



Marking Time

Newsletter for the Easton Area High School Instrumental Music Association

April 2019

Mark Your Calendar!

**Next IMA meeting – Tuesday, April 9th at 7:00pm
www.eahsmusic.org for more information**

Director's Message

Dear High School Instrumental Music Families:

We are beginning to approach the end of the school year and the weather is beginning to show signs of summer. With this warm weather coming, we still have a full schedule with jazz festivals, performances, concerts, a parade, and so much more.

Before looking to April, I would like to reflect on the month of March and how much our students have accomplished. We began the month with a highly successful musical showing of "Oklahoma." Hopefully you had the opportunity to see so many of our students in the pit, on stage, and behind the scenes. In addition, we had 33 of our students represent Easton at County Band this year at Freedom High School on March 16 and had two students represent our school and themselves at PMEA regional festivals. One student will continue on to perform in the All-State ensembles the first week of April. Additionally, two of our jazz students represented Easton at the District Jazz Festival held at Wilson Area High School this past weekend. Finally, our jazz band had a great festival in Scotch Plains New Jersey and we began our color guard audition rehearsals throughout the month.

Looking ahead to April, we have another busy month as we prepare for the end of the year. We will begin our drum major clinics for any interested students, in addition to hold color guard auditions to begin to form next year's group. Our marching band percussionists will continue rehearsing throughout the month to prepare for our Spring Band Concert and the Memorial Day Parade.

Our EAHS Jazz Festival will be held on Saturday, April 13. There are over ten local bands performing at this event, which will make for a great night of jazz. The event begins at 5:30 PM with our EAMS Jazz Band and the night will conclude with awards following our EAHS Jazz Ensemble. In addition, our jazz band will also be performing at three events this month, including the EASD Prom Fashion Show on April 5, the Neshaminy Jazz Festival on April 26 and the Pocono Mountain East Festival on Saturday, April 27.

Our 10 – 12 orchestras continue to prepare for our PMEA Adjudication on Friday, April 26, held at East Stroudsburg North High School. This adjudication will assess our student ensembles on prepared music, as well

as our sight reading skills. It will be a great learning experience right before our Spring Concert on Friday, May 3.

Please continue to check our online calendar at www.eahsmusic.org for up to date events. Your students continue to amaze me in their dedication to the music program and the improvements and progress we have made as a group since the beginning of the year.

Join us for our next IMA meeting on Tuesday, April 9 beginning at 7:00 PM in the EAHS Cafeteria. These meetings are valuable opportunities to get involved in our program and continue to provide the best experiences to every child.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

Christopher Ballentine
Instrumental Music Teacher
Easton Area High School
(610) 250 - 2481 x 32214

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.

Please attend our monthly IMA meetings to continue to learn and take advantage of new fundraising opportunities. Currently, we have offered:

Pastie Sale Fundraiser
Sweet Moments/ Auntie Anne/ Cinnabon Fundraiser
Scrip Gift Cards (ongoing)
Gertrude Hawk Chocolate (ongoing)
Spring Flower Fundraiser (beginning mid-April)

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.

ShopWithScrip



Our Shop with Scrip fundraiser is in full swing. In the two weeks since we began the program, our IMA families have raised almost \$500 towards their fundraising goals with one family reaching almost \$80.

Don't miss out on this easy way to help reach your student's fundraising goal. Now is the perfect time to get started or to have other family members and friends get involved. Anyone can do it and it doesn't matter where you live. Since we all spend money on gas, food, and clothes, why not earn some fundraising money in the process?

The IMA is currently sponsoring a contest that began on the first day of the fundraiser and will run through April 30th. The student who has the most sponsors (people who sign up for an individual account and list the student as the beneficiary) will earn a Visa gift card. The second-place winner will receive a Target gift card. Remember, it's not the dollar amount, but all about getting other people to participate and help with your student's fundraising goal.

Just a reminder that orders are placed every Thursday night and take one week to come in. Physical gift cards can be picked up by your students on Thursday mornings at school, or orders can be pick up at the high school on Thursday nights between 6-7 pm in the hallway next to the music room. Be sure to have a completed waiver form if anyone other than the account holder is picking up the cards. This includes student pick-up as well.

I would strongly recommend using the online, Presto Pay, in order to receive your orders more quickly. However, if you are paying by check, they can be sent in to school or can be dropped off on Thursday nights.

All the information is available on the IMA website. If you have further questions, please contact Jim Mattison at kjmattison@gmail.com.

Aunt Anne's/Sweet Moments Fundraiser

Delivery for the Auntie Anne's and Sweet Moments fundraiser has been set for **Tuesday, April 16 from 3:30pm to 5:30pm in the EAHS cafeteria.**

Reminder: All orders are frozen and need to be picked up promptly. If you are unable to pick up your order, kindly make arrangements for someone else to pick your order up for you.

Help is needed for delivery day, if you are available and willing to volunteer please contact Dana Dagon at dana.dagon16@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued support of the IMA fundraisers!

Bingo Fundraiser

Who's ready for some BINGO?

