



# Marking Time

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

**October 2017**

**Mark Your Calendar!**

**Next IMA meeting – Tuesday, October 10 at 7:00**

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## **Director's Message**



The school year is off and running and our music students are busy preparing for marching band contests, football games, Fall Orchestra Concert and so much more. We have had a smooth start to the new year thanks to continued support and dedication by many.

This month we have accomplished Chamber String and Jazz Band Auditions, a very successful marching band moment at the Philadelphia Phillies game, our first marching band competition for the year and chair seating and preparation for the Fall Orchestra Concert.

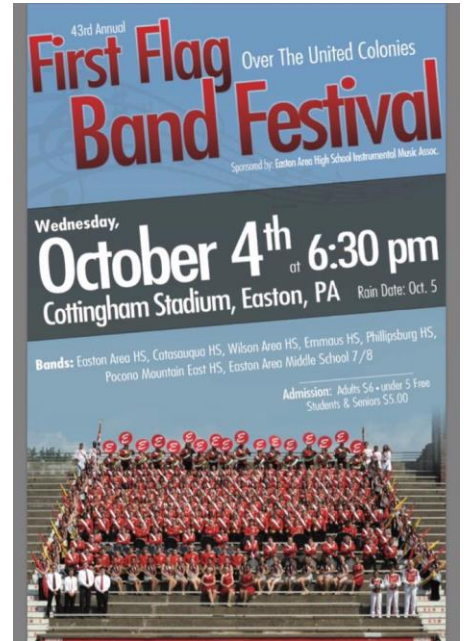
As we look toward the month of October we look forward to hosting our, "First Flag Over The United Colonies Band Festival". This is always a great night of music and pageantry. Thank you to Mrs. Gifford and Mrs. Martellucci for their tireless dedication to the festival. I would also like to thank two of our alumni parents Mr. and Mrs. Reiss for once again taking care of the First Flag program.

As always if you need to contact me for any reason, the best way is to e-mail me at [luttec@eastonsd.org](mailto:luttec@eastonsd.org). Together we can accomplish the impossible please continue to be involved in our parent organization and experience the energy that surrounds the program.

Ms. Carole A. Lutte  
Instrumental Director

# First Flags

The First Flag Over the United Colonies Band Festival will be held on Wednesday, October 4 (raindate Thursday, October 5) at our own Cottingham Stadium. Come out to hear Easton Area Middle School 7/8, Catasauqua High School, Wilson Area High School, Emmaus High School, Phillipsburg High School, Pocono Mountain East High School, and Easton Area High School bands as they perform their field shows. Tickets can be purchased at the door. The cost is \$6 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors, and under 5 – free. There is an opportunity for even more fun if you participate in the basket raffle, 50/50, and Treasure Hunt!



## Payments for the Fiesta Bowl – New Address!!!

Just a reminder: Trip payments should either be put in the lock box at school or mailed to Debra Fasching – please note the new address! Make checks payable to IMA. Also, it is extremely important to **write your student's name** in the memo line. We want to ensure that money is being applied to the correct student account.

**Debra Fasching**  
**1206 Chidsey St.**  
**Easton, PA 18042**

# Get a Good Night's Sleep

On Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am to 5 pm, the Easton IMA will hold its first annual Mattress Sale Fundraiser. There will be 25 different mattress brands and styles to choose from

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**When:** Saturday, October 14

**Time:** 10AM-5PM

**Where:** High School Cafeteria

**Event Link:** For more info: text Easton to 484-276-4900

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each in four sizes (twin, full, queen, king). These brand-named mattresses are not only being offered at a discounted price, but your instrumental student and the IMA will receive in total between \$75- \$150 in music money for each mattress sold. Each student brought home a packet of student coupons which you can put their name on and then pass out to interested friends and family members. This coupon is how your child will receive credit for the sale of the mattress. If you run out of coupons, just have your friend or family member mention your child as the one who referred them to the event. Plus, there is a bonus. If we sell 100 mattresses, the program will receive an extra \$5000! With over 400 students in the instrumental program, we can achieve this! Contact Jim Mattison at [kjmattison@gmail.com](mailto:kjmattison@gmail.com) with any questions.

# Road Trip to Philadelphia

On Tuesday, September 19, the EAMS marching band took a road trip to Philadelphia. The band was invited to participate in a pre-game parade with other bands in the area, and they won the opportunity to play the National Anthem prior to the game. Despite the rain, their performance was fantastic! The students had a super time participating in this great experience.



## Competition



Maloney Stadium in Phillipsburg was the site of our first competition of the season. At the Neil Boyer American Heritage Festival of Bands, an array of field shows were performed by Belvidere Area High School, Catasauqua High School, Easton Area High School, North Hunterdon High School, and Phillipsburg High School. Easton's field show *El Diablo De Las Lomas* earned the following ratings:

Music: Excellent

Marching: Excellent

General Effect: Superior

Overall Rating: Excellent

Additionally, the band earned awards for Best Drum Major, Best Music, Best Marching, Best Percussion, Best Guard, and Best Overall Effect. Congratulations to the band, Ms. Lutte, and all who helped make this a successful evening!

# Basket Raffle Donations Needed

Basket raffles have proven to be a good source of revenue for the IMA, and we hope to be able to continue that tradition during the 2017-2018 school year. We will have several raffles during the fall including **First Flag and the Craft Show**. In order to make this fundraiser successful, we are in need of donations to make the baskets.

All baskets are made to fit a theme. Some themes that are successful are:

Chocolate - anything chocolate

At home spa - nail care, facial care, aromatherapy, candles, bath pillows, body lotions, etc.

