

Marking Time...Instrumental Music Association

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



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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 November meeting is on Tuesday, November 11.

Announcements

Fruit Sale

Our fruit sale began the first week of October and from all feedback we expect this to be a successful fundraiser. Extra order forms are kept on the piano in the band room. If you need extra help please contact me; I may be able to provide you with a few leads from past band members. If you have any questions, please call Evelyn Craig 610-253-2439.

Pie and Coffee Sale

Looking ahead to November, we will be selling pie and coffee. The products will arrive in December in time for the holidays. More information will follow.

November Craft Show:

Our fall craft show will be held on Saturday November 8 from 9am to 3 pm. I will need many volunteers throughout the day – from 6:30 am until about 4:00 pm. Please contact me if you can help for the entire day or for a few hours. This has been a lucrative fundraiser in previous years and I foresee only success for this show

also. Volunteers are needed to help crafters locate their respective 'area'; 50/50; Treasure Hunt; periodic announcements; and helping with our homemade 'food court'. Please contact Ann Marie Ballentine – 610-923-7430 or mouse43837@rcn.com if you are available to assist with this event. Thank you!

Uniforms

I would like to clear up some misconceptions regarding the dry cleaning fees. The \$24 dry cleaning fee that was due in August along with the signed uniform contract covers ONLY the WHITE PANTS. This fee varies from year to year because it is based on the number of white pant performances (i.e. competitions, parades, Turkey Day game, concerts, and trips). The white pants must be cleaned after each performance therefore the white pants MUST BE RETURNED IMMEDIATELY after each performance to the uniform room.

The parent/student is responsible for dry cleaning the red jacket and black pants periodically as needed. THESE FEES ARE PAID BY THE PARENT/ STUDENT. You may use any dry cleaner for the red/black items but Lehigh Valley Dry Cleaners will give a 10% discount on band items. Please check your uniform contract for their three locations.

Please remove the sashes before taking the jacket to the dry cleaner as the dry cleaning process is very harsh on the sequins. Also remove and wash the white sweat collar that snaps into the collar of the red band jacket. This needs to be washed after every couple of performances. Please remove this sweat collar before taking the jacket to the dry cleaner.

If your student's uniform is missing buttons, snaps, etc. have them bring this to our attention - we are in the uniform room before and after every "away" performance. Remind your student to hang up the uniform in between performances not just let it lie in the bottom of the garment bag or stored in the car.

If you have any questions regarding the uniforms please call either Jean Ruschman at 610 253-0411 or Debbie Barbiero at 610 515-1864.

Sean Lambert Trust Fund:

The IMA will be collecting donations now through Thanksgiving for the Sean J. Lambert Trust fund. If you would like to make a donation, please make your check payable to the: IMA. You can mail your check to the IMA at PO Box 3535, Easton, PA 18043, give it to a board member or have your child place it in the IMA box in the music room (G214). Thank you.

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

Band Snacks

Our snacks are running low..... The IMA provides snacks for the kids at every band practice. If you would like to make a snack donation, please bring to either Tuesday or Thursday's band practice and see either myself or Evelyn Craig. Donated snacks need to be the pre-packaged individual serving size kind.

Favorites include --- fruit snacks (not fruit, but the gummy fruit chews), cereal bars, granola bars, cookies, etc. The kids also like various chips, Doritos, and pretzels.

Director's Letter

November is right around the corner and our music department is in full swing!! I would like to thank all of the parents who have donated time during the last two months. Without you we could not prosper, thanks. The orchestra fittings are completed at this time. Please send in the uniform contract and the dry cleaning fees as well as shoe payment. If your child is in Chamber Strings, the dry cleaning fees do not apply. Since Chambers plays more often we ask you to take care of the cleaning. We would like to have the financial end completed by December 1st. All checks are made out to IMA.

By the time you read this newsletter the Flensburg, Germany students will have come and gone. Thank you to all of hosts and parents who helped with the success of this exchange. The memories last a life time for all involved.

The annual Halloween Parade is Sunday, November 2nd. We will report to EAHS at 12:00 noon. The parade steps off at 1:30 and we are in the Pre-Division. We should be finished by 2:30pm.

The jazz band and musical auditions begin as we progress through the fall. The marching band continues to move toward the big Turkey Week. Check out reminder

dates and times below. Play-off football games are announced at the beginning of each week after the Friday game. They normally remain on Friday evenings.

*Sunday, November 2nd - Halloween Parade - Report time 12:00 noon at EAHS

*Tuesday, November 25th - Easton/P'burg Pizza Party - at P'Burg report time 5:30 pm, event is 6 - 8pm. All are to attend.

*Wednesday, November 26th - pep rally during school, bonfire parade at night. Report time TBA. March from 12th and Northampton to EAHS.

*Thursday, November 27th - GAME DAY!!!! Report EAHS 8:00 AM

*Chamber String Performance - Phillipsburg Mall - December 11th, 6pm

Have a great month and see you at the next meeting.

