



Marking Time

Newsletter for the Easton Area High School Instrumental Music Association

March 2019

Mark Your Calendar!

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

Location: EAHS Instrumental Music Room (G214)

www.eahsmusic.org for more information

Director's Message

Dear High School Instrumental Music Families:

Hopefully this newsletter finds you well amidst the many snow days we have had throughout this month. Hopefully we are near the end of the winter weather and can start working back into a routine. Even with the many snow days and delays, we have accomplished many great things with our ensembles.

Our high school orchestra held a wonderful Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, February 16, 2019. The proceeds from this event will be donated to the Easton Children's Home. Thank you to all who came to support this great event. Additionally, our musical is in full swing with shows this weekend (March 1 – 3). In addition to the many students in our pit orchestra, there are many instrumental music students involved either in the cast and crew. We wish them all the best of luck as they continue to represent our school so well.

We also had several students represent themselves and our high school at our Northampton County Band and five different PMEA festivals through March of this year. Congratulations to all of these students on their accomplishments.

As we look forward to March, we begin our first payment to the Florida Trip with our band and orchestra for the 2019 – 2020 school year. As more details continue to emerge, it will truly be a spectacular trip. If you have any concerns regarding payments, please contact me directly either via phone call or email. For more information regarding payments for the trip, please see the corresponding section to the newsletter.

Please consider attending our Spring IMA Craft Show on Saturday, March 30 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. This is always a great event and helps to continue to allow the IMA to support your children.

We are strong as a program because of each of our individual strengths. I continue to ask you to please share your talents and abilities with us as a program so that we may continue to provide the highest quality education for our students. It is through working together that we can create one of the nation's finest music programs for our students. Through donating items, volunteering to help at events, and supporting our general fundraising efforts, we can make great things happen for our program.

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

Thank you,

Mr. Christopher A. Ballentine
Instrumental Music Director

Florida Trip Payments & Fundraising

Below is the payment schedule for our instrumental music department trip to Florida in 2019 – 2020.

March 1 - \$200
May 1 - \$200
July 1 - \$200
September 1 - \$200
November 1 – Remaining Balance



These individual contributions towards the trip can be made either by payment (check/ money order), fundraising, or a combination of both. Various fundraising opportunities will continue to be made available to our instrumental music families to help defray costs, including several new opportunities. Our first fundraiser for the trip was the Pastie Sale and our final fundraiser will be our annual Fruit Sale in November 2019.

Please attend our monthly IMA meetings to continue to learn and take advantage of new fundraising opportunities.

As always, if you have any concerns, please communicate them directly to Mr. Ballentine via email or phone call. Payments can be placed in the IMA lockbox in both the middle and high school instrumental music rooms. Checks can be made out to IMA. Please write your child's name on the memo line and Florida 2019.

Don't Miss This Opportunity!

How would you like to earn half (or even more) of your student's 2019-2020 EAHS Gator Bowl and Universal Studios trip fundraising goal by selling nothing?

What's the catch? No Catch! You continue to purchase gas, groceries, clothes, and other items (when you need them) from the stores you already shop at and in return you earn money towards your student's fundraising goal. It's that simple!

Join us at the next IMA meeting on Tuesday, March 12th at 7:00 pm, to learn all the facts. We will be discussing exactly how you can do it and how easy it is. Participating in this fundraiser costs you absolutely nothing but can be extremely beneficial in helping your student reach his/her fundraising goal.

Bingo Fundraiser

Tickets are now available for the

IMA Designer Purse Bingo

Specials, Raffles, Tricky Tray, Door Prizes, 50/50, Refreshments

Sunday, May 5, 2019

Doors Open at 10:30 a.m.

Bingo Begins at 12:00 p.m.

Easton Area High School Cafeteria
2601 William Penn Highway
Easton, PA 18045

Tickets: \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door



Tickets can also be purchased at:
IMA Meetings (2nd Tuesday of the month)
The Spring Craft Fair (March 30th)
Ticket Forms can be found at
www.eahsmusic.org

For tickets or information, contact:
eastonIMAbingo@gmail.com
Susan Joseph 610-252-8912

*ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT DIRECTLY BENEFIT
ALL EAHS INSTRUMENTAL STUDENTS IN GRADES 9-12*

Save the Date!



The **Instrumental Music Banquet** will be held on *June 1, 2019* at Northampton Memorial Community Center. Invitations will be mailed in early April to all band, orchestra, and band front students. Doors will open at 5:00 and dinner will be served promptly at 5:30. More information will be provided at the upcoming IMA meetings. We are looking forward to a great event!

2019 Spring Craft Show

EAHS Spring Arts and Craft Show is March 30, 2019. This is an important fundraiser for the IMA, as it provides crucial funding to help maintain and support music education to all students at EAHS. As the IMA Craft Show continues to grow each year, thanks to all who take the time from their busy lives and families to help make the Craft Show a success.

The Spring Craft Show, needs your help again. If anyone can help with grilling, donating food to sell, baked good, selling raffle tickets, it is all greatly appreciated. Our goal is to make the Spring Craft Show, just as successful as the fall show (which had 150 vendors and 1,500 attendees) to help raise funds for the Gator Bowl and Universal Studios Trip.

