

Eisenhower Instrumental Music Boosters Santa's Craft Castle

Welcome to the 2018 Eisenhower Instrumental Music season! Eisenhower has an award-winning music program that continues to flourish due to the dedication of the students, directors and parents. Each year, all the parents and students of the Instrumental Music Program (Marching Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, and Jazz Ensemble) work together on a one-day fundraising event called Santa's Craft Castle.

The Holiday Craft Castle is the largest annual fundraiser of the program. As such, the money earned helps pay for sheet music for all bands, student awards, instruments, helps defer costs/fees for band camp, year-end banquet for all students, clinicians for the entire school year, Jazz Festival/Competition at CMU, expenses for the Florida/Disney Trip (or other long-distance travel), scholarships, plus much more!

For over 30 years, the Eisenhower Instrumental Music Boosters (**all the Band/Colorguard/Jazz parents**) have hosted this event the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Over the years, our craft show has become one of the best craft shows in our local area.

While it is a one-day event, there is much preparation that occurs prior to the event. The day before the event, many hands are needed to help with set up including booth spaces, hanging of signs, kitchen and bake sale set up to name but a few. The day of the event, it is all hands-on deck as there are many jobs including ticket sales, helping vendors unload into the building, running the kitchen, and our awesome bake sale! **To accomplish all these tasks, each student/family is asked to donate 10 hours of time** (traditionally, it has been divided as 5 hours per student and 5 hours from parents) as well as a donation to the bake sale. Any student that needs volunteer/service hours for groups such as National Honor Society can also apply Craft Castle time towards that goal! We will sign off on the student's form right after the event. This is an event you won't want to miss, so please mark your calendars now!

To coordinate such a large event, parent team leaders are needed for each area. **We are asking parents of freshmen and sophomore students to consider signing up to shadow current team leaders to learn the ropes and then be the team leader for next year.** In most cases, this involves a meeting or two prior to the event, helping coordinate set up of your area the day/evening prior to the event and your attendance and help in your designated area the day of the event.

If being a team leader is something you are unable to complete, you will still be able to sign up to work your shifts at www.santascraftcastle.com once the sign up is posted in the fall. This is an AMAZING opportunity to volunteer and help raise funds that will directly benefit your student! Thank you for helping to continue the award-winning legacy of the Eisenhower Instrumental Music Program.

Please fill out the attached Craft Castle information sheet. **We ask that it be turned in with your student's Marching Band Registration.**

Eisenhower Instrumental Music Booster
Santa's Craft Castle Registration Form

When: Saturday before Thanksgiving (11/17/18)

Where: Eisenhower High School

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Student E-mail: _____

Parent Name(s), E-mail & phone number:

_____ I would be happy to help out my student's band by shadowing a team leader this year and being the team leader next year. Please contact me to determine what area would be the best fit for my talents. Areas include but may not be limited to the following:

- Kitchen
- Bake Sale
- Parking Lot
- Crafter check in
- Admissions/Raffle/Totes
- Craft Raffle
- Band Room/Runners/Doors
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Publicity
- Craft Castle Co-Coordinator

_____ I cannot help in a team leader role but understand that I will be helping with the event (either set up or day of the event) and with a donation to the bake sale.

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____