



Marking Time

Newsletter for the Easton Area High School Instrumental Music Association

February 2019

Mark Your Calendar!

Next IMA meeting – Tuesday, February 12th at 7:00pm

www.eahsmusic.org for more information

Director's Message

Dear High School Instrumental Music Families:

We have accomplished many things together since our last newsletter. Thank you for your continued support of music in the Easton Area School District. You should be very proud of all that your children accomplish on a daily basis.

Both our band and orchestra students performed two successful concerts in December and January. The amount they have achieved in such short spans of time is a testament to their hard work and dedication in our rehearsals. Pit Orchestra for the spring musical is now in full swing as we are almost one month away from opening night. I would encourage all to attend one of the four performances during the first weekend in March.

In addition, Chamber Strings has been meeting weekly in preparation for our annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, February 16. Our 9 – 12 Symphony Orchestra, Chamber Strings, and Jazz Band will perform at this event. Our students have chosen a “movie” theme and all proceeds will go to the Easton Children’s Home. Please consider donating your time or items to this great event.

Jazz Band is also preparing for several upcoming performances. These students will perform an assembly at EAMS on February 14, the Spaghetti Dinner on the 16th, and at the Steel Stacks in Bethlehem on Sunday, February 24. We are also beginning jazz lab as well, open to any students interested in learning more about jazz.

Through all of this, we also are looking towards next year and our trip to Jacksonville and Orlando, FL. This tour will encompass a performance at the Gator Bowl and also in Universal Studios with both our band and orchestra.

Please consider attending our February IMA Meeting to learn more information regarding this wonderful opportunity for our students.

As always, if there is anything I can do to be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,
Mr. Christopher A. Ballentine
Instrumental Music Director

Mr. Pastie Delivery Reminder

The Mr. Pastie delivery will be **Wednesday, February 20th from 3:30 to 5:30** in the EAHS Senior Cafeteria.

All pasties are delivered frozen and need to be picked up on that day as there is no place to store pasties after the delivery date.

Thursday, February 21st is the delivery snow date.

Questions? Contact Dana Dagon (484)241-5944 or dana.dagon16@gmail.com

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.

Orchestra Spaghetti Dinner

The annual Orchestra Spaghetti Dinner is being held on **Saturday, February 16th**. Doors will open at 5:30pm. Dinner and performances will begin at 6:00pm. Tickets are \$10 each and the proceeds will benefit the Easton Children's Home.



This is a sell-out event, so get your tickets from an orchestra member starting next week!

Donations and volunteers for this event will be greatly appreciated. Stay tuned for an email with details about how you can help!

Bingo Fundraiser

It's THAT TIME!

Our **DESIGNER PURSE BINGO** will be held on **SUNDAY, May 5th** in the EAHS Cafeteria. Doors open at 10:30am and bingo starts at 12:00pm.

This is our **BIGGEST FUNDRAISER** of the season and we need your help!

There are 3 ways you can help.



1. PURCHASE or SELL TICKETS

If you would like to purchase them in advance, please contact Susan Joseph (eastonIMAbingo@gmail.com or 610-252-8912. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door.

2. SPONSOR A DESIGNER PURSE, RAFFLE/DOOR PRIZE

As in years past, in order to make this fundraiser as successful as possible for the Instrumental Music Students, we ask families/businesses to please sponsor the prizes we purchase for our bingo. **This year our items for sponsorship include COACH, MICHAEL KORS, KATE SPADE, & Vera Bradley Bags.** Sponsorships come in many different combinations and denominations. A family or business (Doctor's Offices, Law Offices, Insurance Agencies, Funeral Homes, etc.) may choose to sponsor an item or two on their own, or a group of friends/multiple families may choose to go in on an item together. Sponsors will be recognized as each bingo game is announced.

All sponsorships are GREATLY APPRECIATED!

3. DONATE A TRICKY TRAY

Along with the bingo, we also do a Tricky Tray. For this we would like to ask everyone that may own a business, have a connection with a business or simply is just willing to donate a gift certificate/card or basket to please let us know.

If you have something you would like to contribute to our Tricky Tray, please contact us at eastonIMAbingo@gmail.com and we can make arrangements to pick it up from you.

ANY & ALL DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!

Please visit www.eahsmusic.org for more information and forms for Purse Sponsorship and Tricky Tray donations.

THANK YOU for all your continued support!

