



# Marking Time

*Newsletter for the Easton Area High School Instrumental Music Association*

**October 2018**

**Mark Your Calendar!**

Next IMA meeting – Tuesday, October 9 at 7:00

[www.eahsmusic.org](http://www.eahsmusic.org) for more information

## **Director's Message**

Welcome to the 2018 – 2019 School Year!

Hopefully this message finds you and your family well and settling into the new school year. In case I have not met you yet, my name is Mr. Chris Ballentine and I am the new Instrumental Music Director at EAHS. My hope and goal is to provide each of your children the opportunity to not only become better musicians, but also better people that I know will contribute wonderful things to our local and global community.

It is hard to believe we are already near the end of September. With this, I would like to look back on all that we have accomplished together so far in our EAHS Instrumental Music Program.

We had a successful three-day String Camp that was attended by seventy-five string players in the end of July and beginning of August. It was great to start making music and getting to know each other before the school year began, and of course, we had to end with an ice cream social on the last evening.

We had a tremendously productive and rewarding band camp throughout the month of August where your children worked hard and came prepared each and every day. The three weeks

flew by and we accomplished many different tasks together. It is my hope they enjoyed this time together and seeing the results of their work over the past few weeks.

A big thank you goes out to all our parent volunteers and our Instrumental Music Association. Without the support of many, we could not thrive and support the wonderful things these students achieve on a daily basis. From organizing band camp, to uniforms, nurses, chaperones, fundraisers, donation of snacks, and so much more – thank you from all of us!

Over the summer, we have also added new staff members as well. Many of you may already know Mr. Aaron Hetrick, who has previously worked with our front ensemble in the marching band. He is now with us full time at EAHS, which is wonderful. We also added Ms. Jashanae Day, Mrs. Leslie Fedarick, and Mr. Richard Doll to our marching band staff. They have been wonderful with your children and are a great asset to our program.

As we look ahead, we have many great events in the near future. We are in the midst of completing our string seating auditions and will be beginning our concert band seating auditions in October. On Wednesday, October 3, we will be bringing together six other area bands, plus our EAHS Marching Band for our annual First Flags Band Festival. It is sure to be a great night and we hope to see many of you there to cheer on our wonderful students.

The month of October and November are busy with band competitions, parades, pep band performances, our Fall Orchestra concert, and Thanksgiving Day festivities. Please be sure to check our online calendar frequently at [www.eahsmusic.org](http://www.eahsmusic.org) for the most up to date schedule of events.

Lastly, I must say thank you to each of you, as parents/ guardians of these amazing students. They have been and continue to be a joy to work with and teach each day. I am looking forward to a fantastic year with your child in the instrumental music program. Should you ever need to reach me, please do not hesitate to contact me at [ballentinec@eastonsd.org](mailto:ballentinec@eastonsd.org). It is because of the hard work and dedication of all of us that we are able to provide every student with the education they deserve.

Mr. Christopher A. Ballentine

Instrumental Music Director

# First Flags

The First Flag Over the United Colonies Band Festival will be held on Wednesday, October 3 (raindate Thursday, October 4) at our own Cottingham Stadium. Come out to hear Easton Area Middle School 7/8, Allentown Central Catholic High School, East Stroudsburg South High School, Phillipsburg High School, Pocono Mountain East High School, Wilson Area High School and Easton Area High School bands as they perform their field shows. Tickets can be purchased at the gate. The cost is \$6 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors, and under 5 – free. There is an opportunity for even more fun if you participate in the basket raffle, 50/50, and Treasure Hunt!



# Band Camp



Thank you to all the volunteers at band camp. Your time, money, baked goods and donations were greatly appreciated. It definitely takes a village to feed 280+ people.

We are still in need of snacks for the after school rehearsals (16 more) and water bottles for the football games and competitions. Donations can be brought into the band room by your band students.

# IMA Bingo and Tricky Tray

*Save the Date!*

IMA Designer Purse Bingo  
Sunday May 5th, 2019 at 12:00pm  
EAHS Cafeteria

# 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 2018-2019 school year. We will have several raffles during the year including **First Flags, Fall and Spring Craft Shows, Orchestra Spaghetti Dinner and the EAHS Jazz Festival**. To make this fundraiser successful, we are in need of donations to make the baskets.

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

Chocolate - anything chocolate

Home Spa - nail care, facial care, aromatherapy, candles, bath pillows, body lotions, etc.

Seasonal – decorations, 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, crayons, craft items

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 Jen McEvoy at [jenmcevoy@rcn.com](mailto:jenmcevoy@rcn.com) or 610-360-6513 to arrange for drop-off/pickup.

Thank you in advance for your generosity! Remember, all the monies raised support all of our talented instrumental music students.

