



EPCHSMUSIC DEPARTMENT

March/April 2025



The Music Department has been incredibly busy the last few months with festivals, competitions, and shows! To top it all off, the department took a field trip to the Chicago Symphony Orchestra for a wonderful day of community, professional performances, and appreciation!



The Department is incredibly grateful for all of these enriching experiences!

Come see what the music department has been up to! ➡



Upcoming Music Events (March/April '25)

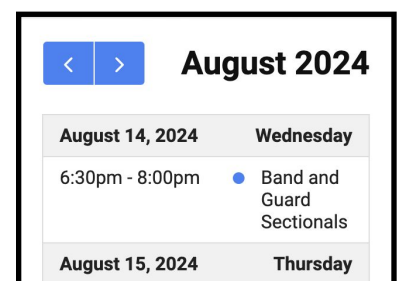
- March 29th: Winterguard Championships @ Andrew High School
- April 3rd: Music Booster Meeting (6:30 pm)
- April 11th: Choir IHSA Large Organizational Contest (7:00 pm)
- April 12th: Band IHSA Large Organizational Contest (6:00 pm)
- April 18th-27th: Spring Break!

Always stay up to date by accessing our website:

<http://www.epchsbands.org/>



Subscribe to the calendar on the right hand side for the most current updates on the happenings of the music department!

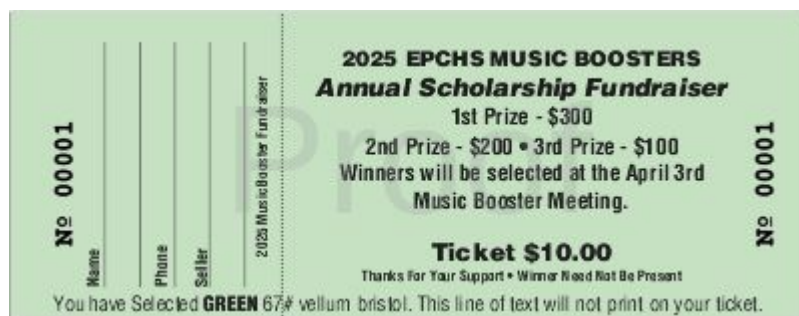


Music Boosters

Have you joined the Music Boosters?

The Evergreen Park Music Boosters support EPCHS' music programs: Beginning Band, Concert Band, Concert Choir, Jazz Combo, Jazz Ensemble, Madrigals, Marching Band, Percussion Performance, and Unaccompanied Minors. The boosters also provide scholarship opportunities to seniors and summer scholarships for underclassmen., *(you must be a paid Music Boosters member by September 30, 2024 to qualify)*. Thank you to all who have already registered and paid for this year! Registration link is here:

<https://evergreenpark.revtrak.net/mb/>



RAFFLE TICKET FUNDRAISER IS LIVE: Monday, March 17 - Friday, March 28!

This is just a reminder that the last Music Booster fundraiser of the year began on Monday, March 17, 2025. Your student should have come home with raffle tickets. Each ticket is \$10.00 and there are 10 tickets in a book. All Music Dept. families are encouraged to sell 1 book (\$100.00). Any family that sells 2 or more books will be entered in a separate raffle for a chance to win an extra graduation ticket (can be used when your child graduates).

You can see the details here:

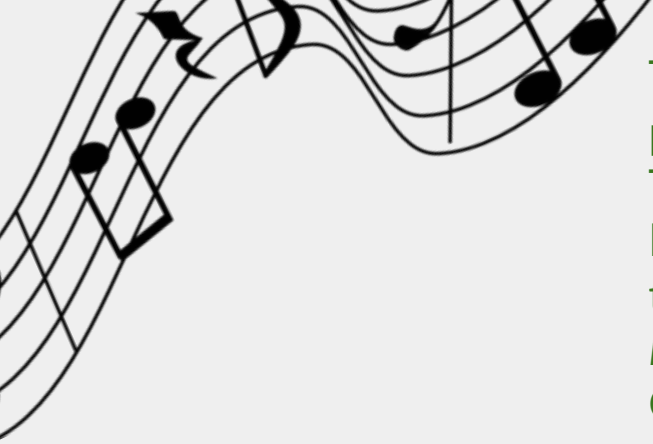
<https://mailchi.mp/f1a95d2b1467/raffle-ticket-fundraiser?e=faf263498a>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Join the Music Booster Facebook Group!

This is a great place to stay up to date on all the happenings in the music dept.

Please note that you must answer all questions to be admitted to the group:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/426026101343338/> Thank you!



The Concert Band has been hard at work preparing their state-bound repertoire! They received straight Division 1's at the Midwest Band Festival, where they played two pieces. They will adding one piece, *To Dream in Brushstrokes*, when they go to IHSA Organizational Contest on Saturday, April 12th. That piece will be conducted by student teacher, Faith Buralli.