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

President's Corner-Ann Marie Ballentine

It is with great sadness that the October IMA meeting was cancelled. The loss of Taylor and Tim Lambert cannot be expressed with any words I can write. I know our students suffered a tremendous amount of grief with the passing of their peer. It was heart wrenching to feel their pain amidst their tears, but it was also with overwhelming pride to watch them carry out their performance in honor of their classmate and friend, Taylor Lambert.

Phone chain: I apologize to those of you who did not receive a phone call pertaining to the change regarding this meeting. Please be sure to contact me via phone (610-923-7430) or email (mouse43837@rcn.com) if you did not receive a phone call.

Communication within any organization is vital. As such, we provide information to you in electronic format, paper format and via our phone chain. Some of you have indicated that you prefer to receive information electronically and have requested removal from the phone chain. However, please keep in mind that our phone chain is

also activated in the event of an emergency situation (cancellation of a scheduled event). If you remove yourself from the phone chain, it is possible you may NOT receive critical information in a timely manner.

Keeping this in mind, all members of our instrumental music program will remain on the phone chain. If you have any concerns pertaining to this, please contact either myself or Maureen Guffy - our phone chain chairperson.

Thank yous are in order for our 'behind the scenes' fundraising chairperson – Evelyn Craig. Though Evelyn may not be the primary contact person for each fundraiser (though she is for fruit!), she is pivotal in the successful operation of ALL our fundraisers. Many thanks, Evelyn, for your hours of dedication to our organization.

Our First Flags Over the United Colonies was held on October 1 with much success. A HUGE thank you to our First Flag committee chairs – Jill Homa, Renee Drago and Janice Piccotti for the many, many *months* of work that went into this event.) I know they are already looking ahead with how to make this fundraiser more successful for next year! This event could not have been complete without the help of the many volunteers – too many to mention – but we do appreciate your involvement. It DOES matter! ☺

Thank you also to Mindy and Dave Plennert for a very profitable mum fundraiser. The students raised almost \$5,000 in 🎵🎵🎵 with this two-week event!! With the fruit sale underway, it is my hope that the students will take the utmost advantage of this music money event! Keep your eyes on the forefront for the pie/coffee fundraiser that will begin in early November. More information will be forthcoming!

Volunteers --- We are very appreciative of the time you are committing to our programs and more importantly, to our kids. Each individual volunteer is valuable to us. With that in mind, it is critical that when you commit to volunteering you can be **present and active** in whatever event you volunteered to do. Your *active* presence is needed for the entire duration of the event. We *rely* on this for the operation of successful and safe events. If you have any questions pertaining to this, please contact our fundraising chair, Evelyn Craig or myself.

New apparel has arrived: Be on the lookout for new apparel at our November meeting!! This will include t-shirts, hooded sweatshirts and zipped sweatshirts (in

addition to the golf shirts and crew sweatshirts).

Calendars: There are many important dates and the notation of 🎵🎵🎵 for music money fundraisers on the enclosed calendars.

Flensburg, Germany: It is with great excitement that several of our students awaited the arrival of students from Flensburg, Germany on Tuesday evening October 14. The days following their arrival were a flurry of activity for both the host families and special guests. Each day I heard much enthusiasm when speaking of the experiences being shared and memories being created. Many of our guests experienced their first American football game and watched our marching band perform. Thank you, Ms. Lutte, for providing this incredible experience to our children.

IMA Meeting: November 11 – 7:00 PM @ EAHS Cafeteria

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting --- and working with you to support our children's instrumental music program.

IMA--October 2008

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | | | 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 5pm | 8 Allen/Dieruff (ASD) Band Festival – 5:00 report time 7:45 performance (Awards at 9:30) | Band practice until 5pm | 10 SENIOR NIGHT: Football HOME - Freedom | 11 Nazareth Band Festival |
| 12 | 13 | 14 IMA meeting 7 pm in cafeteria Band practice until 5pm German Students ARRIVE | 15 Chamber Strings rehearsal until 4pm | 16 Band practice until 5pm | 17 Football @ Northampton | 18 |
| 19 Flensburg Concert: 1:00 CONCERT – Our Lady of Mercy | 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 ♪♪♪♪ | |

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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? | 8 Craft Show – 9:00 – 3:00 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 IMA meeting 7 pm in cafeteria | 12 Chamber Strings rehearsal until 4pm | 13 Band practice until 5pm | 14 Football Play-offs? | 15 Chamber Strings Palmer Park Mall? |
| 16 | 17 Pep Band? | 18 | 19 Chamber Strings rehearsal until 4pm Pie/Coffee Orders DUE ♪♪♪♪ | 20 Band practice until 5pm Poinsettia Sale KICK-OFF | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 Powder Puff Game | 25 | 26 Parade & BonFire | 27 8:00 Thanksgiving Day GAME | 28 NO SCHOOL | 29 |



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