Get your tickets now for the May 5th Designer Bingo!

Prize sponsors are needed (\$25-\$150) Any amount is appreciated.
Tricky Tray Baskets are also needed. Get creative. See the mailed flyer for ideas.

For tickets, questions, information, or donation drop-offs contact:

eastonIMAbingo@gmail.com

Susan Joseph 610-252-8912

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

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC ASSOCIATION



The IMA hosts

DESIGNER PURSE

BINGO

AND

Sunday MAY 5, 2019

Featuring: KATE SPADE® COACH® VERA BRADLEY® MICHAEL KORS®

EASTON HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Doors Open at 10:30 • Bingo Starts at Noon

TRICKY TRAYS • RAFFLES • DOOR PRIZES

TIE BREAKERS • 50/50 • CONCESSIONS

*Bring a "gently-used" large-XL purse to donate to Helping Hearts & Handbags, Inc.

(aiding homeless women) for a NEW purse raffle chance • www.helpingheartsandhandbags.com •



Tickets \$20

IN ADVANCE \$25 AT THE DOOR



call: Susan Joseph 610-252-8912 • email: eastonIMAbingo@gmail.com • online @ www.eahsmusic.org

Helping Hearts & Handbags

*The IMA Bingo Committee is working with
Helping Hearts & Handbags, Inc. this year!*

Do you have purses gathering dust on your shelves?

You can clean out your closets AND help a homeless woman by donating your "gently-used" medium-to-large purses. Helping Hearts & Handbags, Inc. fills them with personal care items and a personal note of encouragement, and then distributes them to women living in shelters or on the streets.

All purses can be dropped off at our Designer Purse Bingo on May 5, 2019.

We will also be collecting the following personal care items:


- **Travel Size:** Soap, Lotion, Shampoo/Conditioner, and Tissue Packs
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Individually Wrapped Sanitary Pads/Tampons
- Antibacterial Hand Wipes and Gel
- Chapstick or Lip Balm
- Ladies Warm Socks
- Hair Ties/Scrunchies

Personal care items and personal notes can be dropped off in the instrumental music room or at the April 9th IMA meeting. Please have all donations turned in by Friday, April 18, 2019.

Include your family's name and email address on all donations to help us earn Disney Tickets.

For more information, please visit:

www.HelpingHeartsandHandbags.com or
email eastonIMAbingo@gmail.com.

DONATE a "gently-used" large-XL sized PURSE	GET a raffle chance for a NEW PURSE	GIVE to a homeless woman in need
		
Sunday May 5, 2019 12:00 pm		Easton Instrumental Music Assoc. Designer Purse Bingo and Helping Hearts & Handbags, Inc. Learn more at helpingheartsandhandbags.com Get tickets at eahsmusic.org

Instrumental Music Banquet



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! Packets will be sent out soon!

Spring Flower Sale

The annual Spring Flower Sale will run from April 8th to April 25th. Order pickup will be on Saturday, May 11th at EAHS.



Please watch out for fundraiser packets coming soon for more information.

Upcoming Jazz Events

Help Needed!

The **EAHS Jazz Festival** will be on *Saturday, April 13th* beginning at 5:30pm in the EAHS Auditorium. This is going to be a great evening with 11 schools performing. Tickets are \$8 for Adults, \$5 for Senior Citizens/Students.

We are in need of parent volunteers to chaperone the visiting school ensembles and to also help in our food court which will be very busy. We appreciate any time and donations you are able to give. If there are any questions, please contact Michelle Gifford: 610-597-3084 or giffordm@eastonsd.org.

Saturday Night Swing will be held on *Saturday, May 11th* in the EAHS Instrumental Music Room. Come out and enjoy a fabulous night of jazz music as the 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.

Spring Craft Show

To All That Helped Make The Spring Craft Show A Success,

THANK YOU.

The Spring Craft Show, was great fun and a wonderful success. There were 35 more crafters totaling 150, and 1,100 people attended. Awesome news, hundreds more attended this spring's craft show than the previous spring show, so much so, we ran out of food!

A special thanks to those that donated all the food, drinks and desserts. Your donations are what makes this show a financial success. I would also like to mention that part of our show's success was due to so many of you posting and re-posted the spring ad designed by Mrs. Gillespie, that was huge, so thanks to you too. I'm extremely grateful to all the parents that take time from their busy lives and families to help with managing, grilling, cooking or baking, selling the food, selling raffle tickets, making announcements, ushering the students, and preparing baskets; it takes a village.

To the EAHS students, once again, I received compliments from the vendors, on how much they appreciate the students help with the unload, reload and offering to get them drinks and food. This is one way that our craft show differentiates us from all the others, GREAT JOB! Additionally, there are a few students that are graduating this year, to those I would like to say, thank you for sharing your time with me, you will be missed.

A special thank you to Mr. Ballentine and Mr. Hetrick, it's their second craft show and they were present for the whole-show, everyone mentions how they love that, nice job.

The Fall Craft Show is Nov. 16th, an application is attached below for those that are interested.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Gangemi



April 1 - 6:

Monday, April 1	Drum Line Rehearsal	5:00 – 7:30 PM
Monday, April 1	Drum Major Clinic #1	5:00 – 6:30 PM
Tuesday, April 2	Color Guard Auditions EAHS Cafeteria	5:00 – 8:30 PM
Tuesday, April 2	Drum Major Clinic #2	5:00 – 6:30 PM
Wednesday, April 3	Chamber Strings Rehearsal	2:30 – 4:00 PM
Wednesday, April 3	PMEA All-State Convention Pittsburgh, PA	April 3 – 6
Thursday, April 4	Jazz Lab Rehearsal	2:30 – 4:30 PM
Thursday, April 4	Jazz Band Rehearsal	6:00 – 9:00 PM
Friday, April 5	EASD Prom Fashion Show Jazz Band – Report at 5:00 PM	7:00 PM
Saturday, April 6	PMEA All- State Orchestra Concert	10:00 AM

April 8 – 13:

Monday, April 8	Drum Line Rehearsal	5:00 – 7:30 PM
Tuesday, April 9	April IMA Meeting EAHS Cafeteria	7:00 PM
Tuesday, April 9	Drum Major Clinic #3	5:00 – 6:30 PM
Tuesday, April 9	Senior Recital Auditions EAHS Auditorium	6:00 – 8:00 PM
Wednesday, April 10	Chamber Strings Rehearsal	2:45 – 4:00 PM
Wednesday, April 10	Drum Major Clinic #4	5:00 – 6:30 PM
Thursday, April 11	Jazz Lab Rehearsal	2:45 – 4:30 PM
Thursday, April 11	Jazz Band Rehearsal	6:00 – 9:00 PM
Saturday, April 13	EAHS Jazz Festival EAHS Auditorium	5:30 PM

April 15 – 18:

Monday, April 15	Drum Line Rehearsal	5:00 – 7:30 PM
Monday, April 15	Drum Major Clinic #5	5:00 – 6:30 PM
Tuesday, April 16	Food Fundraiser Pick Up EAHS Cafeteria	3:30 – 5:30 PM
Wednesday, April 17	Chamber Strings Rehearsal	2:30 – 4:00 PM
Wednesday, April 17	Drum Major Clinic #6	5:00 – 6:30 PM

April 22 – 27:

Wednesday, April 24	Chamber Strings Rehearsal	2:30 – 4:00 PM
Thursday, April 25	Jazz Lab Rehearsal	2:30 – 4:00 PM
Thursday, April 25	Jazz Band Rehearsal	6:00 – 9:00 PM
Friday, April 26	Orchestra Adjudication East Stroudsburg North HS	Depart EAHS 9:30 AM
Friday, April 26	Neshaminy HS Jazz Festival	Depart EAHS 3:00 PM
Saturday, April 27	Pocono Mountain East Jazz Festival	Depart EAHS 10:00 AM
Saturday, April 27	Wall of Fame Pep Band	TBA

April 29 – May 3:

Monday, April 29	Tri-M Honor Society Induction EAHS Auditorium	7:00 PM
Tuesday, April 30	Drum Line Rehearsal	2:30 – 4:00 PM
Wednesday, May 1	Chamber Strings Rehearsal	2:30 – 4:00 PM
Wednesday, May 1	EAHS Choir Concert	7:00 PM
Tuesday, May 2	Jazz Lab Rehearsal	2:30 – 4:00 PM
Tuesday, May 2	Jazz Band Rehearsal	6:00 – 9:00 PM
Friday, May 3	Spring Orchestra Concert EAHS Auditorium	7:00 PM

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

Pep Band for Harlem Wizards Game March 3, 2019





Easton Area High School Instrumental Music Association

Dear Crafter/Vendor,

The EAHS Instrumental Music Association will be holding its biannual craft show on Saturday, **November 16, 2019**. We would like to take this opportunity to personally invite you to become a crafter/vendor at our Fall 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 Fall 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. Please remember that the spots are first come, first serve. If we receive your application in November, we **cannot** guarantee your usual spot location. That is not fair to the people that get their application in ASAP.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Regina Gangemi at 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**

Fall CRAFT SHOW INFORMATION SHEET
SATURDAY, November 16, 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 **\$40.00** per space without electric **\$45.00** 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. The Craft Show is a fundraiser for the IMA. We are a nonprofit 501 3C and **can not give REFUNDS**. We can apply your payment to the next show.

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! ☺

QUESTION S? Email Regina Gangemi at 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
Fall CRAFT SHOW
SATURDAY, November 16, 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 \$40.00 without electric \$45.00 w/electric_____ (TOTAL) Payable to: *IMA*

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ITEMS TO BE SOLD (please include all items). Vendors MUST name the company they are representing.

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 your present spot # _____ or if you have a space/location preference: _____

Please remember spots are first come, first serve. 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.

Please mail your completed application and check payable to:

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

For IMA use: Check # _____ Amount _____ Date recvd _____ Space # _____

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