Autumn - scarecrows, placemats, dish towels, napkins, candles, paper plates

Party supplies - cups, napkins, tablecloths, soda, chips, snacks...

Movies - boxed candy, microwave popcorn, DVDs, movie gift cards

Breakfast - cereal, tea, coffee, pancake mix, syrup, cocoa, etc.

Football - Eagles/Giants items, football party items, snacks,

Grilling - grill baskets, marinades, oven mitts, apron, grill tools, etc.

Baking - cookie sheets, cake/cupcake pans, cake/cookie mixes, frosting, decorations...

Wine - wine, glasses, cocktail napkins, crackers, snacks

Kids' basket - puzzles, toys, markers, craft items.

Items for any holiday - all holiday items work well. Try to find items on clearance for any holiday (I can store items for baskets in the future)

Feel free to be creative...If you wish to make a complete basket of any theme, it would be greatly appreciated. You can make and cellophane wrap the whole thing or give me all of the items and I will wrap up the basket.

Items can be brought to the next IMA meeting or you can contact Mary Beth Buza at [gbuza@rcn.com](mailto:gbuza@rcn.com) or 610-253-1329 to arrange for drop-off/pickup.

Thanks in advance for your generosity! Remember, all the monies raised support the instrumental music students.

# IMA Bingo and Tricky Tray

Mark your calendar with the tentative date for this year's Bingo - Sunday May 6, 2018.

We need your help to make this event a success and to continue to support our instrumental music students. This event allows the IMA to pay for every instrumental music student to attend the annual end-of-year banquet at no charge to the student. We need:

- Prize Sponsors - Please consider being a bingo prize sponsor, in full or partial.
- **Tricky Tray donations** - It's never too early to start. The possibilities are endless! No donation is too small. There is **no** expectation that you donate an entire basket unless you choose to do so. You may donate a cookie sheet and it will be combined with other items to create a basket. Here are some ideas for donations, but feel free to use your imagination.
  - Animal lover – food, treats, bowls, grooming tools
  - Baby – Anything for baby, diapers, wipes, towels, blankets, toys, books
  - Bath/Boudoir - Soaps, towels, candles, potpourri, lotions, perfume
  - Baking - Cook books, cookie cutters, baking pans, measuring cups
  - Beach Party - Beach towels, suntan lotion, sunglasses, beach bags
  - Blanket - Homemade knit or crocheted blanket
  - Breakfast – pancake/waffle mix, syrup, muffin mix
  - Car care – buckets, soaps, wax, air freshener
  - Children - Books, crayons, games, toys, DVDs, Pillow Pets
  - Chocolate - Selection of chocolates
  - Cooking - Kitchen Utensils, cookbooks, spices, gadgets
  - Crafter's Delight - Yarn, needles, hooks, hoops, needlework kits, scrapbooking supplies
  - Food theme – sauces, non-perishable ingredients, spices
  - First aid – bandages, gauze, tape, ointment
  - Gardener's Paradise - Gloves, tools, seeds, plant food, watering can, planters
  - Grill - Barbecue sauce, grill utensils, cookbooks, spices
  - Hair/Nail care – shampoo, conditioner, hair ties, nail polish, remover, accessories
  - Health Conscious - exercise DVDs, diet cookbooks, hand weights, floor mat
  - Holiday - Decorations for any holiday (Christmas, Easter, Halloween), crafts, etc.
  - House cleaning – buckets, rags, cleaning solutions, window cleaner
  - Italian – Pastas, sauces, wines, glasses, pizza cutter, pizza board
  - Kitchen – Coffee mugs, towels, mitts, spices, dishes, utensils, glasses
  - Man Basket – Razors, toiletries, cologne, ties
  - Movie Night – DVDs, popcorn, candy, soda, throw blanket
  - Picnic – Plastic utensils and cups, BBQ tools, table cloth, picnic basket

- Reading – Books, reading lamp, pillows, throw, hot chocolate
- School supplies – notebooks, pencils, pens, highlighters, binders, markers
- Sports -Team items, baseball caps, souvenirs, books, event tickets
- Travel – Toiletry holder, camera, document holder, neck rest, luggage
- Wine – Wine gadgets, wine, glasses
- Gift Certificates to anywhere or for anything are always welcome and can also be combined with other items

**\*\*\*All items should be new and unused\*\*\***

If you have ANY questions or can help in anyway, please contact Susan Joseph at [eastonIMAbingo@gmail.com](mailto:eastonIMAbingo@gmail.com). Thank you for your support and making a difference for your music student.

## **Redner's Save-a-Tape Program**

The IMA earns money every time you shop at Redner's. It is easy! Please stop at the store office or Customer Service area to get a Save-A-Tape card. By using this card each time you purchase merchandise at Redner's Warehouse Markets, your receipt will be designated as a Save-A-Tape customer receipt.

Receipts can be placed in the envelope marked Redner's Receipts in band room and at any IMA meeting. We would like to submit the receipts by November 1 for this calendar year, so we need a total of over \$5000. Please help us out! If you have any questions, email Kelly Corpora at [kellycorpora@gmail.com](mailto:kellycorpora@gmail.com).

## **Uniform Help Needed**

Volunteers are needed to help with orchestra uniform alterations. Interested Volunteers can contact Sara Levin by phone at [484-903-5969](tel:484-903-5969) or by email to [juniorleaguer2@aol.com](mailto:juniorleaguer2@aol.com). Your help is appreciated!

# Alumni Corner

Calling all alumni! We would love to know what you are up to! Please send us an update to include in our newsletter. Email information to [EAHSIMAnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:EAHSIMAnewsletter@gmail.com).

Some more pictures from the Festival of Bands:





