



Marking Time

Newsletter for the Easton Area High School Instrumental Music Association

May 2019

Mark Your Calendar!

Next IMA meeting – Tuesday, May 14th at 7:00pm
www.eahsmusic.org for more information

Director's Message

Dear High School Instrumental Music Families:

Another month has gone by and we have had many events within our Instrumental Music program. We held our 28th annual jazz festival on Saturday, April 13th, hosting nine schools during a great night of jazz. Our jazz band also completed our competition season with two back-to-back festivals at Neshaminy High School and Pocono Mountain East. We also had a pep band perform at the annual EASD Wall of Fame Induction. Both our Chamber Strings and Symphony Orchestra received superior ratings at a PMEA Adjudication held at East Stroudsburg North High School. Concluding the month, on Monday, April 29, we inducted our second class to the Tri-M Honor Society.

Looking ahead to the month of May, there are numerous events as we look towards the end of the year. All students continue to rehearse at a high level and raise the standard in classes. Our spring orchestra and band concerts will be held on Friday, May 3 and Friday, May 10, respectively. Both concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. in the EAHS Auditorium. Our Spring Wind Ensemble concert will take place on Wednesday, May 22, also beginning at 7:00 p.m. Our Senior Recital will feature six senior students performing solos on their instruments. This event will take place on Wednesday, May 29 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium.

We will hold our Saturday Night Swing Event on Saturday May 11 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. This event is a great night of jazz held in our Instrumental Music Room. Tickets for the event are \$20/ person and can be purchased by emailing myself at ballentinec@eastonsd.org or reaching me via phone at (610) 250 2481 x 32214. Hor D'oeuvres and mock tails will be served while listening to wonderful jazz music. Please consider coming out and supporting our program at this event.

Our marching band will perform at the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 27. This parade is an important community event as we recognize all those who have given their lives to defend our nation. Details regarding report times will be forthcoming within the next few weeks. We will have three rehearsals to prepare for this parade on May 14, 21 and 23.

In addition to the above events, we will also be hosting our IMA Designer Purse Bingo on May 5 in the EAHS Cafeteria. This is a large fundraiser for our program, so please consider attending if you are able and

interested. We will host our Spring Drive 4 UR School Event on Sunday, May 19. This event is in partnership with Koch 33 Ford. For every vehicle someone test-drives on this day, we receive \$20 towards our program, up to a total of \$6,000! This is a huge opportunity for us to reach our fundraising goals.

On Saturday, June 1, we will reflect and end our year together with our Instrumental Music Banquet. Every student in the program is encouraged to attend this evening as we recognize the accomplishments of our students throughout the past year. They have accomplished so much together – it is a great night and way to end the year. Dinner will be served and awards will be presented.

Join us for our next IMA meeting on Tuesday, May 14 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.

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 (pick up Saturday, May 11)

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 continues and is helping our IMA families raise money towards their fundraising goals.

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?

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.

Instrumental Music Banquet



The **Instrumental Music Banquet** will be held on *June 1, 2019* at Northampton Memorial Community Center. 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!

Spring Flower Sale

Order pickup will be on Saturday, May 11th at EAHS in the gym parking lot from 9:30am to 11:00am. Thank you for supporting our fundraiser! We ask that you please be prompt picking up your order!

Saturday Night Swing

EASTON AREA HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ ENSEMBLE PRESENTS

SATURDAY NIGHT SWING!



Join us for a night of musical entertainment at Easton Area High School. The night will include music provided by the Easton Area High School Jazz Ensemble, Hors D'oeuvres, and mocktails. Proceeds to benefit the funding of programs and instruments for the EAHS Instrumental program.

SATURDAY, MAY 11TH

EASTON AREA HIGH SCHOOL
7:00 PM-9:00 PM | \$20 PER PERSON

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM | MUSIC BEGINS AT 7:00 PM



For tickets contact Mr. Ballentine at:

ballentinec@eastonsd.org
610-250-2481 ext. 32214

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Memorial Day Parade

The marching band will be performing in Easton's Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 27, 2019. Details regarding report time are as follows:



Report at EAHS: 8:30 AM

Attire: Full Uniform (white pants, hats, gloves)

Thom Hannum Drum Clinic

Easton Area High School Percussion

All incoming 9 – 12 grade percussionists. We will be holding our annual Thom Hannum Drum Clinic on the following dates:

Thursday, June 13 2:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Friday, June 14 9:00 – 3:30 p.m.



