**Instrumental Music Booster Meeting**

**February 3, 2025**

Board Members in attendance: Brad Arnold, Matt Markham, Don Catey, Melissa Dobek, Heather Green, Becky Tidwell

Start Time: 7:04 pm

End Time: 7:33 pm

Band Booster Member Participants 20

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT:**

A HUGE THANK YOU goes out to Melissa Dobek for all her time put into coordinating and organizing our largest fundraiser, Santa’s Craft Castle. Another HUGE THANK YOU goes out to all the volunteers, both parents and students, who gave their time to make our craft show a success.

February is our busy season with many events going on. Please scroll down to “Upcoming Events” for a full list of event dates and times.

Our MSBOA District Band and Orchestra Festival is just around the corner on Thursday March 6 at Stephenson High School. In preparation for this event, we will host Mr. Michael Sekich (ret., Stevenson HS) and Dr. Anthony Messina (Former Assistant Director of Bands, University of Illinois) to Eisenhower High School to clinic our IKE Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Concert Band, and the Malow and Shelby JH Bands tomorrow, Tuesday February 4th. This pre-festival performance is our walkthrough for Band Festival and is extremely valuable in preparing all bands.

MSBOA District Band and Orchestra Festival is the Superbowl of our Band Program. We will be performing 3 musical pieces then site read receiving and overall Division Rating of 1 through 5, with a rating of 1 being the highest. Volunteers will be needed to ride buses and chaperone the performers. Please watch for a SignUpGenius.

Wednesday February 5 we will be having our Elementary Bandarama. This is a really fun concert where all band students from across our Eisenhower Cluster Elementaries will be playing together for the first time, as well as members from the Shelby/Malow Bands. This year the Marching Eagles will end the concert by playing the fight song and a few stand cheers. All Marching Eagles are encouraged to attend this performance. If you are unable to attend please let Mr. Arnold know by sending him an email. The schedule for the performance is:

* 6:00pm call time in PAC, get in marching uniforms
* 6:20pm brief rehearsal in PAC, talk through plan for performance
* wait in PAC until 7:00pm Concert in Ike Gym
* Marching Band plays last (likely 7:30p)
* 8:00pm return marching uniform, performance complete
* If you are unable to join us and play, please just drop me an email - but know that our elementary/JH kids can't wait to see you!

Thursday and Friday, February 6 and 7, the Eisenhower Jazz Ensemble travels to CMU Jazz Fest. Safe Travels & Best Wishes for a successful performance.

A tentative Marching Eagles trip to Cedar Point/Kalahari is being planned for the end of May. Please stay tuned for more information.

Please scroll down for a complete list of all upcoming events.

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**PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**

Vertical Raise Fundraiser coming in late February early March. More details to come. This along with other fundraisers help to cover expenses throughout the year. Below are just a few of the items these funds are used for:

* trailer wrap
* trailer maintenance
* senior gifts
* end of year banquet
* CMU Jazz Band trip subsidy
* purchase of and maintenance of instruments
* purchase of music
* future trips and events
* The instrumental music program brings in clinicians, throughout the year, to work with students on their specific instruments. These one-on-one sessions with experts which greatly enhance the student’s knowledge of their instrument and improve their performance.

As Mr. Arnold mentioned, we have many band activities this month and next. Please watch for the SignUpGeniuses to help support these events. THANK YOU for volunteering.

March 12 is our next Band Booster Meeting. Several board positions will be open (Vice President and Treasurer). We also need a volunteer to shadow Melissa as she organizes the 2025 Santa’s Craft Castle as this will be her final year. Please consider volunteering to fill a vacancy.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

Detailed 2024 Craft Castle financial update to be given at next meeting.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

* Prefestival Concert Tuesday February 4
* Eisenhower Elementary Bandarama Wednesday February 5
* Jazz Ensemble to CMU Jazz Festival February 6 & 7
* MSBOA District B&O March 6
* Jazz Band Plays at Aretha's Jazz Cafe Tuesday March 11
* Band Booster Meeting (7:00pm – Band Room) Wednesday March 12
* MSBOA State Solo & Ensemble Saturday March 15
* IKE Hosts State Jazz Festival Friday April 4
* Band Booster Meeting (7:00pm – Band Room) Wednesday April 9
* Band Booster Meeting (7:00pm – Band Room) Thursday May 1
* Spring Concert with Afterglow Wednesday May 7
* Marching Eagles Orientation Monday May 12
* Marching Eagles Trip to Cedar Point/Kalahari (**Tentative**) May 30 – 31
* Graduation (all 10th and 11th grade band students) Sunday June 8
* Marching Eagles Home Camp (New Marchers/Leaders) Wednesday June 11
* Marching Eagles Home Camp Thursday & Friday June 12 & 13
* Marching Eagles Band Camp August 3 - 9