

# Instrumental Music Booster Meeting

August 8, 2023

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

Start Time: 6:00 pm

End Time: 6:56 pm

Band Booster Member Participants 24

Welcome Mr. Brad Arnold to the Eisenhower Bands. We are looking forward to a fantastic year!!

## Directors Report:

We had a very successful Jimmy John's Performance/Fundraiser yesterday. Great weather and performance by our Marching Eagles to kick off the start of our 2023 season. We were able to raise \$2,000 during this fundraiser.

Rehearsals: This week the Marching Eagles will rehearse on Wednesday from 3:00 PM till 5:15 PM for this first week of school. I know that Malow and Shelby Junior High Schools do not release until 3:01 PM. Malow Marching Eagles will walk to the Marching Eagles practice field while Shelby Marching Eagles will take the athletic bus to Eisenhower. I understand that our Junior High Marching Eagles will arrive late to practice. They will probably miss stretching and drill basics but will arrive in time to practice our pregame and halftime shows. Please assure your Junior High Marcher that I am aware that they will be arriving late.

The remainder of our rehearsals will be Tuesday and Thursdays from 3:00 PM till 5:15 PM beginning September 5<sup>th</sup>. Please refer to the 2023-2024 Eisenhower HS Marching Eagles School-Year Calendar for the full schedule.

Our first football game is Friday and is an away game. Our student leadership team have started the gears for a potential pep band to root on our team.

- I just want to reiterate that Pep Bands are **NOT MANDATORY** and are **STUDENT RUN**. There are chaperones at these events to help with needs that arise.
- For those choosing to participate, **ALL TRANSPORTATION IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STUDENTS/PARENTS**.
- Pep Bands represent our program and our school - for those choosing to participate, make good decisions and follow school rules and guidelines. Actions have consequences, whether home or away.

September 8<sup>th</sup> is our first home football game. Call time is 3:30. Marchers will rehearse, eat dinner at 5:00 PM, change into their uniforms, then take the bus to the game. I will send a message via remind when we are in route back to Ike. Upon returning to Ike, Marchers will need to unload the trailer before leaving.

Many hands make light work!!! We are still in need of volunteers for game days. Please go to [ikebands.org](http://ikebands.org), click on **BOOSTERS**, then on "**Sign Up to Volunteer**" for the SignUpGenius.

If you are able to, and have a vehicle that has the capacity to pull our Eisenhower Music Programs Trailer, please email Matt Markham ([ikebandspresident@gmail.com](mailto:ikebandspresident@gmail.com)) with your name and phone number. Matt will create a list of individuals who can pull our trailer for events.

THANK YOU!!!

IKE student playing in the Detroit Jazz Fes

This year's Homecoming Parade is on Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> and begins at 4:00 PM at 25 Mile and Shelby Road. Call time for the parade to be coming soon (probably around 2:30 PM ish). Malow and Shelby Junior High Band Students will be invited to march in the parade with us. They will be invited to practice with us on Thursday September 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Homecoming Game - Friday September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

We were kicking around the idea of performing at a Red Wings Game. At this point in time we have elected to put this performance on hold and will revisit it at another date.

As a reminder, if you are going to be missing a Marching Band event you will need to submit the **MARCHING BAND EXCUSED ABSENCE REQUEST/REPORTING FORM**. The form must be submitted a minimum of two weeks before a rehearsal or four weeks before a performance. This form can be found on [ikebands.com](http://ikebands.com) or click on the link below.

[Microsoft Word - MB-Absence-Request-Form.docx \(ikebands.com\)](#)

An Eisenhower Music Student will be performing at the Detroit Jazz Festival on Saturday. If you are available stop by and have a listen.

### **President's Report:**

Our Marching Band Photographer, Kelly, took many pictures at our Jimmy John's event. Matt is working on getting the link to everyone. THANK YOU Kelly!!!

Show shirts should be coming soon for those who ordered one. Matt is following up on our order and will report back with the delivery date.

Marching Band Camp will be a home camp for our 2024 season. We are planning on being at Beacon Tree Elementary one of the first 2 weeks in August. Please reserve the first 2 weeks in August for Marching Band Camp. As we get closer to August, I will report the dates for camp.

## **Vice President's Report:**

Senior Banners payment will be sent out for production tomorrow, August 9<sup>th</sup>. Please ensure you get your money/order to Don

## **Fundraising:**

Bottle return fundraiser brought in over \$2,000. THANK YOU to all who participated!!!

Year Long Raffle Fundraiser is underway. Every marcher received an envelope with 8 tickets at Marching Band Camp. Please ask your marcher for the envelope if you have not received it. Tickets are \$25 each. Any money and/or unsold tickets must be returned to Mrs. Melissa. You can find Mrs. Melissa in the Eisenhower office. (She sits at the first desk.)

Win-the-Band will be coming soon. Win-the-Band is a fundraiser in which family members of the Marching Eagles silent bid to have the Marching Eagles perform in front of their home. The Band will march through the neighborhood and play in front of your home. The Band Boosters will provide lunch for the marchers, at your home, prior to going to Band-a-Rama.

Santa's Craft Castle has about 65 crafters signed up currently. We are working to get 125 crafters. If you know of any crafters, please have them go to [ikesantascraftcastle.com](http://ikesantascraftcastle.com) to retrieve a registration form. October 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline to submit an application.

Santa's Craft Castle is the one event where everyone's participation is necessary for its success, so we continue to ask that each family (from the complete instrumental music program i.e.: Concert, Wind Ensemble, Jazz, Symphonic, Marching Band and Color Guard) donate at least 10 hours of their time. We ask that the time be split between student (min. 5 hours) and parents (min. 5 hours). Siblings (over 14) are also welcomed to help out too. Any extra help that you can give, over and above, would be greatly appreciated!!

Kroger Rewards program is still active. Please consider signing up to help our Band Program. THANK YOU.

As you can see our program puts on many fundraisers to cover expenses throughout the year. Below are just a few of the items these funds are used for:

- The purchase of and maintenance of instruments.
- The purchase of music.
- 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 greatly enhance the student's knowledge of their instrument and improve their performance.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Account balanced and reconciled.

Checking: \$34,908.59

Savings: \$24,586.84

## **New business**

Marching Eagles:

- Fancloth, the company we use to purchase Marching Eagles apparel, will be coming soon

## **Upcoming Events:**

- Home Football Game, Friday September 8<sup>th</sup>
- Tentative Elementary Tour, Friday September 15<sup>th</sup> (10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades only)
- Home Coming Parade, Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup>
- Home Coming Football Game, Friday September 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Marching Band Mini-Camp, Saturday September 30<sup>th</sup> (9:00 AM till 4:00 PM at Ike)
- Home Football Game, Friday October 6<sup>th</sup>
- Band-A-Rama/Win the Band, Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup>
- MSBOA Marching Band Festival Rehearsal, Tuesday October 10<sup>th</sup> - Tentative
- MSBOA Marching Band Festival, Tuesday/Wednesday October 10/11 - Tentative
- Home Football Game, Friday October 13<sup>th</sup>
- Home Football Game, Friday October 20<sup>th</sup>
- Santa's Craft Castle Fundraiser, Friday & Saturday November 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>
- Marching Band Winter Concert Rehearsal, Tuesday November 28<sup>th</sup>
- Winter Band Concert, Thursday November 30<sup>th</sup>