Mr. Hannum has long been regarded as one of the nation's foremost percussion arrangers, instructors, and clinicians having presented numerous seminars and workshops throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, and Southeast Asia. He is known internationally for his work with the DCI World Champion Cadets of Bergen County and Star of Indiana. Thom is also a charter member of the design team for the Tony Award-winning show Blast!

In the summer of 2001, Mr. Hannum was selected for induction into the Drum Corps International Hall of Fame. He is also a member of the Hall of Fame for the Cadets of Bergen County, and the Crossmen Drum & Bugle Corps. Thom is a product consultant and clinician for the Avedis Zildjian Cymbal Company, Evans Drum Heads, the Pearl Corporation, and Vic Firth Sticks & Mallets where he has developed several Signature Series drumsticks and keyboard mallets. He is an active member of the Percussive Arts Society where he has served on the Marching Percussion Committee for 12 years.

This clinic is where students are assigned parts to play for the upcoming marching band season. It is a great experience and a great way to begin our new marching season together. Please email Mr. Ballentine at ballentinec@eastonsd.org with any questions or concerns.

Ford Drive 4 UR School

Please come out and join us for a great fundraising opportunity sponsored by Koch 33 Ford. Test drive a new Ford and earn \$\$\$\$ for the IMA. This is an easy way to raise money and it won't cost you more than a few minutes of your time. Share the event with your friends and family and help us reach our goal to raise \$6,000!

**TEST-DRIVE A
FORD AND EARN
\$20 FOR YOUR
SCHOOL.***

KOCH 33 Ford

WHAT: Take a spin in a new Ford vehicle. For every test-drive taken, Ford Motor Company will donate \$20 to your school, for a total of up to \$6,000 per event.*

A little drive could go a long way.

WHO: Easton Area High School IMA

WHEN: Sunday May 19th, 2019 9:00am to 2:00pm

WHERE: Easton Area High School
2601 William Penn Highway Easton, PA 18045

**FORD
DRIVE
4 UR SCHOOL**



forddrive4ur.com

*NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. MUST BE 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER WITH A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE AND VALID AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE. Donation of \$20 per test-drive, up to 300 total test-drives, for a maximum total donation of \$6,000 per event. Limit (1) donation per person and (1) donation per household.

April 29 – May 5:

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 Members Report 5:45 PM
Sunday, May 5	IMA Designer Purse Bingo EAHS Cafeteria	Doors Open 10:30 AM

May 6 – 11:

Monday, May 6	Drum Line Rehearsal	5:00 – 7:30 PM
Monday, May 6	Boy's Lacrosse Senior Night Pep Band	3:30 PM
Tuesday, May 7	National Honor Society Induction Chamber Strings & Flute Ensemble	6:00 PM
Tuesday, May 7	Boy's Volleyball Senior Night Pep Band	4:30 PM
Wednesday, May 8	Full Band Dress Rehearsal EAHS Auditorium	6:00 – 8:00 PM
Thursday, May 9	Jazz Lab Rehearsal	2:30 – 4:00 PM
Thursday, May 9	Jazz Band Rehearsal	6:00 – 9:00 PM
Friday, May 10	Spring Band Concert EAHS Auditorium	7:00 PM Members Report 5:45 PM
Saturday, May 11	American Legion Pep Band EAHS Auditorium	1:00 – 2:30 PM
Saturday, May 11	Spring Flower Fundraiser Pick Up	9:30 – 11:00 AM
Saturday, May 11	Saturday Night Swing EAHS Instrumental Room	7:00 – 9:00 PM

May 13 – 19:

Tuesday, May 14	Marching Band Rehearsal	2:30 – 5:00 PM
Wednesday, May 15	Chamber Strings Rehearsal	2:30 – 4:00 PM
Thursday, May 16	Jazz Band Rehearsal	6:00 – 9:00 PM
Sunday, May 19	Drive 4 UR School Event EAHS Lower Level Parking Lot	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

May 20 – 24:

Monday, May 20	Wind Ensemble Rehearsal	6:00 – 8:00 PM
Tuesday, May 21	Marching Band Rehearsal	2:30 – 5:00 PM
Wednesday, May 22	Wind Ensemble Concert EAHS Auditorium	7:00 PM
Thursday, May 23	Marching Band Rehearsal	2:30 – 5:00 PM

May 27 – June 1:

Monday, May 27	Memorial Day Parade Meet at EAHS	TBA – Est. 8:00 AM
Wednesday, May 29	Senior Recital EAHS Auditorium	6:00 PM
Thursday, May 30	Academic Excellence Ceremony Chamber Strings	TBA
Saturday, June 1	EAHS Instrumental Music Banquet Northampton Memorial Community Center	5:30 PM

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



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