



# Marking Time

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

**December 2018**

**Mark Your Calendar!**

**Next IMA meeting – Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**

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

## **Director's Message**

Dear High School Instrumental Music Families:

Happy Holidays! It is my hope this email finds you well and preparing for the holiday season. As we look towards the month of December, I must thank you for all you do to support your children. It has been a busy year so far and December continues to fill with different events around our school and community. The students' dedication and enthusiasm continues to inspire me each day.

Our orchestra students performed a wonderful first concert on Wednesday, November 14! Our 9<sup>th</sup> grade orchestra, Chamber Strings, and 10 – 12 Symphony Orchestra all performed and are now preparing for our Winter concert, which will be held on Monday, December 17 in the EAHS Auditorium beginning at 7 PM. Our string students also had the opportunity to work with students from different schools and professors at Kutztown University on Tuesday, November 6 at Kutztown University's String Day. Chamber Strings had their first community performance at the annual Peace Candle Lighting on Saturday, November 24, in addition to our flute ensemble. Our Chamber Strings will also be performing at the Palmer Park Mall on Sunday, December 9 at 2 PM. Consider stopping by the mall while doing your shopping to hear these students perform.

Our marching band finished a fantastic season together. It seems like not too long ago we were at our first day of Band Camp on August 6<sup>th</sup>. They achieved so much together and will continue to attain great things throughout the remainder of the school year. Some highlights from November include a performance at a Lafayette College football game, two playoff games (one of which in a bit of rain), a wonderful week of Thanksgiving festivities, and a final performance at the annual West Chester Christmas Parade. The students received fourth place out of over twenty high school bands competing from PA, NJ, NY, and DE.

Our jazz band has also started performing, with their first performance on Sunday, November 11 for a benefit of Lehigh Valley Health Network. This ensemble continues to rehearse on Thursday evenings as we begin to prepare for our competitive season in the spring. The high school wind ensemble also performed at two Veteran's Day assemblies on Thursday, November 8 to commemorate this important day in our nation's history.

As we look towards December, we continue to find more events and rehearsals. Please check the calendar in this newsletter and online at [www.eahsmusic.org](http://www.eahsmusic.org) for more information regarding the many events and activities happening in our instrumental program, including holiday concerts, pep bands, guard rehearsals, PMEA events and ensemble rehearsals.

Please consider attending our Winter Wind Ensemble concert this Saturday, December 8 in the EAHS Auditorium beginning at 7 PM. Admission is free and it will be a wonderful concert.

It is a joy to teach each of your students and it is my goal to provide every individual with a high-quality education, where they will develop a life-long appreciation for the arts. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at [ballentinec@eastonsd.org](mailto:ballentinec@eastonsd.org).

Thank you,

Mr. Christopher A. Ballentine

Instrumental Music Director

## **Fall Craft Fair**

To all that helped make the craft show a success, THANK YOU.

This year's craft show was one of our largest. 150 vendors and 1,500 attended. Without the support of our parent volunteers and their food donations, these shows would not be as successful. So, thank you to all that take the time from their busy lives and families to help with managing, sell the food, grilling, cooking or baking for the craft shows, selling raffle tickets and preparing baskets. You are greatly appreciated.

Once again, I received compliments from the vendors, on how much the student are valued. Many crafters could not do the show without the help of the students. So, a special thank you to the students that help unload and reload. There are a few students that have been with me for a few years now and really go out of their way to help me get through the day without losing my mind, thank you.

A special thank you to Mr. Ballentine, it was his first craft show and he was present the whole-time including Friday night. Nice job.

The spring show is March 30, 2019. An application is included after the photos section of the newsletter for those that are interested.

Kind regards,  
Valentene Gangemi's mom, Regina

# Fundraiser Delivery Reminders

## Citrus Fundraiser – Call for Volunteers & Pick-up Schedule

The citrus fruit will arrive on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. **We need many parent helpers** to assist the students with unloading the truck, checking the fruit, and sorting the orders for pick-up.

**VOLUNTEER TO HELP on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 4:00pm. Based on past years, we expect to finish the sorting by 9pm. *(Ideally, parent volunteers will arrive by 4:30pm; however, help is needed throughout the afternoon/evening – even if you can't come until after 5pm, that is fine!)*

Sign up to volunteer by emailing [IMAFruitsale@gmail.com](mailto:IMAFruitsale@gmail.com)

Student volunteers will sign up on the volunteer sheet that will be posted in the Band Room. Dinner will be provided. Students who help on Friday *and stay until the end* may take their orders that night.

