

## MarkingTime...

### 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 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, January 12, 2010.*

#### Announcements

##### **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. More bakers on the list will mean that we don't have to call 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!

#### **Orchestra**

Orchestra contracts went home with your student in the beginning of December. Please sign contract and send in dry cleaning and/or shoe payment as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Tammy Kliment at 610-559-0811 or [typingmom@rcn.com](mailto:typingmom@rcn.com). Thank you!

February 6: Spaghetti Dinner—(see flyer near end of this newsletter)

We need the following donations:

Ragu original spaghetti sauce  
#9 spaghetti  
Drinks (canned sodas, ice tea)  
Italian salad dressing  
Baked goods

For pick up of these items, please contact Ann Marie Ballentine at 610-923-7430 or any IMA board member. We need a few parents to help on the night of the dinner.

March 20: "OLDIES" Dance

May 7/8: Notre Dame University visit

The EAHS instrumental department is honored to be hosting an ensemble from Notre Dame University. They selected the EAHS to perform on their 2010 Spring tour.

We will need to house approximately 75 students for ONE NIGHT - Friday - May 7. Specific details will follow. But it is for only one night.

Please reply to this email... OR... contact Joyce Wallace at 610-330-9113 ... if you are interested in being a host family for some students. Please advise how many students you will be able to 'house'.

Thank you so much for your support in this event.

## From the Director

As the winter weather begins so does all of the small ensembles of our instrumental department. The Chamber Strings and Brass Choir performed beautifully for the lighting of the Easton Peace Candle. The jazz ensemble has begun rehearsing and is anticipating an exciting jazz season! The pit orchestra for our high school musical "Ragtime" has begun. Jazz Lab rehearses Thursdays from 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm and our string sectionals (not the Ragtime ones) are held weekly on Thursdays from 2:30 - 4:00 pm.

On Saturday, December 5th we had 33 instrumental students audition for our PMEA District Band/Orchestra Festivals. As of this writing we do not know who made the ensembles but each student gained a wealth of musical knowledge from working through this process. The students selected will be announced in our January newsletter as well as our IMA meeting.

Congratulations to all members of our EAHS Marching Band!! What a season 2009 was in every aspect. When you think that we have been working since July and here we are completing our season on December 5th you must reflect on what outstanding young people we have in our department! Thank you to all of the parents who donated countless bottles of water, snacks and monetary donations. Thank you to all the chaperones who gave up their Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights to aid in the success of this ensemble. Thank you to the invaluable nurses who worked like clockwork and never thought twice about taking care of your child. Thank you to all the parents who saw us late at night or on a very cold, snowy day and jumped right in and helped with the unloading of our instrument "trucks". Finally thank you to all the parents, grandparents, guardians who support their child in this most valuable educational experience.

The Symphony Orchestra, Chamber String Ensemble and the Freshmen Strings have prepared a beautiful Holiday Concert that will take place on Monday, December 21st at 7 pm in our high school auditorium. We hope to see everyone at this wonderful evening of music. To all orchestra parents-you should have received a uniform contract that details the dry cleaning and shoe fee. Please have your child bring in payment to the instrumental room.

Have a beautiful holiday season.

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

## From the IMA President

Happy Holidays!!! It's a busy time of year for all of us. The students are busy preparing for their winter concerts and other various ensembles. We hope that you can find the time to support their musical efforts and attend the various performances by our instrumental ensembles. Please check the calendars for details.

~ SPECIAL THANKS ~

The IMA board would like to thank the students of the instrumental department for their donation of \$243. The students hosted an "IMA Night" whereby proceeds from ticket sales to a student 'band night' were donated to the IMA. Band president, Rob Smith, and band council members hosted this event. The IMA would like to sincerely thank the students for their support. This gesture indicated that the students acknowledge the importance of the IMA in supporting their musical endeavors at the EAHS. The board members were very touched by this gesture... and we sincerely thank all of the students for their support.

Thank you to:

**Sharon Bernhardt** – future fruit sale chairperson

**Amy Blythe** – future newsletter publisher

**Dawn Tomaino** – publicity chair

**Sandi Reiss & Nestle** – water donation

**Patti Montague** – coordinating the FRIENDLY'S night.

(YOUR NAME here???) – future craft show chairperson (yes, we're looking for a new chairperson for the craft show!) ☺

### **The Craft Show APPRECIATES:**

**Dave & Mindy Plennert** – for coordinating the food sales at the craft show. And Mindy Plennert for her homemade cooking!

