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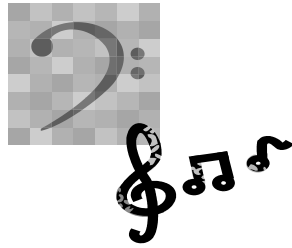
Instrumental Music Association

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 usually meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm in the high school cafeteria. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 14.

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

Spring Craft Show:

Our spring craft show will be held on Saturday March 28 from 9am to 3 pm. Our craft show is on the 'up-and-coming' list and is beginning to become very popular with the crafters/vendors. 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!

Director's Letter

When you reflect on the days past one can only smile at the accomplishments your children have achieved since August 2008. From the marching band season to the Flensburg Youth Ensemble, the Holiday Orchestra Concert, Winter Band Concert the Musical and most recently Disney Honors. What your children accomplish is what makes them above average learners and future leaders of the world. Your children face the same rigors of all children but you and they have chosen to rise above the "norm" and reach. The arts offer a chance for all types of learners to succeed and this gives them the confidence to achieve in all learning environments. I hope when you as parents reflect on your child's accomplishments you will then continue to voice your support for the EASD music program. To minimize or limit would be a disservice to all children of the EASD.

Even though we have reached a musical pinnacle, we have more to come! Our first jazz festival will be Friday, March 27th at Muhlenberg High School in Laureldale. The jazz lab and big band will compete at Pocono Mountain East in May. The chamber strings will be performing at the Honor Society Induction as well as working with young string players in Allentown. This is in addition to our Band and Orchestra Spring concert and the Senior recital. The orchestra will once again be the ensemble to perform at the Easton graduation on Tuesday, June 23rd; please reserve the date. All members of the ensemble grades 9 - 12 are needed to give the seniors the proper send off.

Thank you to all that continue to offer support and time to the Instrumental program. The kids and I could not do all that we do without all of you. Have a wonderful Spring Break with your family.

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

President's Corner—Ann Marie Ballentine

February and March was quite a busy time for the instrumental students. Many rehearsals were scheduled in order to prepare for the Disney trip as well as the 42nd Street musical. The pit orchestra was absolutely fabulous in each of their performances. We hope you were able to come and experience the outstanding talent of our pit and student actors/actresses. Each time I listen to the students perform, I forget that I am listening to high school musicians. Good luck on a Freddy nomination! ☺

I will be compiling a video of all the Disney footage that was taped during the Disney Honors trip. This will be burned onto one DVD. In addition, Doug Barbiero will be compiling 'still' photos of this event. We should also have access to photos that were taken by Disney photographers during the parade. As soon as information is available, I will disseminate to all. Please listen for upcoming announcements. This will be conveyed via email and/or phone chain.

Fundraising helps support ALL the students by supplying: college scholarships, end-of-year banquet, band camp snacks/food, band front accessories, percussion seminars, leadership conference, Thanksgiving week events, hospitality for special events (German visit) etc. The spring fundraisers will support the IMA in our endeavor to support our children. All previous fundraiser profits were for student music money for the Disney Honors trip. Now is the time to help the IMA raise much needed funds to support the students. Please encourage your son or daughter to support THEIR organization.

We love to have you get involved as often as you can. There are many different avenues of involvement – so please, let us know what you can do to help us! We are all here to support our children! Several upcoming events include: Coke wagon, WOW fundraiser, car wash and pastie sale. If you think you have a potential profitable fundraiser you would like the IMA to consider, please approach any board member. We are always open to new suggestions and assistance.

We're thinking about hosting a '50s dance' for the ADULTS in late June!! We're also looking for a band for this event. If you can assist in any way (organization, ticket sales, etc.), please contact any board member. We would not only like this event to be a successful fundraiser, but also a time for the adults to unwind and have fun!

Thank you to:

-Jill Homa for coordinating the Noto's hoagie sale. Jill graciously offered to run this fundraiser in order to help the students earn more music money.

-Patti Montague and her 'staff' in working the canteen during the 42nd Street Musical. We appreciate your involvement!

-all the parents that helped with the Disney Honors trip. From picking up and arranging the bagel breakfast for the students, the phone chain calls and food/monetary donations.

-Mario Pasquini for the very generous donations of Hostess snacks that the students enjoyed during their adjudication performance on Saturday 3/7 during the Disney Honors trip.

-Ms. Lutte for coordinating such an awesome experience for the students on the Disney trip. We cannot say thank you enough for the number of hours she devotes to our children ~ not only to their musical education, but in helping them to mature into responsible young adults. Her devotion shows in her interactions with our children each day.

Some special upcoming events:

- Muhlenberg Jazz Festival
- Spring Craft Show - March 28 9:00 - 3:00
- Penn State University – April 3, 4 and 5 (JAZZ)
- Chamber Strings – April 20 @ National Honor Society

The Nominating Committee has made the following recommendations for the 2009-2010 term:

President – Ann Marie Ballentine
Vice President – Jill Homa
Treasurer – Scott Craig
Financial Secretary – Doug Barbiero
Recording Secretary – Janice Piccotti

The floor was opened for nominations. No additional nominations were received. Voting will take place at the April meeting. The term will run from July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 2:30-4:00 Chamber Strings	2 2:30-4:00 Jazz Lab 6:00-9:00 Jazz Band	3 JAZZ: PSU	4 JAZZ: PSU
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19	20 Chambers @ National Honor Society	21	22 2:30-4:00 Chamber Strings	23 2:30-4:00 Jazz Lab 6:00-9:00 Jazz Band	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

IMA Events: March 2009

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1 42 nd Street Musical	2	3 2:45 FINAL PACK for DISNEY	4 2:30 – 4:00 Chamber Strings	5 DEPART for FLORIDA	6	7
8	9 HOME from FLORIDA	10	11 2:30 – 4:00 Chamber Strings	12 2:30 – 4:00 Jazz Lab 6:00 – 9:00 Jazz Band	13	14
15	16	17	18 2:30 – 4:00 Chamber Strings	19 2:30 – 4:00 Jazz Lab 6:00 – 9:00 Jazz Band	20 Regional Orchestra in Hazleton	21
22	23	24	25 2:30 – 4:00 Chamber Strings	26 2:30 – 4:00 Jazz Lab 6:00 – 9:00 Jazz Band	27 3:00 – Set-up for Craft Show JAZZ-Muhlenberg Festival	28 CRAFT SHOW
29	30	31				

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Tuesday, April 14 at 7:00 pm in the EAHS
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