korp. This event netted the IMA almost \$1,000! Thank you, Pat, and your volunteer staff in helping to support this organization to enrich our children's lives. It is greatly appreciated.

If you are interested in learning how to chair either Palmer Days or the flea market for 2009, please contact Evelyn Craig. Both Nubia and Pat will gladly provide you with detailed information regarding the duties involved with each event. Though these ladies are 'senior parents', Evelyn and myself will be available to guide you through the process. A phenomenal asset of the IMA is that **we work together** to support our kids. I hope that more of you can experience the comradeship that is developed within the IMA.

Please remember that if you do volunteer to assist at an event, it is important to contact the chairperson if you cannot attend ~ as they do depend on you ~ and yes, missing 'just one person' can hinder the results of an event.

The marching band students will be participating in their first festival of the season on September 27 in Boyertown. We hope to see you there and cheer them on at this important event. Directions are located on our website. Two other fall festivals will be our very own – "First Flag" Festival held on October 1. On October 8 the students will be in Allentown at the Allen/Dieruff festival. We hope to see you there!

I hope many of you were able to attend our first home football game. Though the weather was less than favorable and our football team lost their home opener, both the pre-game and half time shows by our marching band students were powerful! Watching the students perform is a true testament to the hours of dedication and hard work that the students, Ms. Lutte, and her staff devote to this program.

### **The students truly appreciate your involvement and support.**

New apparel will be available (hopefully) next month. This will include t-shirts and hooded sweatshirts and zipped sweatshirts (in addition to the golf shirts and crew sweatshirts).

Please note "Music Money" fundraisers 🎵🎵🎵 and other important dates on enclosed calendars.

Thank you ~ Ann Marie Ballentine



# IMA--October 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 First Flags Band Festival	2 Raindate for First Flags	3 Football @ Nazareth	4 Pick up Mums in GYM PARKING LOT 9 - 12
5	6 Fruit sale kickoff ♪♪♪♪	7 Band practice until 6pm IMA meeting in cafeteria at 7 pm (NOTE date change)	8 Allen/Dieruff (ASD) Band Festival – 4:30 report time 7:30 performance (finished by 9:15)	Band practice until 5pm	10 Football HOME - Freedom	11
12	13	14 Band practice until 5pm German Students ARRIVE	15 Chamber Strings rehearsal until 4pm	16 Band practice until 5pm	17 Football @ Northampton	18
19	20 Flensburg/Chamber Strings Farewell Concert	21 Band practice until 5pm German Students DEPART	22 Chamber Strings rehearsal until 4pm	23 Band practice until 5pm	24 Football @ Liberty	25
26	27	28 Band practice until 5pm	29 Chamber Strings rehearsal until 4pm	30 Band practice until 5pm	31 Football HOME - Bechi Fruit orders DUE ♪♪♪♪	

# IMA--September 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Car Wash Pledge KICK-OFF 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵	3	4	5 Football @ Dieruff	6
7	8 First Flags Patron Ads/Family Sponsors DUE 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵	9 IMA meeting 7 pm in cafeteria Band practice until 6pm	10	11 Band practice until 5pm	12 Football HOME (Parkland)  Carwash paperwork due 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵	13 Car Wash 9 am 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵  Flea Market 9 am
14	15 Mum Sale Begins 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵	16 Band practice until 6pm	17 Chamber Strings rehearsal until 4pm	18 Band practice until 5pm	19 Football @ Emmaus  Car Wash pledge money DUE 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵	20
21	22 WOW pickup this week	23 Band practice until 6pm WOW fundraiser pickup in senior cafeteria 4-5:30	24 Chamber Strings rehearsal until 4pm	25 Band practice until 5pm OPEN HOUSE	26 Football HOME (Wm. Allen) Mum Sale Orders DUE 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵	27 Boyertown Band Festival – 6:00 report time 9:30 performance 10:15 awards
28	29	30 Band practice until 6pm				

EASTON AREA HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL  
DEPARTMENT  
MS. CAROLE A. LUTTE  
MRS. PAT KORP  
August 12, 2008

To all parents/guardians of EAHS instrumental students:

For the past twelve years the EAHS instrumental department has had the opportunity to be involved in a musical and cultural exchange program with the city of Flensburg, Germany. Our instrumental parents have hosted the Flensburg Youth Big Band and in 2005 they hosted our students. This has been a truly rewarding experience for all involved.

The Flensburg Youth Big Band will once again be visiting the United States and will make a week stop in Easton to stay with us and enjoy our culture and musical offerings. We are in need of host parents for these students and chaperones; the dates are arrival Tuesday, October 14 to departure October 21, 2008. Your responsibility to the students and/or chaperones is to provide breakfast each morning, transport them to and from the high school and give them a bed to sleep in. They will need SOME dinners. There will be at least one day over the weekend that they will be with you the entire day. If there are transportation concerns, we can work things out—please don't let that stop you from enjoying these gifted students.

I cannot tell you what a wonderful opportunity this is; each student and adult speaks English. Many of our instrumental parents, both current and alumni have developed wonderful bonds with students from Flensburg.

If you are interested, please fill out the form to the right and return it at the next booster meeting or mail it to: Pat Korp, 19 Kendon Drive, Easton 18045. Her phone number is (610) 252-9072.

Musically, Carole A. Lutte

**Germany Housing Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Pets?: \_\_\_\_\_

ARE THERE SMOKERS IN YOUR HOME? \_\_\_\_\_

How many students can you accommodate?

\_\_\_\_\_

Prefer male \_\_\_\_\_ female \_\_\_\_\_

We also need to house about 4 adults \_\_\_\_\_

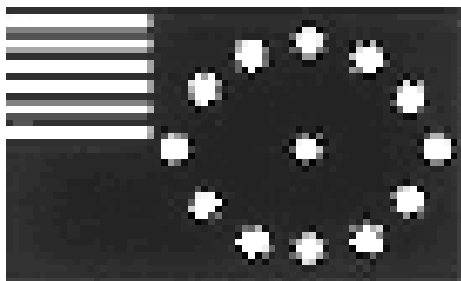
Do you need help transporting your German student to school in the morning? \_\_\_\_\_

Anything else we need to know?

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# **2008 34th ANNUAL FIRST FLAG OVER THE UNITED COLONIES BAND FESTIVAL**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1st, 2008**

**COTTINGHAM STADIUM**

**EASTON**

**6:30 PM**

**ADULTS: \$6.00      STUDENTS: \$4.00**

**SENIOR CITIZENS: \$4.00**

**CHILDREN 5 AND UNDER: FREE**

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**EASTON AREA INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC ASSOCIATION**

**HOST BAND:** EAHS RED ROVER MARCHING BAND

PERFORMING IN EXHIBITION ALONG WITH the SHAWNEE MIDDLE SCHOOL

**OTHER PERFORMING HIGH SCHOOL BANDS:**

EAST STROUDSBURG SOUTH, EMMAUS, SAUCON VALLEY, WILLIAM ALLEN, and WILSON



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**Boyertown Band Festival September 27**

**First Flag Over The Colonies Band Festival October 1**

**Flensburg students here October 14-21**

**CHANGE OF DATE: IMA meeting in October is the 7<sup>th</sup>, rather than the usual second Tuesday.**