**PICK-UP your order** on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> between 8am – 10am at the high school cafeteria.

## Poinsettia Fundraiser

Pick up will be on Monday, December 17, 2018 following the orchestra concert. Poinsettias cannot be stored, please make arrangements for your order to be picked up that night following the concert in the EAHS auditorium.

## Mattie's Strudel Fundraiser

Pick up will be on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 3:00pm in the EAHS Cafeteria. Strudel is delivered frozen, prompt pickup is needed and appreciated.



Thank you!

*Thank you to all the Instrumental Music Association families who continue to support our fundraisers, which in turn supports all of our EAHS music program students.*

# Bingo Fundraiser



Mark your calendars for the IMA's annual

**Bingo Fundraiser - Sunday, May 5, 2019**

This year's Bingo Prizes will be Designer Purses

by Coach®, Michael Kors®, Kate Spade®, and Vera Bradley®

It's never too early to get involved and help make this event a success.

Here are some ways you can help:

- **Sponsor a Designer Purse or Raffle Prize**
  - You can be an individual sponsor, or a group sponsor or even a partial sponsor Do whatever fits your budget.
  - Sponsorships range from \$20 - \$180
- **Donate a Tricky Tray Item (all baskets should be a minimum \$25 value)**
  - Prepare your own themed basket
  - Get a gift certificate from a local business
  - Donate your Kohl's cash, we'll create a basket for you
  - Donate baskets or containers for us to use to make the Tricky Tray baskets
- **Buy/Sell Tickets**
  - \$20 in advance
  - \$25 at the door
  - Tickets will be available at the Spring concerts
- **Monetary Donations**
  - This will help offset the start up cost of the event
  - Bingo Game Boards
  - Bingo Machine rental
  - Custodial Fees
- **Join the Bingo Committee**
  - We will be meeting on Saturday, December 15th 10:00am at Susan Joseph's house

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Joseph at [eastonIMAbingo@gmail.com](mailto:eastonIMAbingo@gmail.com)

December 3 – 8:

<b>Tuesday, December 4</b>	<b>Full String Sectional</b> All Strings 9 – 12	2:30 – 3:30 PM
<b>Tuesday, December 4</b>	<b>Guard Rehearsal for Pep Bands</b>	5:30 – 7:00 PM
<b>Wednesday, December 5</b>	<b>Chamber Strings Rehearsal</b>	2:30 – 4:00 PM
<b>Wednesday, December 5</b>	<b>Winter Choral Concert</b>	7:00 PM – EAHS Auditorium
<b>Thursday, December 6</b>	<b>Violin String Sectional</b> All Violins 9 – 12	2:30 – 3:30 PM
<b>Thursday, December 6</b>	<b>Jazz Band Rehearsal</b>	6:00 – 8:00 PM
<b>Friday, December 7</b>	<b>Fruit Sorting</b> Sign Ups on Instrumental Library Doors	2:30 – 8:00 PM
<b>Saturday, December 8</b>	<b>Fruit Pick Up</b>	8:00 – 10:00 AM
<b>Saturday, December 8</b>	<b>Winter Wind Ensemble Concert</b>	7:00 PM – EAHS Auditorium

December 9 – 15:

<b>Sunday, December 9</b>	<b>Chamber Strings Performance</b>	2:00 PM – Palmer Park Mall
<b>Monday, December 10</b>	<b>Guard Rehearsal for Pep Bands</b>	5:30 – 8:00 PM
<b>Tuesday, December 11</b>	<b>Viola/ Cello/ Bass String Sectional</b> All Viola/ Cello/ Bass 9 – 12	2:30 – 3:30 PM
<b>Tuesday, December 11</b>	<b>Pep Band “A” Basketball Game</b>	Report 6:30 PM – EAMS Report to MS Cafeteria
<b>Tuesday, December 11</b>	<b>December IMA Meeting</b>	7:00 PM – EAHS Cafeteria
<b>Wednesday, December 12</b>	<b>Chamber Strings Rehearsal</b>	2:30 – 4:00 PM
<b>Thursday, December 13</b>	<b>Full Orchestra Dress Rehearsal</b> All Orchestra students grades 9 – 12	6:00 – 8:00 PM
<b>Friday, December 14</b>	<b>Pep Band “B” Basketball Game</b>	Report 6:30 PM – EAMS Report to MS Cafeteria

December 17 – 21:

