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Newsletter of the IMA Instrumental Music Association

Easton Area High School
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<http://eahsmusic.org/>

September 2011

The next IMA meeting is 7:00 pm, Tuesday, September 13th, in the high school cafeteria.

Director's Message

Welcome back to another school year! The 2011- 2012 school year will be sure to bring exciting musical opportunities. To all the returning families, I hope you have had time to rejuvenate and you are ready to participate and support our strong musical program. To all of our new families, WELCOME! The IMA families and I hope you choose to get involved and support your children in any way possible; by doing so you will send the message to your child that a strong music education is important in their lives.

As our year kicks off, we have had our summer string camp, three weeks of band camp, the annual Meet The Band Night, and our first football game. That was all in one month's time! Your children are committed to the instrumental program and should be applauded for their dedication.

I would like to remind you to check out our website; www.eahsmusic.org. This is a great resource for information dealing with the parent group as well as your student's music schedule and involvement. This year I will also have the audition pieces posted for downloading.

As always, if there are any questions do not hesitate to contact me at luttec@eastonsd.org. Have a great start to the school year.

Mrs. Lutte

President's Message

Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary defines *voluntarism* as *the principle or system of doing something by relying on voluntary actions or volunteers*.

As a new year is underway I hate to be preaching about needing your help, but an organization such as the IMA needs all its volunteers. The services we provide to our instrumental groups rely on you to get involved. There are so many opportunities for you to help out. You can donate requested items, fundraise, give your time on one of the many committees, or even chair a committee, make phone calls, work on the newsletter, sort a fundraiser. The list goes on. Sometime it may seem like a lot of work, but the reward for our students is immeasurable.

In the near future you will hear about many shadow opportunities. We have several key positions this year which are held by graduating senior parents. We will need underclass parents to take over these positions so the event can continue. Shadowing allows you to learn the ropes with the experienced parent without being thrown into the event "cold turkey". As these shadowing opportunities arise please help us out, step up to the plate, and take an event over. These events won't be able to continue for our students without your help!

Lisa Pysher



37th Annual First Flag Over the United Colonies Band Festival

Wednesday, Oct. 5, 6:30 p.m.; Cottingham Stadium

This is an amazing evening showcasing the talent of our Marching Band and other bands in our area!

We are in desperate need of volunteers for First Flag Over the United Colonies. It requires tremendous manpower to handle jobs such as chaperoning bands, handling parking, manning basket raffle, buttons and candy gram booths, selling 50/50 raffles and programs, and manning the admission ticket booths. Volunteers arrive at 5:00 or 5:30 p.m. We also need people able to help set up at the Stadium that afternoon starting at 1 p.m.

All jobs are easy to do, and since you will be there to support your band member anyway, why not donate a little of your time to help the band put together a successful festival!

Please contact Janice Piccotti at 610-533-4078 or paulskismom@aol.com if you can help.

Program Ads:

Including business, parent, and patron ads, **September 7 is the deadline for all ads.** To date, we have only received enough ads to fill 2 pages of our program (our program is usually between 70-80 pages.) ALL forms were mailed to parents in July, and can still be found at: www.eahsmusic.org. Links to First Flag Band Festival forms are listed on the home page of the website.

Each band student was asked to try and get at least 1 business card ad for the program from just 1 area business. To date, only 1 student has responded. Please encourage your son/daughter to submit a business card ad for the program.

Questions on Ads?: Please contact Sandra Reiss at: 610-253-3277 or Renee Drago at: 610-258-3794 or you may reach either one of us at: eahsmusic@gmail.com

Pre-Sale Tickets:

Also, for any parent who will not be volunteering on the night of the festival but would like to purchase pre-sale tickets for the festival, the deadline is also September 7. Pre-Sale Ticket Forms may be found at: www.eahsmusic.org (links to First Flag Band Festival forms are listed on the home page of the website.) If you have already purchased your tickets, you will be receiving them by late September.

Band Festival Volunteers:

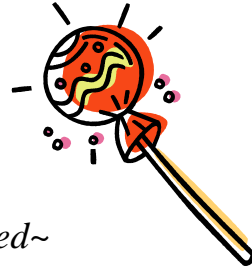
Anyone who would like to volunteer to help on the night of this year's festival, contact Janice Piccotti at paulskismom@aim.com or Lorraine Ruggiero at dlr89@rcn.com



Fall Mum Sale orders are due Monday, 9/12....don't forget to turn in your forms and check. These beautiful, high quality plants flourish all through the season!