**Mario Pasquini** – hamburger and hot dog roll donations

**Jill Homa** – for her homemade and delicious soups!

**Brenda VanHorn, Tammy Kliment and the bakers**

**Jenny Volchko** and the basket designers

**Craft Show Volunteers** – your assistance made this event successful. There are too many of you to thank individually. I truly appreciate the time you donated. The crafters and vendors are always happy to attend – we already have spaces booked for the spring show! The instrumental students are always a very much welcomed presence.

Next show is scheduled for March 27.

#### ***Upcoming events & fundraisers ~***

November/December: Poinsettias (December 21 delivery date after holiday concert)

December 21: Orchestra Holiday concert

January 8: Band Holiday concert

January 25 – February 6: Pastie Sale (Lisa Wilson)

January 6 - 22: Yankee Candle (Terry Nitchkey)

February 6: Spaghetti Dinner. Ticket Sales: Lisa Pysner – 610-253-4972

March 5, 6 and 7 – Ragtime Musical

March 20: –OLDIES Dance. Ticket Sales: Pauline Stepansky – 610-330-9887

April 10: Jazz event at EAHS

May 7 – 8: Notre Dame University visit – Housing contact Joyce Wallace 610-330-9113

Notre Dame University visit: May 7/8: If you are interested in being a host family for ONE night – please contact Joyce Wallace at 610-330-9113. Easton is proud to host the wind ensemble from Notre Dame University. We will need to find housing for 75 musicians. It is for one night and one meal. Please consider offering your home to our guests.

Visit [www.eahsmusic.org](http://www.eahsmusic.org) to keep up-to-date with our events.

#### **From the newsletter editor**

Please submit your digital pictures of Easton high school musical ensembles or IMA events to this address—[imanews@yahoo.com](mailto:imanews@yahoo.com). I'd love to include visuals to augment all the words!

*Urgently need: coordinator of the happenings in the band uniform room! This person does NOT need to do the tasks... but be the organizer of the room to ensure all necessary tasks are promptly completed (e.g., dry cleaning, fittings, handing out uniforms, maintaining database of uniforms and payments).*



# IMA Events ~ December 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Chamber Strings 2:30-4:00	3	4	5 PMEA Auditions
6	7	8 Pit rehearsal 2:30-4  2 <sup>nd</sup> due date for Poinsettias	9  Chamber Strings 2:30 - 4:00	10 Jazz Band 6-8	11  FRUIT SORTING	12  Fruit Orders to be picked up!
13 (Pie/Coffee pick-up this week)  St. Jane's Concert Evening Performance 6-8	14 Pit rehearsal STRINGS 2:30-4	15 Pit rehearsal BRASS/WINDS/PERCU SSION 2:30-4	16  Chamber Strings 2:30 - 4:00 Choral Concert 7	17 Jazz Band 6-8	18  Chamber Strings - 7:00 Phillipsburg Mall	19
20	21  Holiday Orchestra Concert 7:00 PM (Poinsettia pick-up)	22 FULL Pit rehearsal 2:30-4	23	24 NO SCHOOL	25 NO SCHOOL	26
27	28 NO SCHOOL	29 NO SCHOOL	30 NO SCHOOL	31 NO SCHOOL		

**IMA EVENTS ~ January 2010 ~**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 NO SCHOOL	2
3	4	5	6 <b>Chamber Strings</b>	7 Jazz Band 6 – 8	8 7:00 PM Winter Band Concert	9
10	11	12 IMA MEETING	13 <b>Chamber Strings</b>	14 District Orchestra	15 ½ DAYSCHOOL District Orchestra	16 <b>District Orchestra</b>
17	18 NO SCHOOL	19	20 <b>Chamber Strings</b>	21 Jazz Band 6 – 8	22	23
24	25	26	27 <b>Chamber Strings</b>	28 Jazz Band 6 – 8	29	30
31	<b>Notes: Yankee Candle Sale and Pastie Sale this month Upcoming: February 6 – Spaghetti Dinner</b>					

# SPAGHETTI AND SOUNDTRACKS DINNER

PRESENTED BY

EASTON AREA HIGH SCHOOL  
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC ASSOCIATION

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

6:00 PM - EAHS CAFETERIA

Entertainment provided by EAHS Instrumental Ensembles

TICKETS \$10 FOR ADULTS

\$8 FOR SENIORS AND CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER

FOR TICKETS CALL 610-253-4972



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***Don't forget the next IMA  
meeting on Tuesday,  
January 12, at 7:00 pm in  
the EAHS cafeteria.***