



Marking Time

Newsletter for the Easton Area High School Instrumental Music Association

September 2017

Mark Your Calendar!

Next IMA meeting – September 12 at 7:00

www.eahsmusic.com for more information

Director's Message

Music provides opportunities for expression of feeling, a discovery of what the self is like, and builds bridges of understanding, respect, and appreciation between individuals and groups in ways that no other part of the educational experience can duplicate. Thank you for allowing your child to experience these wonderful opportunities and so much more.

Wow, summer has just flown by! I hope that everyone has had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break. As we begin our new year I would like to mention a couple of the great things that have happened in the EAHS Instrumental music program over the summer.

We had a wonderful donation of \$15,000 in memory of a mom and dad who were members of the Easton Band in the 1940's. The donation allowed us to purchase a Concert Tuba, Trophy Case, a double set of Crotales and a subscription for every instrumental student to the Make Music program that will be used on their iPads. This web-based app will allow students to practice in ways they had not been able to in the past as well as offer a music library that continues to grow. We had a wonderful donation of two sousaphone racks that were hand crafted by the parents of Maddison Stanley (see photo below). The students and I are so

appreciative of your time and talents. In addition we had a very successful three day String Camp which was attended by eighty of our string students. A tremendous thank you goes to Ms. Sara Levin for taking care of our Orchestra and Wind Ensemble fittings.

The band students just completed a very successful band camp and a March for Music campaign that raised over \$2,000. We had a record number of parents, grandparents and guardians who volunteered to help out at band camp in the capacity of feeding our young people, uniform fittings, uniform seamstress's and so much more. A tremendous thank you goes to Mrs. Finegan and her uniform committee for taking care of our Band fittings. A standing ovation goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph and Mrs. Braidon for coordinating all of our snacks, drinks and meals for band camp. We are so appreciative for all you have done for us. In addition thank you to all the families who donated items and/or monetary donations to feed the students.

I am looking forward to another amazing year in the instrumental program with your child. Remember, the success of our program depends on each individual musician and everyone is important. If you need to contact me for any reason, the best way is to e-mail me at luttec@eastonsd.org and to get the most up to date information including our calendar for the year, please visit our website at www.eahsmusic.org. Your suggestions and opinions count. It is because of your involvement that we are strong.

Ms. Carole A. Lutte

Instrumental Director



String Camp



New Tuba Rack

Band Camp

It takes a village to feed a band! Thanks to all of the parents who donated food and volunteered time to make 2017 Band Camp a success. We would also like to thank Antonio's Deli & Pizzeria, Noto's Deli, Chick-Fil-A, and Raub's Farm for their contributions to our dinners. Thank you to the Easton Area High School custodial staff and maintenance department. We loved the addition of the Coke Trailer, aka "Band Wagon".



Please keep in mind that we will continue to provide snacks throughout the school year for the after school rehearsals.

Individually prepackaged snacks will still be accepted. We do not serve chips at snack time nor products containing peanuts.



Thanks,
Susan Joseph and Gretchen Braidó

Payments for the Fiesta Bowl

Just a reminder: Trip payments should either be put in the lock box at school or mailed to Debra Fasching. Please make checks payable to IMA. Also, it is extremely important to write your student's name in the memo line. We want to ensure that money is being applied to the correct student account.

Debra Fasching
516 Church Street
Easton, PA 18042

Mum Fundraiser

The annual mum fundraiser starts 8/28 and runs through 9/8. The flyers have been given out to all band and orchestra students. Any questions, call Judy Hambleton at 610-428-5334, or email hambletonjudy@gmail.com.

Noto's Deli Hoagies

Noto's hoagie sale starts **September 15th** and runs through **September 29th**. Cost will be \$7.00 for each coupon which is good for 1-10 inch hoagie. Coupons expire 12/31/17. Students earn \$2.00 in music money for each coupon sold. Please contact Carol Flavelle at carolflavelle@gmail.com with any questions.

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 2017-2018 school 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.

Our baskets are made to fit a theme. Some themes that are successful are:

Chocolate - anything chocolate

At home spa - nail care, facial care, aromatherapy, candles, bath pillows, body lotions, etc.

Autumn - scarecrows, placemats, dish towels, napkins, candles, paper plates

Party supplies - cups, napkins, tablecloths, soda, chips, snacks...

Movies - boxed candy, microwave popcorn, DVDs, movie gift cards

Breakfast - cereal, tea, coffee, pancake mix, syrup, cocoa, etc.

Football - Eagles/Giants items, football party items, snacks,

Grilling - grill baskets, marinades, oven mitts, apron, grill tools, etc.

Baking - cookie sheets, cake/cupcake pans, cake/cookie mixes, frosting, decorations...

Wine - wine, glasses, cocktail napkins, crackers, snacks

Kids' basket - puzzles, toys, markers, craft items.

Items for any holiday - all holiday items work well. Try to find items on clearance for any holiday (I can store items for baskets in the future)

Feel free to be creative...If you wish to make a complete basket of any theme, it would be greatly appreciated. You can make and cellophane wrap the whole thing or give me all of the items and I will wrap up the basket.

Items can be brought to the next IMA meeting or you can contact Mary Beth Buza at gbuza@rcn.com or 610-253-1329 to arrange for drop-off/pickup.

Thanks in advance for your generosity! Remember, all the monies raised support the instrumental music students.

IMA Bingo and Tricky Tray

Mark your calendar with the tentative date for this year's Bingo - Sunday [May 6th, 2018](#).

We are in need of your help to make this event a success and to continue to support our instrumental music students. This event allows the IMA to pay for every instrumental music student to attend the annual end-of-year banquet at no charge to the student.

- Prize Sponsors - Please consider being a bingo prize sponsor, in full or partial.
- Tricky Tray donations -
 - Do you, a family member, or a friend own a business? The tricky tray portion of this event is a great way to make your business stand out. Simply donate an item or a gift certificate from your business and attach your business card.
 - Personal donors of tricky tray donations are needed, as well.
- Committee Members needed - this is a large event, it takes many hands and minds to make it a success.

If you have ANY questions or can help in anyway, please contact Susan Joseph at eastonIMAbingo@gmail.com

Thank you for your support and making a difference for your music student.

Redner's Save-a-Tape Program

The IMA earns money every time you shop at Redner's. It is easy! Please stop at the store office or Customer Service area to get a Save-A-Tape card. By using this card each time you purchase merchandise at Redner's Warehouse Markets, your receipt will be designated as a Save-A-Tape customer receipt.

Receipts can be placed in the envelope marked Redner's Receipts in band room and at any IMA meeting. Once our receipts total over \$5000 then they will be sent in to Redner's for redemption. If you have any questions, email Kelly Corpora at kellycorpora@gmail.com.

Mattress Sale

Are you in the market for a new mattress? Consider getting a new mattress at a discounted price while supporting the IMA! Our first Mattress Sale will be held on October 14 for one day only! Twenty-four mattresses in many sizes, comfort levels, and brand names will be on display in the High School cafeteria from 10 am – 5 pm on this date. Come on in and try them out! Make a purchase and your instrumental student and the IMA will benefit from the sale. This is a tremendous opportunity to earn a lot of music money. Please tell your family, friends, and neighbors to mark the date on their calendars! Please contact Jim Mattison at 610-533-4246 or kjmattison@gmail.com with any questions.

Alumni Corner

Calling all alumni! We would love to know what you are up to! Please send us an update to include in our newsletter. Email information to EAHSIMAnewsletter@gmail.com.