




Weekly Newsletter

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (Week of August 31)

Monday 8/31	Tuesday 9/01	Wednesday 9/02	Thursday 9/03	Friday 9/04
<i>Teacher In-Service</i>	<i>Teacher In-Service</i> Marching Band Rehearsal 6:00 – 8:00 PM	<i>No School</i>	<i>No School</i> Marching Band Rehearsal 6:00 – 8:00 PM	<i>No School</i>
Saturday 9/05			Sunday 9/06	
String Orchestra Social 7:00 PM via Zoom				

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE (Week of September 07)

Monday 9/07	Tuesday 9/08	Wednesday 9/09	Thursday 9/10	Friday 9/11
<i>No School</i>	First Day of School! Last Names A - K are in person for hybrid IMA Meeting 7:00 PM via Zoom 	Last Names A-K are in person for hybrid	Last Names L - Z are in person for hybrid Marching Band Rehearsal 6:00 – 8:00 PM	Last Names L-Z are in person for hybrid
Saturday 9/12			Sunday 9/13	

BAND & ORCHESTRA JACKET SALE



This annual sale will run **August 26 - September 18!** Complete details including sample photos, pricing and jacket descriptions are available online. Jackets can be ordered online through our IMA website [Jacket Sale](#) OR through the paper form.

Questions? Contact Maureen Martyak at mmartyak@gmail.com or at 610-390-6720.



FUNDRAISING

Noto's Hoagie Coupon Sale

Coupons will be distributed Tuesday, Sept. 01 & Thursday, Sept. 03 at 7:40 PM. Tickets will be handed to parents/ guardians outside the main entrance of EAHS. *Questions?* Contact Ralph & Kara Howe @ ralphhowe@gmail.com or 484-597-3481.

Shop with Scrip:

You buy gift cards for over 750 retailer brands at which you already shop and earn a rebate on every gift card you purchase at face value. This rebate goes right to our organization. To learn more, click [here](#).

Amazon Smile:

Support the IMA while you [shop on Amazon!](#)

46TH ANNUAL FIRST FLAG BAND FESTIVAL

WHEN: Saturday, September 26, 2020

FORMAT: Virtual (this will be a livestream performance of our EAHS Band and other participating bands). More details to come at the September IMA meeting.

PROGRAM: We put together a program annually that consists of business ads, parent ads, and patron notes! Support our program by taking out an ad or a patron message.



[Patron messages](#) start at **\$5.00!** If every family took out one patron ad, we would raise over \$1,500 for the festival!

For families interested in taking out a larger ad for your student, please see [here!](#)

If you know of a business that would like to sponsor the program, please direct them to our [website](#).

SPONSORSHIPS & ADS DUE: Friday, August 21 (if you missed this deadline, please contact Jen Martellucci below)

Questions? Contact Jen Martellucci at firstflags@eahsmusic.org

SCHOOL STRING INSTRUMENT SIGN UPS

If you are a string player who needs a school instrument, you **MUST** fill out this [Google Form](#) no later than Friday, August 28. Instrument distribution is slated to occur this week (a separate email will be sent with specific information on when these pickups will occur).

STRINGS CAMP UPDATES

Our dates for Strings Camp have been set! Please see the schedule below for the dates & times of this event!

Monday, September 21 6:00 - 8:00 PM
Monday, September 28 6:00 - 8:00 PM
Monday, October 05 6:00 - 8:00 PM
Monday, October 12 6:00 - 8:00 PM (socially-distanced movie night)



MARCHING BAND SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER SCHEDULE UPDATE

Please see the link [here](#) for an updated marching band schedule for September & October. A few reminders:

- ★ Please be flexible with the uncertainty of the next few months. Scheduling changes will be made as far in advance as possible.
- ★ Due to the hybrid schedule approved by the board of education on Tuesday, August 18, our rehearsals will now take place in the evenings from 6:00 - 8:00 PM to best accommodate ride situations. This was done after listening to many families express concerns over transportation arrangements.
- ★ The performances listed are all tentative and as changes arise, I will be sure to update you. Competitions will be held virtually this year. More to come on this.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to let me know. Thank you!

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Interested in being a volunteer?

If you are interested in being a volunteer or chaperone for the IMA complete details can be found online. We ask that you please complete the on-line IMA Parent/Guardian Interest Form found on the IMA Information page:

[Parent/Guardian Volunteer Information](#)



Clearances are required for all volunteers and chaperones. Information on how to obtain clearances can be found [here](#). Jason Alley, IMA Vice President, is responsible for coordinating all IMA chaperones and will need to receive your approval letter from EASD. His email is: vp@eahsmusic.org.

In addition to chaperone & volunteer opportunities, we have the following IMA chairperson positions open:

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| o Orchestra Uniforms | o Palmer Days |
| o Baskets | o Pastie Sale |
| o Business Sponsorships | o Pie Sale |
| o Hospitality | o Scholarships |

COVID – 19 HEALTH REMINDERS

Health & Safety Plan/COVID-19 Response information can be found [online](#).

Band Rehearsal Reminders:

- Students should fill out the Google form prior to arriving for EACH sectional rehearsal and take their temperature before leaving home.
- Students are required to wear masks and BRING WATER.
- All practices will be held outside.
- Social distancing will be maintained during sectionals.
- Remember to follow CDC guidelines and instrument cleaning procedures found in the Health and Safety Folder on Google Drive.
- Monitor your health on a daily basis! If you feel sick, please email Mr. Ballentine and stay home that day!

Next IMA Meeting: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 @ 7:00 PM