## FUNDRAISERS

I would like to sincerely thank all of the students and parents who showed up to pick up their Indulgence Collection orders! I was very worried that there would be frozen food left in the cafeteria that needed to be stored somewhere, but at the end of the day every single order was picked up! That has never happened before and I could not be any more thankful for everyone's efforts! A shout out to Mark Joseph, Jen McEvoy and Maureen Martyak for your help unloading and organizing the orders. ~ From Fundraiser Chair: Dana Dagon

## IMA Sportswear

Looking to expand your wardrobe? Now is your chance!

IMA Sportswear will be available for purchase at the First Flags Event on October 3rd.

Not able to attend? No worries! You can purchase your sportswear using the Sportswear Order form which can be found under FORMS on the website at [www.eashsmusic.org](http://www.eashsmusic.org).

If you have any questions, please contact *Maryclaire Foundakos* at [mcfoundakos@yahoo.com](mailto:mcfoundakos@yahoo.com)

## 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.

## Lafayette Game

As you know, the EAHS Marching Band will be performing at a Lafayette College Football Game on Saturday, November 3, 2018. All marching band students will be admitted into the game for free. Parents, friends, and family wishing to attend the game are eligible to purchase group tickets through the IMA for a discounted rate from Lafayette College. Group ticket order forms will be distributed during the week of October 1. These forms are due **Wednesday, October 17**. Adult Tickets will be \$10 and youth tickets (under 13) will be \$6. Please make all checks out to IMA, as we will send in one group order. Students may return these group ticket order forms to the manila envelope in the instrumental music room.

Details regarding report time, what to expect that day, and more will be made available within the next few weeks. Estimated report time at EAHS is currently 8:30 a.m. We will wear full uniform (white pants).

Please let Mr. Ballentine know if you have any questions regarding this performance. It should be a great opportunity for our students and school!

**October 1 – 6:**

<b>Wednesday, October 3</b>	<b>First Flags Band Festival</b>	Report Time @ Cottingham: 5:30pm Festival Start: 6:30 pm
<b>Friday, October 5</b>	<b>Easton vs. Freedom Football – AWAY</b>	Report Time @ EAHS: 5:00pm
<b>Saturday, October 6</b>	<b>Phantoms Hockey Pep Band</b>	Report Time @ EAHS: 4:30pm

**October 7 – 13:**

<b>Tuesday, October 9</b>	<b>Varsity Boys Soccer Senior Night Pep Band</b>	6:00pm – estimated start time
<b>Tuesday, October 9</b>	<b>IMA Meeting</b>	7:00pm – EAHS Cafeteria
<b>Thursday, October 11</b>	<b>Varsity Girls Soccer Senior Night Pep Band</b>	6:00pm – estimated start time
<b>Thursday, October 11</b>	<i>All marching band students should take home white pants after rehearsal</i>	
<b>Friday, October 12</b>	<b>Easton vs. Bethlehem Catholic Football – HOME BAND SENIOR NIGHT</b>	Report Time @ Cottingham: 5:30pm Full Uniform (Seniors wear white pants)
<b>Saturday, October 13</b>	<b>Tim Lambert 5K – Pep Band (National Anthem Performance)</b>	Report Time: 8:00am @ Hugh Moore Park
<b>Saturday, October 13</b>	<b>Bangor Band Festival</b>	Report Time @ EAHS: 4:00pm Full Uniform (White Pants) Performance Time: 6:20pm

**October 14 – 20:**

<b>Wednesday, October 17</b>	<b>Fall Choral Concert</b>	Performance Begins: 7:00pm
<b>Friday, October 19</b>	<b>Easton vs. Parkland Football – AWAY</b>	Report Time @ EAHS: TBA (estimate 4:45pm)
<b>Saturday, October 20</b>	<b>Raub Farms Pep Band</b>	Report Time @ Raub Farms: 12:30pm

**October 21 – 28:**

<b>Thursday, October 25</b>	<i>All marching band students should take home white pants after rehearsal</i>	
<b>Friday, October 26</b>	<b>Easton vs. Nazareth Football - HOME FOOTBALL/CHEER SENIOR NIGHT</b>	Report Time @ Cottingham: 5:30 pm
<b>Saturday, October 27</b>	<b>Phillipsburg Band Festival</b>	Report Time @ EAHS: 5:00pm Full Uniform (White Pants) Performance Time: 7:20pm
<b>Sunday, October 28</b>	<b>Easton &amp; Phillipsburg Halloween Parade</b>	Report Time @ EAHS: TBA



# Photos

Home Football Game - August 24, 2018





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Home Football Game – September 28, 2018 (Pink Out & Youth Night)

