



♪ Marking Time ♪

Newsletter of the IMA
Instrumental Music Association

Easton Area High School
2601 William Penn Highway, Easton, PA 18045

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<http://eahsmusic.org/>

President's Message

The weather has gotten cooler and the leaves are starting to turn various shades of red, yellow, and brown. Hot mulled cider is replacing cold ice tea. Ghosts and goblins hang from the trees and pumpkins sit where once summer flower pots were. It must be FALL! The fall season for the Easton Marching Band is a busy one! Friday night football games, band festivals, Halloween Parade and then all the festivities which go along with the Thanksgiving Day Game. It is a busy one but a fun one for our students.

Keep up with the latest calendar updates through the website at www.eahsmusic.org. We will do our best with keeping this updated, as any changes are made. If you haven't had a chance to catch the band's field show yet, now is a great time to do so. With several band festivals coming up, there is sure to be one to fit your schedule. Our own First Flag Festival is Wednesday, Oct. 5th. Of course, we want you to come to this one, but if you can't the band will also be participating in Bangor's Festival (Oct. 12), Wm. Allen's Festival (Oct. 19), Neshaminy's Festival (Oct. 29) and Phillipsburg's Festival (Nov. 2). As a reminder, please be prompt in picking up your students from any event. Students are asked to make a call when the buses are approximately 15 minutes away from the school.

Thank you for your continuous support of the music program! The students truly appreciate your involvement and support!

Lisa Pysher
IMA President

EASTON AREA INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC ASSOCIATION

EAHS Arts and Craft Sale

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2011

9:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

**Easton Area High School Cafeteria
2601 William Penn Highway**

- ♪ Fine selection of arts & crafts
- ♪ Do your holiday shopping
- ♪ Lunch will be available
- ♪ Try our Treasure Hunt
- ♪ Bake sale



**Benefits the EASTON AREA HIGH SCHOOL
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

Save those ink cartridges!

Did you know the IMA collects used ink cartridges for recycling? Ink cartridges can be given to Janice Piccotti. She will then mail them to a cartridge recycling company and they will pay us for them. What a great way to help the planet and help the IMA too!

Shadowing Opportunities Abound!

The IMA organization has many jobs opening up in the future and we need your help to see them continue. Why not shadow a current chairperson to learn "the ropes" from them? Contact an IMA Board Member for information on any of the following opportunities:

- ♪ **Basket Bingo** Get involved with this great fundraiser set for the spring. Learn now while you can! Our basket raffle coordinator does much of the work.
- ♪ **Fruit –FILLED.** Thank you to Linda Moscaritolo for shadowing Sharon this year!
- ♪ **Publicity** Be the contact for letting various sources know about our upcoming events.
- ♪ **Newsletter** Putting together this fine piece of manuscript. Some computer skills necessary.
- ♪ **Palmer Days** Has passed, but we will need a chair for this annual fundraiser.
- ♪ **Canteen** Organizing sale table for various events held in the auditorium.

Many hands make light work. Why not lend your hands and get involved?

Remember to check the website:

www.eahsmusic.org for the latest information concerning the instrumental music program at the high school. This site also includes student lesson schedules, calendar, audition information and directions to away events.

We are in need of snacks!

to be donated for the afterschool band snack. We are looking for prepackaged, individual size snacks such as, fruit snacks, granola bars, chips, pretzels, cookies, crackers, and cracker sandwiches. You can send the snacks in with your student, or drop them off at the band room when you pick up from band practice. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

Basket Raffle Update

Thank you to all who have sent in donations to be used for our basket raffles. Thanks to your generosity we were able to fill 7 baskets (plus two which came pre-filled) for First Flag and our Fall Craft Fair. We will continue to gladly accept donations throughout the year. Call Lisa Pysher at 610-253-4972 or email at pysherl@verizon.net to make arrangements for donations or send items into the band room.

All items are accepted and can be made into baskets. We are especially looking for the following items to incorporate into baskets for the Fall Craft Fair:

- preschool age items - playdough, small toys, magnetic letters, age appropriate games, etc
- winter holiday decorations
- anything angels
- lottery tickets!
- wine, corkscrew, wine related towel, etc.

