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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, November 10, 2009.

Announcements



Janice Piccotti, event chairman, and Renée Drago, program chairman, would like to *thank everyone* who helped make the First Flag Over the United Colonies Band Festival a success. This was a major undertaking and we could not have done it without you. Shhhhh! Listen. Do you hear that sound? That's Janice and Renee giving you all a HUGE round of applause.

Thank you to all who helped unload the truck and sort orders for the latest WOW Great Taste/Zap A Snack fundraiser. Also, thank you to students and parents for being prompt in picking up their orders!

Sincerely,
Coralee A. Kellow

Citrus Sale Has Begun!!!!!!!!!!

Citrus packets were distributed the first week of October and the sale runs through the beginning of November.

We encourage everyone to participate in our largest fundraiser of the year. We are again selling Navel oranges, tangelos, pink grapefruit, Hamlin oranges and the very popular Navel and grapefruit mix. The fruit is sent from the grower to us and is unlike anything you can purchase from your local grocery store, it is delicious. For each case a student sells they will be given a ticket to enter drawings for gift cards. Let's try to beat last year's sales of 2100 cases!!!! If you have any questions, please call Evelyn Craig at 610-217-9448.

Friendly's Fun Night benefitting the IMA will be November 9th Monday from 5-8. The IMA will receive a percentage of the sales between 5-8 that night- so the more people dining there, the more money raised for the IMA. Any questions, call Patti Montague 610 250 0575 or pms920@rcn.com. Thank you!

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. Thank you!

Need Food Donations for the Fall Craft Show: such as--soda, hotdogs, single packs of chips and candy bars: or if you prefer, we accept gift cards to Sam's Club for other items. Call Dave or Mindy Plennert at (610) 258-1622 about your donation. Thank you for all your help.

Hang Up Those Uniforms!!!

Please be sure to hang up the uniform jackets and pants in order to allow them to dry properly (especially when we have wet weather). This will also help to minimize wrinkles and the creation of any moldy smell.

Craft Show News!!

Helpers will be needed on November 14 (Saturday) starting at 6:30 am to help with our fall craft show. Assistance will be needed throughout the day – from 6:30 am to 3:00 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 volunteer positions are available – from the 50/50 to helping out in the IMA "kitchen". Please contact Ann Marie Ballentine at 610-923-7430 or at mouse43837@rcn.com if you are interested. Thank you!

From the Director

The Fall season is here and that means the instrumental program is in full motion. Thank you to all who helped out to make First Flags a wonderful success!! Our students were wonderful as were all the bands that participated in the festival.

Please make sure your child comes to after school practice and evening events prepared for the colder weather. They will be much more comfortable as well as more productive. A reminder that all directions for the events are on our parent website for both football games and competitions.

The Chamber String ensemble has begun rehearsals and is preparing for their upcoming performances. Dates will be listed in the near future. Jazz Band auditions will take place the last week of October. All jazz info. is posted in the instrumental room.

Please do not hesitate to e-mail me with any questions or concerns. Have a great October.

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

From the IMA President

Thank you to EVERYONE who has donated to our organization, but most importantly, to our kids, since the beginning of this school year. The level of support we have received this past year has been wonderful! We could not, and would not, be successful without your generosity. Please bring a friend to our next meeting or to the next event you help with/attend. The stronger we are as an organization -- the more we can do --- "FOR THE KIDS". That is why we all are here!

Mark your calendars:

- ♪October/November: Fruit Sale (Evelyn Craig)
- ♪November 9: Friendly's Night 5:00 – 8:00 pm
- ♪November 14: Craft Show (Ann Marie Ballentine)
- ♪November: Hoagie Sale (Jill Homa)
- ♪November/December: Poinsettias (December 21 delivery date) (the Plennerts)
- ♪December 21: Orchestra Holiday concert
- ♪January 8: Band Holiday concert
- ♪January: Pastie Sale (Lisa Wilson)
- ♪January: Yankee Candle (Terry Nitchkey)
- ♪February 6: Spaghetti Dinner
- ♪March 20: "OLDIES" Dance
- ♪May 7/8: Notre Dame University visit.

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.

The IMA is a busy organization. Please be sure to contact the above committee chairs at the next IMA meeting or contact me at 610-923-7430 if you are able to help in *any* capacity whatsoever. The success of these events depends on all of us working together to support our instrumental students and their music program. The students truly do appreciate our *involvement* and support.

