



Easton Area High School Instrumental Music Department

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Instrumental Music Director

Dear 8th Grade Instrumental Music Families:

We look forward to welcoming you to our high school instrumental music program for the 2020 – 2021 school year! There will be four evenings to begin the evaluations in anticipation of your enrollment into our program. This evaluation is mandatory for all students, as they are crucial to our planning. It is also a great time for me to get to hear each student play and answer any questions you may have coming into our high school program. Please remember this is an evaluation, not an audition. Evaluations will take approximately five minutes per student. The student is to bring a prepared piece of their choosing no longer than two to three minutes. In addition, he/ she should be prepared to play the following scales:

Strings: D, G, C, F

Winds & Mallets (concert keys): Eb, Bb, F, C, chromatic

Battery Percussion (rudiments): flam, flam accent, flam tap, 5, 9, 13, 17 stroke roll, paradiddle, double paradiddle, drag

Please visit our website www.eahsmusic.org and click on the corresponding 8th grade post to sign up for an evaluation date/ time as soon as possible. The available dates/ times are: March 16, 17, 23, and 24 from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. Evaluations will be in the instrumental room at the high school (G214). Please enter through the main entrance. There will be student greeters to assist you.

If you have any difficulty signing up for an evaluation time slot or do not have Internet access, please reach me at (610) 250-2481 x 32214 or at ballentinec@eastonsd.org. If you are not able to attend one of the evening time slots, please email me so we can discuss alternative times.

There will be students from the high school program, along with a representative from the IMA (Instrumental Music Association) to answer any of your questions.

Thank you for your support and I look forward to meeting each of you.

Mr. Christopher Ballentine

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