



Weekly Newsletter

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday 9/21 - B Day	Tuesday 9/22 - A Day	Wednesday 9/23 - B Day	Thursday 9/24 - A Day	Friday 9/25 - B Day
Last Names A - K are in person for hybrid Strings Camp 6:00 - 8:00 PM	Last Names A - K are in person for hybrid Marching Band Rehearsal 6:00 – 8:00 PM (staggered arrivals beginning at 5:30 PM)	Remote Instruction - all students EAHS Virtual Open House 5:00 PM	Last Names L - Z are in person for hybrid Marching Band Rehearsal 6:00 – 9:00 PM (staggered arrivals beginning at 5:30 PM)	Last Names L-Z are in person for hybrid Field Hockey Pep Band Report Time - 5:00 PM
Saturday 9/26			Sunday 9/27	
First Flag Over the United Colonies Band Festival <i>Presented Virtually</i>			Chamber Strings Auditions DUE	

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)



The Google Health form students should complete prior to Strings Camp is found [here](#).

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.

A few helpful reminders:

- Parents/ guardians should NOT get out of their vehicle when dropping off or picking up students.
- Students will be checked in / have their temperature taken upon arrival. They will receive a wristband upon successful check in.
- If any student has exhibited any of the symptoms on the health questionnaire, been in close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19, has a positive diagnosis, or traveled to the PA travel quarantine states, that individual SHOULD NOT attend.

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).

FUNDRAISING

Buzas' Greenhouse Coupon Fundraiser

Thank you for supporting this new fundraiser! Coupons will be distributed this week. Details can be found below:

Tuesday: 6:15 - 7:00 p.m. (outside main entrance)

Wednesday: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. (outside main entrance)



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!](#)

BAND & ORCHESTRA JACKET SALE



Jacket Orders were 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 are ongoing. 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. Students should pick up their uniform pants (if altering was needed) and their pre-ordered shoes immediately after rehearsal on Tuesday, September 22nd outside the Choir Hallway doors.

Payment for shoes was due 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

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!

MARCHING BAND PHOTO ORDERS

Please see the link found below if you are interested in purchasing the marching band photos taken on Wednesday, August 26. It is our hope there will be an additional photo opportunity later this year with the group.

[Click Here to View/Order your Easton Band Photos 2020](#)

Next IMA Meeting: Tuesday, October 13, 2020 @ 7:00 PM