Visit the IMA website at www.eahsmusic.org to keep current on important information.

THANK YOU:

Renee Drago & Janice Piccotti and their countless volunteers for organizing and hosting a very successful 35th First Flags festival! Thank you, Janice & Renée, VERY MUCH. It is a huge endeavor that entails many, many hours of work. Please know that your efforts are very much appreciated.

Dave & Mindy Plennert for coordinating the efforts for another successful mum sale. The mums were beautiful! We are thankful for the time you devoted to organizing this fundraiser.



LOOKING AHEAD 2010-2011: Would you like to learn something new? Shadow our current chairpersons to learn 'the ropes' and take over the reins next year! Contact any board member or the existing chairperson to get more information.

Banquet chairperson: currently Jill Homa

Fruit chairperson: currently Evelyn Craig

Craft Show chairperson: currently Ann Marie Ballentine

Newsletter publication: currently Tara Stephenson

FYI to the freshman parents: The week of Thanksgiving will be a busy and EXCITING week for your band student. Please check the November calendar for the events!

Saved The Best For Last!!!

An exhaustive search has begun for next year's newsletter publisher. Tara, parent of a senior, will be concluding her 7 year career with Easton Area High School's Instrumental Music Association and will do other things (not at the school) next year.

If you are just the special person for this job...

...come forward early enough to have your natural skills cultivated and developed. It isn't really hard, but training helps. I can provide the training.

As of this writing, Dave Plennert agrees to do the printing, so the job entails *1.fiddling with a computer (special e-mail account included with the job package), 2.nagging submitters and 3.making monthly expeditions to the Palmer post office to bulk mail the finished product, graciously delivered to your doorstep.*

You can e-mail Tara Stephenson at tarauu@hotmail.com or call her at (610) 253-2306. This is an enjoyable way to support the Instrumental Music Association!

November 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Easton/P'burg Halloween Parade	2	3	4	5 Band 3:00 – 5:00	6 Football – AWAY Bechi	7
8	9	10	11	12 Band 3:00 – 5:00	13 Possible Play-off game	14 CRAFT SHOW – 6:30 am – 3:00 pm
15	16	17	18	19 Band 3:00 – 5:00	20 Possible Play-off game	21
22	23	24 Easton/P'burg pizza party (EASTON)	25 Bonfire parade	26 Easton/P'burg Game 8:00 AM	27 NO SCHOOL	28

IMA Events: October 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Fruit Sale Kick-off this month				1 Band 3:00 – 5:00	2 Football – AWAY Allen	3 Mum pick-up 10-12
4	5	6 Band 3:00 – 5:00	7 FIRST FLAG	8 FIRST FLAG (Rain date) Band 3:00 – 5:00	9 Football – HOME Nazareth	10
11	12 No School	13 Band 3:00 – 5:00	14 WILLIAM ALLEN FESTIVAL	15 Band 3:00 – 5:00	16 Football – AWAY Freedom	17
18	19	20 Band 3:00 – 5:00	21 WM ALLEN (Rain date)	22 Band 3:00 – 5:00	23 Football – SENIOR NIGHT (HOME) Northampton	24 Neshaminy Band Festival
25	26	27 Band 3:00 – 5:00	28	29 Band 3:00 – 5:00	30 Football – HOME Liberty	31

Remaining Instrumental Music Dates for 2009-10 (Winter)

October 30 th	FOOTBALL GAME – LIBERTY	HOME	TBA
November 1	EASTON/PBURG HALLOWEEN PARADE		TBA
November 5 th	After school Rehearsal		3 pm – 5 pm
November 6 th	FOOTBALL GAME – BECHI	AWAY	TBA
November 12 th	After school Rehearsal		3 pm – 5 pm
November 13 th	POSSIBLE PLAY OFF GAME		TBA
November 19 th	After school Rehearsal		3 pm – 5 pm
November 20 th	POSSIBLE PLAY OFF GAME		TBA
November 24 th	EASTON/P'BURG PIZZA PARTY		TBA
November 25 th	BONFIRE PARADE		TBA
November 26 th	EASTON/P'BURG TURKEY DAY GAME		FISHER FIELD 8:00 AM
December 5 th	PMEA DISTRICT 10 AUDITIONS		PARKLAND H.S.
December 21 st	HOLIDAYORCHESTRA CONCERT	(9 – 12)	7 PM
January 8 th	WINTER BAND CONCERT	(9 – 12)	7 PM