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Joseph at eastonIMAbingo@gmail.com

2019 Trip Information

GATOR BOWL & UNIVERSAL STUDIOS EAHS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

In December 2019, our EAHS Instrumental Music Department will be traveling to Florida! During this trip, our:

1. Marching Band will perform a pep rally & during halftime at the Gator Bowl.
2. Orchestra will perform in Universal Studios.

In addition, our students will see the Blue Man Group, have time in Universal Studios, and take part in a local service project. We are able to take part in this trip because of the hard work your students have put in this year.



Information packets regarding the trip are located on the piano in G214. Please be sure to read through these packets carefully as there is a large amount of important information included. ***I would highly encourage all to attend the February IMA meeting at 7:00 PM in the EAHS Cafeteria to obtain more information regarding this performance opportunity.***

We are asking students to return signed commitment forms, along with a \$40 deposit to the lockbox located in the instrumental music room. These forms are important in allowing us to continue planning for this trip and keeping costs as low as possible.



If at any point you have a concern regarding finances, please contact myself so we can make arrangements and set up an alternative payment plan. Please also keep in mind the financial scale of a trip like this and continue to help our fundraising efforts. It is through all of us that we are strong as one instrumental music department.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to providing each of your children this great opportunity.

Mr. Ballentine
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February 4 – 8:

Monday, February 4	Pit Orchestra Rehearsal	2:30 – 4:30 PM
Monday, February 4	Basketball Pep Band Easton Area Middle School	6:30 PM
Tuesday, February 5	Pit Orchestra Rehearsal Strings Only	2:30 – 4:30 PM
Wednesday, February 6	Chamber Strings Rehearsal	2:30 – 4:00 PM
Wednesday, February 6	Basketball Pep Band Easton Area Middle School	6:30 PM
Thursday, February 7	Jazz Lab Rehearsal	2:30 – 4:00 PM
Thursday, February 7	Jazz Band Rehearsal	6:00 – 9:00 PM

February 11 – 16:

Monday, February 11	Pit Orchestra Rehearsal	2:30 – 4:30 PM
Tuesday, February 12	Pit Orchestra Rehearsal	2:30 – 4:30 PM
Tuesday, February 12	February IMA Meeting EAHS Cafeteria	7:00 PM
Wednesday, February 13	Chamber Strings Rehearsal	2:30 – 4:00 PM
Thursday, February 14	Jazz Band Assembly Report to EAMS	7:00 AM
Thursday, February 14	Jazz Band Rehearsal	6:00 – 9:00 PM
Saturday, February 16	County Band Rehearsal Report to EAHS 7:15 AM	8:00 – 12:00 PM
Saturday, February 16	Spaghetti Dinner EAHS Cafeteria	5:30 PM

February 18 – 24:

Tuesday, February 19	Pit Orchestra Rehearsal	2:30 – 6:00 PM
Wednesday, February 20	Pastie Fundraiser Pick Up EAHS Cafeteria	3:30 – 5:30 PM <i>Snow Date: Thursday, Feb 21</i>
Wednesday, February 20	PMEA Region Orchestra Kutztown Area High School	3:00 PM
Thursday, February 21	Pit Orchestra Rehearsal Rhythm Section Only	2:30 – 5:00 PM
Thursday, February 21	Jazz Band Rehearsal	6:00 – 9:00 PM
Friday, February 22	Pit Orchestra Rehearsal	2:30 – 6:00 PM
Sunday, February 24	Steel Stacks – Jazz Band Report at EAHS: 2:30 PM	4:00 PM

February 25 – March 3:

Monday, February 25	Pit Orchestra Rehearsal	2:30 – 8:00 PM
Tuesday, February 26	Pit Orchestra Rehearsal	2:30 – 8:00 PM
Wednesday, February 27	Pit Orchestra Rehearsal	2:30 – 8:00 PM
Thursday, February 28	Pit Orchestra Rehearsal	2:30 – 8:00 PM
Friday, March 1	Opening Night EAHS Auditorium	7:00 PM
Saturday, March 2	EAHS Musical EAHS Auditorium	2:00 & 7:00 PM
Sunday, March 3	EAHS Musical EAHS Auditorium	2:00 PM

For a complete listing of calendar dates please visit www.eahsmusic.org

Photos

Winter Concert – Featuring performances by Wind Ensemble, 9th Grade Concert Band
and 10-12 Concert Band
January 18, 2019