EAHS SPRING ARTS AND CRAFT SHOW

Saturday, MARCH 30, 2019

9:00 To 2:00 P.M.

Easton Area High School Cafeteria

120 + Crafters & Vendors

Unique Holiday Gifts • Handmade Jewelry

Original Paintings • Handmade Crafts

Wood Crafters • New Crafters

Kids gifts • Tasty Treats

Come Join the Fun

Did Someone Say Jazz?

The **EAHS Jazz Festival** will be held on *Saturday, April 13, 2019* beginning at 5:30pm in the EAHS Auditorium. Join us for the musical offerings of our very own EAHS Jazz Band, EAMS 7/8 Jazz Band and visiting high school bands from the Lehigh Valley. A total of 11 bands will perform. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for Senior Citizens/Students. Volunteers and donations will be appreciated to make this event successful! Stay tuned for more event details, coming soon!

Saturday Night Swing will be held on *Saturday, May 11, 2019* in the EAHS Band Room. Come out and enjoy a fabulous night of jazz music as the band room is transformed into a jazz lounge with hors d'oeuvres and mocktails. Tickets are \$20. Contact Mr. Ballentine at ballentinec@eastonsd.org for more information or to purchase tickets.

March 4 – 10:

Tuesday, March 5	Jazz Lab Rehearsal	2:45 – 4:00 PM
Wednesday, March 6	Chamber Strings Rehearsal	2:45 – 4:00 PM
Wednesday, March 6	Jazz Band Rehearsal	6:00 – 9:00 PM
Thursday, March 7	PMEA Region Band Conrad Weiser HS	Depart EAHS 3:30 PM
Friday, March 8	PMEA Region Band	
Saturday, March 9	PMEA Region Band	Concert 3:00 PM
Sunday, March 10	Harlem Wizards Basketball Game Easton Area Middle School	3:30 PM

March 11 – 16:

Monday, March 11 – Friday, March 15

Individual Band & Orchestra Pictures – during school day

Monday, March 11	8th Grade Evaluations	5:00 – 8:30 PM
Tuesday, March 12	Color Guard Audition Rehearsal #1 EAHS Cafeteria	6:00 – 8:00 PM
Tuesday, March 12	March IMA Meeting EAHS Instrumental Music Room	7:00 PM
Wednesday, March 13	Chamber Strings Rehearsal	2:45 – 4:00 PM
Wednesday, March 13	8th Grade Evaluations	5:00 – 8:30 PM
Thursday, March 14	Jazz Lab Rehearsal	2:45 – 4:00 PM
Thursday, March 14	Jazz Band Rehearsal	6:00 – 9:00 PM
Saturday, March 16	County Band Rehearsal/ Concert Freedom High School	Meet @ EAHS 12:15 PM/ Concert 7:00 PM

March 18 – 22:

Monday, March 18	8th Grade Evaluations	5:00 – 8:30 PM
Tuesday, March 19	Color Guard Audition Rehearsal #2	6:00 – 8:00 PM
Tuesday, March 19	Wind Ensemble Rehearsal	6:00 – 8:00 PM
Wednesday, March 20	Chamber Strings Rehearsal	2:45 – 4:00 PM
Thursday, March 21	Jazz Lab Rehearsal	2:45 – 4:00 PM
Thursday, March 21	Jazz Band Rehearsal	6:00 – 9:00 PM
Friday, March 22	Scotch Plains – Fanwood Jazz Festival	Depart EAHS 4:00 PM

March 25 – 30:

Monday, March 25	8 th Grade Evaluations	5:00 – 8:30 PM
Monday, March 25	Drum Line Rehearsal	5:00 – 7:30 PM
Tuesday, March	26 Color Guard Audition Rehearsals #3	6:00 – 8:00 PM
Tuesday, March 26	Wind Ensemble Rehearsal	6:00 – 8:00 PM
Wednesday, March 27	Chamber Strings Rehearsal	2:45 – 4:00 PM
Wednesday, March 27	8 th Grade Evaluations	5:00 – 8:30 PM
Thursday, March 28	Jazz Lab Rehearsal	2:45 – 4:00 PM
Thursday, March 28	Jazz Band Rehearsal	6:00 – 9:00 PM
Friday, March 29	PMEA District Jazz Band	Depart EAHS 8:30 AM
Saturday, March 30	PMEA District Jazz Band Wilson Area High School	Concert 1:00 PM
Saturday, March 30	Spring IMA Craft Show Easton Area High School Cafeteria	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

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



EAHS SPRING CRAFT SHOW
Benefiting
The Instrumental Music Association



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- * 120 + Crafters & Vendors
- * Food & Refreshments
- * Handmade Jewelry
- * Original Paintings
- * Handmade Crafts
- * Wood Crafters
- * Raffles, 50/50
- * Bake Sale

Come Join The Fun

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Orchestra Spaghetti Dinner benefiting the Children's Home of Easton

February 16, 2019

