



Weekly Newsletter

WEEK AT A GLANCE (Week of September 07)

Monday 9/14 - A Day	Tuesday 9/15 - B Day	Wednesday 9/16 - A Day	Thursday 9/17 - B Day	Friday 9/18 - A Day
Last Names A - K are in person for hybrid Uniform Fittings 3:30-7:30 PM <i>Buza's Fundraiser Last Day for On-line Orders</i>	Last Names A - K are in person for hybrid Uniform Fittings 3:00 - 5:30 PM Marching Band Rehearsal 6:00 – 8:00 PM (staggered arrivals beginning at 5:30 PM)	Remote Instruction - all students Orchestra Council 4:00 PM Jazz Band Rehearsal 6:00 - 8:00 PM	Last Names L - Z are in person for hybrid Uniform Fittings 3:00 - 5:30PM Marching Band Rehearsal 6:00 – 8:00 PM (staggered arrivals beginning at 5:30 PM)	Last Names L-Z are in person for hybrid Uniform Fittings 3:00 - 6:00 PM Jacket Orders Due Buza's Fundraiser Payments Due Shoe Payments Due
Saturday 9/19		Sunday 9/20		
Uniform Fittings 9:00 AM - 12:00 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 sent out this morning regarding final information for entering/ exiting the building.
- Students should plan to bring their instruments this week to classes. In addition, marching band students should plan to bring their marching band bags, sneakers, drill binders, coordinates, and music.
- Structure of classes:
 - Discussion posts are due on Thursday evenings (responses to peers due Sunday).
 - Assignments are due Sunday evenings.
 - Zooms will be scheduled and noted on weekly lesson plans.



BAND & ORCHESTRA JACKET SALE



Jacket Orders Due September 18th! 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 UNIFORM FITTINGS & SHOE ORDERS

Marching Band Uniform Fittings will be held by appointment beginning Saturday, September 12 through Saturday, September 19. Our goal is to have every instrumentalist fitted in the new black pants for First Flags. Honor Guard, Drum Majors, Flags and Majorettes will be in full uniform for this performance.

Please see the Sign Up Genius found [here](#) for further information. Please note we are starting with RETURNING members first, followed by NEW members later in the week.

Students should come knowing the following information: height, weight, waist size. Please be sure to wear socks and band shoes or similar athletic sneakers.

Please read all instructions found on the Sign Up Genius to ensure the health and safety of every individual. Any questions, please contact either Mr. Ballentine or Mrs. McEvoy at uniforms@eahsmusic.org.

Payment for shoes is due by *Friday, September 18th*. The Shoe Payment Form can be found [here](#) for printing. Please include the completed form with check or cash payment and turn in to the IMA Lock Box in the Instrumental Music Room.

Questions? Contact Jen McEvoy at uniforms@eahsmusic.org

FUNDRAISING

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](#). Order payment is due by September 18th. 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.



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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)



An RSVP form will be sent out this week to all string students. Individuals should check the dates they are able to attend. A Google Health form will also be shared with all students that will need to be completed PRIOR to EACH strings camp rehearsal (this is an identical form to the marching band health questionnaire).

Strings camp will consist of a mix of bonding activities, along with music sectionals. Social distancing and CDC guidelines will be adhered to throughout all of camp.

FIRST FLAGS UPDATES

The 26th annual First Flag Over the United Colonies Band Festival will be held on Saturday, September 26 at 6:30 PM. This event will be virtually live streamed and will feature the performances of five high school marching bands. This night is meant to showcase all that these students have been working on thus far this season.

For our EAHS students, our performance will be recorded on Thursday, September 24 so the event can go live on Saturday, September 26. At this time, students **DO NOT** need to report on Saturday, September 26. This will allow for us to include every student in the video that will be seen on the 26th.

On Thursday, September 24:

- Practice is scheduled from 6:00 - 9:00 PM (this is noted on the marching band schedule released in August)
- Students should report at their staggered arrival times IN THEIR UNIFORMS.
 - Instrumentalists will wear red band shirt, black uniform pants, LONG black socks, white marching band shoes.
 - Drum Majors, Honor Guard, Flags & Majorettes will wear full uniform.
- Throughout this rehearsal, we will be videotaping our show to provide the best view for Saturday evening.

Additional details:

- Every student will receive a hard copy program of the festival (this will be distributed after the festival).
- We are hoping to have a recording of the virtual festival posted on our YouTube channel for individuals to go back and watch after the festival is over.
- Our students will be evaluated by judges and comments will be provided (as if it was an in person festival).

Thank you for your patience as we figure out this virtual festival.

Additional information will continue to be forthcoming.

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.

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.

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, October 13, 2020 @ 7:00 PM