



Weekly Newsletter

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday 10/5 - B Day	Tuesday 10/6 - A Day	Wednesday 10/7 - B Day	Thursday 10/8 - A Day	Friday 10/9 - 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 <i>with Early Dismissal @ 11:20 AM for Teacher In-Service</i>	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 10/10		10/11		
Football Game Home vs Freedom @ BASD				

REMOTE STUDENT REMINDERS

Remote students coming in for their ensemble should:

- Enter through the main entrance (have your remote pass ready to show security)
- Arrive on time to enter the building during the passing period.
- Exit through the music wing doors.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns that I can be of assistance with.

STRINGS CAMP UPDATES

The dates for strings camp are as follows:

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](#).

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 46th annual First Flag Over the United Colonies Band Festival was held virtually on Saturday, September 26. This event was streamed and featured the performances of five high school marching bands. The night was meant to showcase all that these students have been working on thus far this season.

Additional details:

- Every student will receive a hard copy program of the festival (this will be distributed after the festival). The program can be viewed online [here](#).
- A recording of the virtual festival is posted on our YouTube channel [here](#) for individuals to go back and watch.
- Our students will be evaluated by judges and comments will be provided (as if it was an in person festival).

FUNDRAISING



Did someone say orange? The *IMA Annual Citrus Sale* is scheduled to begin this month. Details will be coming soon!

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!](#)

MARCHING BAND UNIFORMS & SHOE ORDERS

Marching Band Uniform fittings of the new black pants are nearly finished. **THANK YOU** to all the parent and student volunteers who helped our fitting appointments go smoothly over the last two weeks.

If a student still needs to order shoes, please contact Jen McEvoy at uniforms@eahsmusic.org for assistance as soon as possible so orders can be received before the next performance opportunity. 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 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: Wednesday, October 14, 2020 @ 7:00 PM