Donations please: 2-liter soda bottles

To serve to 300+ thirsty band and color guard students. The Easton Band will be hosting the Phillipsburg Band in November for the annual pre-Thanksgiving pizza party. Contact any IMA board member or drop off in the band room. Thanks!

Tootsie Pop Lollipops

We continue to use tootsie pop lollipops at football games. Boxes can be purchased at Sam's club! Give to Janice Piccotti or drop off in the band room.

Thank you to Stevie Ritter

For coming out on Tuesdays and Thursdays to organize the snack for our students after school. Students have the opportunity to have water and a snack before heading to practice. Snacks donations may be donated by dropping off in the band room. Thank You!

MORE THANK YOU'S!

- ♪ Lorraine Ruggiero and Coralee Kellow for organizing and chairing the Zap-A-Snack fundraiser.
- ♪ Dave and Mindy Plennert and Sue Kutzler for the Fall Mum Sale. The mums were beautiful!
- ♪ Uniform Room Moms - band, orchestra, and jazz - for not only fitting our students, but continuing to outfit, dryclean, organize, etc., the uniforms all year long!
- ♪ Pauline Stepansky - for organizing and chairing our recent hoagie sale.

A full assortment of IMA Apparel is now in stock!

All sizes T-Shirts, Polo shirts, Crewneck Sweatshirts, Pullover Hoodies and Full Zip Hoodies. If you would like to place an order, please call Sandi Reiss at 610-253-3277. Arrangements can be made to get them to you before First Flag on Wednesday.

T-shirts are \$12

Polo shirts are \$20

Crew neck Sweatshirts are \$23

Hoodies (either style) are \$26

All items are red. The t-shirts are screen printed and all other items are embroidered.

FRUIT!

🍊 The 2011 fruit sale is now in progress and continues through October 30, 2011. This is a music money fundraiser, with 75% of the profit going towards your child's orchestra trip to Chicago. (The profit on a box of fruit is approximately 50%, so a \$20 box of fruit with \$10 profit would give your child \$7.50 in their music money account.

🍊 Extra sales slips are available in the band room.

🍊 Delivery Date for fruit is December 9th. If you would like to help out on December 9th, please come to the school beginning at 3:30. It will take us until about 9:30 to sort all the fruit and fill the orders. If you can't stay all night, a few hours of your time would be appreciated. Extra sales slips are available in the band room.

🍊 No orders are allowed to be picked up Friday night unless you are helping out. NO EXCEPTIONS. However, if you are helping out, you will not be able to take your order until the END of the night after all fruit has been sorted and double checked.

🍊 Any questions please call or email me @:
Sharon2311@live.com or 610-442-2311

Band Festival Dates & Updates!

🎵 The Bangor Band Festival has been postponed until October 12th, 2011.

🎵 The William Allen Band Festival is now Wednesday, October 19th with rain date of October 26th, 2011.

The IMA Fall Craft Show...

is just around the corner on Saturday, November 19th. This is one of the major fundraisers for the IMA and has always been very successful. Part of that is because of all of the volunteer help we have from parents and students on that day. We are known for our friendly assistance with helping our crafters to unload and set up their spots. Please encourage your music students to volunteer for this event. There will be a sign up sheet posted by Mrs. Lutte in the band room a few weeks before the event. Parent volunteers can also call or email me to volunteer @ 610-515-9933 or email mary.vincent@ren.com We are still accepting applications for crafter spots at the show. If you or someone you know would like information they can contact me. Also tell all your friends and family to come to THE SHOW!!! It's a great place to do some unique holiday shopping!!! I will have posters and flyers available at the next IMA meeting if you would like to hand them out, post at work or church.

IMA PRINCIPALS

The IMA is proud of its many years of service to the EAHS Instrumental Music Department, its Directors, and our students. The following are the five basic principles of our organization:

Make an individual commitment to the Instrumental Program

Undertake by volunteering on a committee

Solicit on behalf of our annual Fundraising Activities

Involve yourself in your student's musical development

Come to the Instrumental events

IMA MISSION STATEMENT

IMA is a non-profit fundraising organization whose membership consists of parents/guardians of students participating in the EAHS Instrumental Music Program. The main objective of the IMA is to provide organizational and financial support to the EAHS Instrumental Department and its Director by funding special events and purchasing instrumental related items not specifically funded by the EASD.