Band

In May, they will be performing *In Joyful Celebration*, conducted by the composer William Owens.



Vouched for by the students, the EP Jazz Band has been rehearsing once a week after school. EP hasn't had a performing Jazz Band since Covid! They are looking forward to playing for their peers in an IDEA period,, where they will perform the music of Herbie Hancock, Yoko Kanno, and more!



Jazz Band

IHSA Organizational Contest *Band* Itinerary (Saturday 4/12)

IHSA Organizational Contest is the High School Music equivalent of a sports team going to state! We will be traveling to Richards High School to perform and receive scores for our performance. *Parents/guardians are invited to attend the performance!*

3:30 pm - Call Time: Students will get changed into Concert-Attire (bring black socks and black dress shoes).

4:00 pm - Board Buses: Depart for Richards High School (10601 S. Central Avenue, Oak Lawn, IL 60453)

~4:30 pm - Arrive at Richards High School.

5:30 pm - Warmup in the Richards Band Room

6:00 pm - Performance at Richards Gym

~7:00 pm - Depart for EPCHS after receiving scores!

~7:30 pm - Arrive at EPCHS, change out of concert attire, and go home!

Reminders:

- ☐ We will be wearing Tuxes and Gowns. Make sure to bring all parts of uniform (shoes and socks).
- ☐ We will need to wait for scores before we leave, so arrival times at home are TBD.



Winter Guard



The winter guard has had a great season, improving their show at every competition they have attended!. They have finished their show: "Loves Me Not" and will be presenting their finished product at Championships next weekend!

Congratulations to Color Guard instructor, Kylie Boksa, on her first season here at EPCHS! She has brought an incredibly exciting energy to the program!

The winter guard will be finishing their season at Andrew High School on Saturday, March 29th! Come cheer them on!



Choir



The choir will take their improvements to IHSA Large Organizational Contest on April 11th. After that, they will finish out their Spring Semester at the Spring Concert and Spring Celebration!

The Choir program performed at the SSC Choir festival on Wednesday, March 5th. The festival included a performance for other high school students, a 30 minute clinic, and a full day of watching other talented high school choirs!

After their performance, the choir received a clinic by Dr. Maggie Burke of Carthage College. They worked on incorporating dynamic nuance and unified vowels.

Upcoming Dates:

- **Friday, April 11th:** IHSA Large Organizational Contest - 7:00 pm performance
- **Wednesday, May 7th:** Spring Concert - 7:00 pm
- **Saturday, May 10th:** Spring Celebration - 7:00 pm

IHSA Organizational Contest Choir Itinerary (Friday 4/11)

IHSA Organizational Contest is the High School Music equivalent of a sports team going to state! We will be traveling to Richards High School to perform and receive scores for our performance. *Parents/guardians are invited to attend the performance!*

4:15 pm - Call Time: Students will get changed into Concert-Attire.

4:30 pm - Rehearsal: Students meet in Auditorium for attendance and rehearsal.

5:15 pm - Break

5:30 pm - Board Buses: Depart for Richards High School (10601 S. Central Avenue, Oak Lawn, IL 60453)

~6:00 pm - Arrive at Richards High School.

6:40 pm - Warmup in the Richards Choir Room

7:00 pm - Performance at Richards Performing Arts Center

~8:00 pm - Depart for EPCHS after receiving scores!

~8:30 pm - Arrive at EPCHS, change out of concert attire, and go home!

Reminders:

- ☐ We will be wearing Tuxes and Gowns. Make sure to bring all parts of uniform (shoes and socks) to school on Friday, 4/11.
- ☐ We will need to wait for scores before we leave, so arrival times at home are TBD.
- ☐ Make sure to bring a snack or dinner to school to eat before we leave!



Solo and Ensemble

On March 8th, EPOCHS was represented by 63 events at IHSA Solo and Ensemble. Over the last few months, students have been practicing independently to perform their vocal or instrumental solos, duets, and small ensembles. Some students were entered in as many as 6 events!

It was a day of growth, helpful feedback, and success. Students received 115 superior medals, and 26 excellent medals, the two highest scores! Two students, Alex Francisco and Luke O'Malley, received a "Best of Day" award for their piano duet performance of *Hungarian Rhapsody No.2*.

Solo and Ensemble is an excellent opportunity for getting individual feedback on your progressing musical skills! It can help students to prepare for college auditions and improve their confidence as performers!



Drama!

The Drama Program just wrapped up a magical production of *Cinderella*! Thank you so much to all who helped out with the shows and the character lunch! And a special thank you to everyone who attended the show!



Join us in the Summer for *Spotlight on 99th's* production of *Beetlejuice Jr.* Reach out to Amy Kazin at akazin@evergreenpark.org to register for the show! Registration will close at the end of April!



EPCHS MUSIC DEPARTMENT
PRESENTS:

Spring Concert

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7TH
7:00 PM

BATHO AUDITORIUM