




Weekly Newsletter

WEEK AT A GLANCE (Week of September 07)

Monday 9/07	Tuesday 9/08 - A Day	Wednesday 9/09 - B Day	Thursday 9/10 - A Day	Friday 9/11 - B Day
NO SCHOOL - LABOR DAY	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 (staggered arrivals beginning at 5:30 PM)	Last Names L-Z are in person for hybrid
Saturday 9/12		Sunday 9/13		
Jazz Band Video Auditions DUE by 11:59 PM				

BACK TO SCHOOL - EAHS INFORMATION FOUND [HERE](#)

Important information regarding our return to school this week!

- Remote & Cyber Students:** please be sure you have read the email regarding entry/ exit procedures. The first week to come in for your ensemble will be the week of September 14.
- Students should **NOT bring their instruments** the first week of school. Students will be going over many procedural items during the first week of school, including getting their assigned instrument lockers.
- Learning will begin on Tuesday, September 08 for all students. The Band & Orchestra Google Classroom codes will be sent to all students prior to the first day of school via Remind. The first few days will be devoted to getting acclimated to the learning platforms.
- What does our ensemble room look like?* Every student will have a chair and a music stand in a taped 6' x 6' area. This is where they will set up their equipment on a daily basis after retrieving it from their instrument locker. One set of interior doors is marked entrance and our other set of interior doors is marked exit to avoid any traffic coming into and out of the room. There is a table located near the lockers with hand sanitizer, mouthpiece disinfectant, and disinfectant wipes.



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.



MARCHING BAND & GUARD SHOE ORDERING

New for this year shoe ordering will be done via [Google Form](#). All new and returning members needing new shoes must complete the Google Form by Friday, September 11. Payment is due by Friday, September 18. Available sizes, pricing and sizing recommendations are included in the Google Form. Please review the sizing information carefully before placing the order via Google Forms.

Questions? Contact Jen McEvoy at uniforms@eahsmusic.org

FUNDRAISING

NEW FUNDRAISER!

Buzas' Greenhouse Coupon Fundraiser

The IMA is working with Buzas' Greenhouses to help our music program raise money. Online orders will be available through September 14 [here](#). Coupons are \$10.00 each and are good for any plants or fall decorations (e.g., pumpkins, gourds) at Buzas' Greenhouses. Coupons expire November 7. Coupons will be distributed the week of September 21.

Buzas' Greenhouses is located at 3927 Newburg Rd, Easton, PA 18045.

Questions? Contact Lesley McCadden at flowers@eahsmusic.org.



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!](#)

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