<b>Monday, December 17</b>	<b>Winter Orchestra Concert</b> Students report – 6:00 PM	7:00 PM – EAHS Auditorium
<b>Tuesday, December 18</b>	<b>Pep Band “C” Basketball Game</b>	Report 6:30 PM – EAMS Report to MS Cafeteria
<b>Wednesday, December 19</b>	<b>Cookies with Santa Performances</b> Flute Ensemble & Chamber Strings	5:00 – 8:00 PM – Paxinosa Elementary
<b>Wednesday, December 19</b>	<b>Guard Clinic</b> Guard Students grades 7 – 12	5:00 – 8:00 PM – EAHS Cafeteria
<b>Wednesday, December 19</b>	<b>Strudel Fundraiser Pick UP</b>	3:00 PM – EAHS Cafeteria
<b>Friday, December 21</b>	<b>Jazz Band Rehearsal/ Social</b>	12:00 – 3:00 PM

*For a complete listing of calendar dates please visit [www.eahsmusic.org](http://www.eahsmusic.org)*

# Photos

Playoff Football Game – November 2018 (a.k.a Mudbowl game)  
(photo credits: Varsity E and Lisa Finegan)



# Photos

Lafayette Football Game – November 3, 2018  
(photo credits Nicole Lapham)



# Photos

Pep Band – Palmer Park Mall Santa Arrival – November 17, 2018



Charity Jazz Concert at Raymour & Flanigan –  
Benefiting Lehigh Valley Health Network  
November 11, 2018  
(photo credit: Mr. Ballentine)

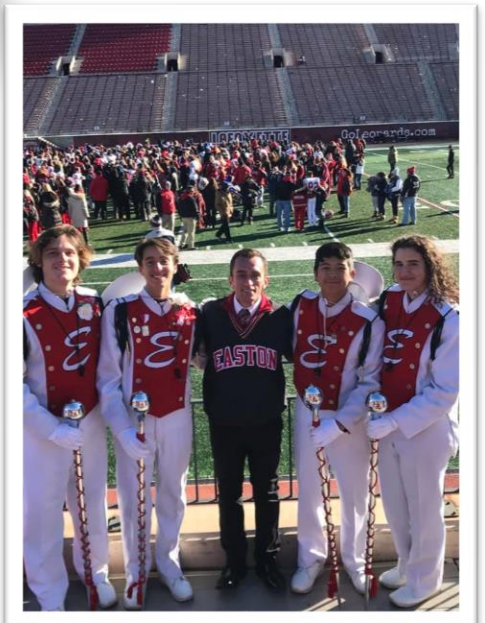
Fall Orchestra Concert  
November 14, 2018 (photo credit: Nicole Lapham)





# Photos

Thanksgiving Week Events and Celebrations – November 19-22, 2018  
(photo credits: Susan Joseph, Mr. Ballentine)



# Photos

West Chester Christmas Parade – November 30, 2018  
(photo credits Lisa Finegan, Mr. Ballentine and Jen McEvoy)





## Easton Area High School Instrumental Music Association

Dear Crafter/Vendor,

The EAHS Instrumental Music Association will be holding its biannual craft show on Saturday, **March 30, 2019**. We would like to take this opportunity to personally invite you to become a crafter/vendor at our Spring Craft Show. The show will be held from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Easton Area High School cafeteria, 2601 William Penn Highway, Easton, PA 18045. This will be an ideal opportunity to sell your unique items. This event is an important fundraiser for the IMA and provides invaluable support for the instrumental students at the high school. We hope you will assist in our fundraising efforts and participate in our Spring craft show.

As we have done in the past, our show is open to both crafters and vendors. Please indicate on the application if you are a crafter or a vendor. Applications are available on our website [www.eahsmusic.org](http://www.eahsmusic.org). Please remember that the spots are first come, first serve. If we receive your application in March, we **can not** guarantee your usual spot location.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Regina Gangemi at [eahscraftshow@gmail.com](mailto:eahscraftshow@gmail.com) or at (484-) 894-4729.