The IMA is continuing to accept the following donations for the football/band festival season:

- Tootsie Pop lollipops
- Cups
- Water



~Thank you to all who have already donated~

A BIG THANK YOU to Frank Drago and Stevie Ritter for their time spent organizing and running the band camp snack tent. It couldn't have been done without their dedication. Thank you to all who donated snacks and drinks, too!

Also, many thanks to the nurses who give their time during band camp, and continue to be there during the after school rehearsals & games. It eases our mind to know you are there. The band **THANKS ALL OF YOU!**

*Remind your band members to hang up those uniforms!
Please be sure they hang up the uniform jackets and pants to
allow them to air out and dry properly.
This will also help to minimize wrinkles and any stale smell.*



More Thanks...

👍 Kelly DeRaymond and her crew for having 200+ kids fitted and in uniform in a short period of time. You are all invaluable. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

👍 Janice Piccotti and Sharon Bernhardt for chairing Palmer Days. Thank you to the crew who worked and the strong armed folks who set up the tent and hauled the ice cream and freezers. It truly could not have been as successful without your efforts!



Mark Your Calendars:

Wednesday, October 5th, First Flag Band Festival
Saturday, November 19th, Fall Craft Fair

The Band will be professionally recorded on **Saturday, November 12th**. The CD's will be available for purchase...what a great gift idea! To purchase, simply fill out the order form and send in to the band room. Cost is \$15.00 and they will be available in December. Forms are available on the website: www.eahsmusic.org.

Upcoming Basket Raffle Donations Needed



Basket raffles have proven to be a good source of revenue for the IMA, and we hope to be able to continue that tradition during the 2011-2012 year. We will have several raffles during the fall including First Flag and the Craft Show. In order to make this fundraiser successful, we are in need of donations to make the baskets.

This year we are asking our students and their parents to donate items for the baskets based upon their class year. With that in mind, we are asking students to bring in items for the baskets based upon the following themes:

Freshman Class:

Chocolate - anything chocolate

At home spa - nail care, facial care, aromatherapy, candles, bath pillow, body massager, bath brush, body lotions

Autumn - scarecrows, autumn themed placemats, dish towels, napkins, candles, paper plates, cups

Sophomore Class:

Halloween - Halloween decorations, party supplies

Cleaning - any cleaning products, paper towels, mop, broom, dish towels

Eagles Football - football themed items: paper plates, cups, disposable table cloths, napkins, hat, snack foods

Junior Class:

Party - paper plates, cups, table cloths, napkins, soda, chips, salsa, snacks, dip mix

Winter - any Christmas or Hanukkah themed items, snowmen, mittens, scarves, gloves

Beauty - body wash, lotion, shampoo, conditioner, make-up, bubble bath, nail polish, candles

Senior Class:

Kids - books, games, puzzles, markers, crayons, chalk, pencils, pens, dolls, trucks, cars, kite

Movie - boxed candy, microwave popcorn, DVD, movie gift card, soda

Breakfast in Bed - cereal, tea, coffee, non-dairy creamer, book, pancake mix, syrup, cocoa, serving try

Feel free to be creative... we are able to incorporate all donations of new items into the baskets we create.

Items can be brought to the September IMA meeting or dropped off at school in the band room by your child. You can also contact Lisa Pysher at pysherl@verizon.net to arrange for a pick up. Thanks in advance for your generosity! Remember, all the monies raised supports the instrumental music students.

BAND CAMP IN THE NEWS!!!

EastonPatch

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Band members take direction from instructors as they work through the routine step by step. The band's directors and instructors, who spend most of practice on a 20-foot high platform so they can see the whole field, work at least as hard as the students. Credit Christina Georgiou.



Tuesday, August 09, 2011 7:05 PM
By Lisa Massey | The Express-Times



The brass section of the band runs through a few bars of the show. Credit Christina Georgiou.



Easton Area High School band Director Carole Lutte, right, directs as her band practices marching steps today, the first day of camp for the full band. New members attended Monday. Express-Times Photo | LISA MASSEY



This is a reminder to anyone who chairs a fundraiser or is in charge of a specific task within the IMA. Janice Piccotti,

parents volunteering for where and when they can help. If you are looking for help in your particular area, please contact her and she can provide names and contact information to you.

Contact her at: 610-533-4078 or paulskismom@aol.com.

IMA vice president, has forms filled out by



**Halloween Parade DATE CHANGE to
Sunday, October 30th**

IMA PRINCIPLES

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.