Thank you again and we are looking forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Regina Gangemi

IMA Chairperson, Craft Show

**EASTON AREA HIGH SCHOOL: INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC ASSOCIATION  
2601 WILLIAM PENN HIGHWAY  
EASTON, PA 18045**

**Spring CRAFT SHOW INFORMATION SHEET  
SATURDAY, March 30, 2019  
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

1. Spaces are approximately 10 ft. frontage x 5 ft. deep. This could vary slightly if your space is in the hallway. The cost is **\$35.00** per space with out electric **\$38.00** with electric.
2. YOU **MUST** BRING YOUR OWN TABLES AND CHAIRS.
3. Applications are accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Please submit your payment early to avoid disappointment.
4. Any special request on application is filled on a **first-come/first serve** basis and is **NOT** guaranteed.
5. Check must accompany your application. **Please make check payable to "IMA". We do NOT mail confirmations.** Mail applications to:  
IMA  
c/o Regina Gangemi  
PO Box 3535  
Easton PA 18043
6. We **try** to maintain some distance between crafters/vendors with the same or similar items. However, because some sellers offer multiple types of items (for example, floral and wood items), it is not always possible to separate applicants as far apart as desired.
7. Please do not ask to set-up the night before the show or earlier than 7:00 AM on show day.
8. The IMA reserves the right to not accept any crafter/vendor application.
9. **NO REFUNDS will be given for cancellations after February, 15 2019.**

**ON SHOW DAY:**

1. We will have volunteers to assist you with off-loading at 7:00 AM. They will also be available at 2:00 PM to assist with packing items. **You are not allowed to breakdown before 2:00 PM.**
2. **PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE BUILDING BEFORE 7:00 AM.**

3. Check-in time is 7:00-8:30 AM at the IMA tables in the hallway. Upon arrival, please sign-in with us **before** you begin your set-up. At that time, you will receive:
  - a. Your space assignment
  - b. Menu/prices for our food court (please see application to indicate if you need a volunteer to bring lunch to your space).
  - c. One coupon for a free hot drink and doughnut **per purchased space**.
  - d. Your numbered display slip for our *Treasure Hunt*. We encourage you to participate as this brings our patrons to all spaces in search of their matching number. The *Treasure Hunt* also serves as a fundraiser for us to benefit all instrumental music students at EAHS. (See below)
  
4. After unloading, **please move your vehicle as far away from the building as is physically possible**. This will allow customers to easily enter the building by having parking available close to the building. After all, this is why you are at the show! 😊

**QUESTIONS?** Email Regina Gangemi at [eahscraftshow@gmail.com](mailto:eahscraftshow@gmail.com) or call (484) 894-4729. When calling, be sure to leave a clear message and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

### Treasure Hunt Rules and Procedures

Instead of a regular raffle for donated craft items, we are holding a "Craft Treasure Hunt". Please take a minute to read the instructions.

When you check in a craft show official will ask if you wish to donate an item. If so, take a "Treasure Hunt Prize" slip and place it on your display with the item you are donating. **Please be sure that the prize is suitably visible.**

The item **must** be easily visible to the customer without having to touch or move anything.

When a customer has the ticket with the number matching the same one on your "Treasure Hunt Prize" slip, they may take the item. Have the customer sign the "Treasure Hunt Prize" slip and give this to any volunteer.

You may not assist the customer in locating the item, or tell them the ticket number. However, you may tell them if you have a prize or if it has already been won.

Any prize not claimed by the end of the day remains the property of the crafter.

Any substitution of the prize (such as for color or style) is entirely at the discretion of the crafter/vendor.

**A P P L I C A T I O N**  
**EASTON AREA HIGH SCHOOL: INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC ASSOCIATION**  
**Spring CRAFT SHOW**  
**SATURDAY, March 30, 2019**  
**9:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

**N A M E:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**A D D R E S S:** \_\_\_\_\_

**C I T Y / S T A T E / Z I P:** \_\_\_\_\_

**P H O N E:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E M A I L:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Spaces:** \_\_\_X \$35.00 without electric \$38.00 w/electric\_\_\_\_\_ **(TOTAL) Payable to: IMA**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ITEMS TO BE SOLD (please include all items):**

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Do you require electric at your space?	Y E S	N O
Will you need a volunteer to bring lunch from our cafe to your space?	Y E S	N O
Will you participate in the Treasure Hunt?	Y E S	N O
Please circle one indicating your selling status:	C R A F T E R	V E N D O R

Please specify if you have a space/location preference or have any physical restrictions:

Due to the increasing popularity of our show, and the physical limitations of the room layouts (electrical outlets), **PREVIOUS SPACE ASSIGNMENTS ARE NOT GUARANTEED.** We will make EVERY effort possible to place you in your 'same' space --- but again, no space assignments are guaranteed.

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Please mail your completed application and check payable to:

**IMA**  
**ATTN: Regina Gangemi**  
**PO Box 3535**  
**Easton, PA 18043**

**For IMA use: Check #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date recvd** \_\_\_\_\_ **Entry number** \_\_\_\_\_ **Space** \_\_\_\_\_

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**c/o Easton Area High School**  
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