



## EDISON HIGH SCHOOL BAND PARENT ORGANIZATION

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Dear Band Parents, Students and Families,

I hope this letter finds you well! As we approach our 12<sup>th</sup> Annual **Tricky Tray Fundraiser**, we want to take a moment to share important details with you and highlight the vital role you play in making this event a success. This fundraiser is not only crucial for the continued success of our band program but also an opportunity for our community to come together in support of our talented musicians.

### What is a Tricky Tray?

A Tricky Tray is a type of fundraiser where items—often donated goods, services, or gift baskets—are raffled off. The "tricky" part comes in when participants purchase tickets, place them in containers next to the prizes they hope to win, and at the end of the night, winners are drawn for each item.

*It's a fun and exciting event, with a wide variety of prizes that will appeal to many interests!*

### Why Your Involvement Matters

This event directly impacts the resources available to our band students.

Funds raised during the Tricky Tray will go toward supporting vital aspects of our program, such as but not limited to:

- New instruments and equipment
- Uniforms and attire
- Travel expenses for competitions and performances
- Music sheet purchases and educational materials
- Scholarships and other special band needs

### How You Can Help

There are many ways you can contribute to the success of this event:

#### 1. Donate Items:

We are asking each band family to consider donating either an item or a themed basket of a minimum value of \$50 for this Tricky Tray. These can be anything from gift cards, toys, sports memorabilia, to themed baskets (e.g., movie night basket, spa day basket, etc.). The more exciting and diverse the prizes, the better!

***\*NOTE: This year we have added an incentive for every student whose family / friends donate on their behalf. For every \$50 value of the donation (whether it is monetary or an item of this value) the student mentioned will receive a \$3 credit to the band student's account.***

2. **Help Secure Donations:**

If you have local businesses or contacts who may be willing to donate, please reach out. Businesses love to support local schools and often offer fantastic prizes for our raffle. We have already prepared a Donation Letter to help you when reaching out (*please see attached letter provided*).

3. **Volunteer Your Time:** Our event cannot happen without the dedication of volunteers. Whether it's helping to set up the venue, selling raffle tickets, or assisting with the distribution of prizes, every hand helps make the event run smoothly.

4. **Attend and Participate:** Encourage friends and family to attend the event and participate in the raffle! The more people who attend, the greater the impact of our fundraiser.

***Additionally, for every pre-admission bundle your student sells they will receive a \$3 credit towards their band account – which can ultimately help cover for any upcoming Spring Trips or indoor expenses!! Every sale adds up!!***

**Important Dates & Information**

- **Date of Event:** Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- **Location:** Edison High School Gymnasium, 50 Boulevard of the Eagles, Edison NJ 08817
- **Donation Drop-off Deadline:** Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- **Tricky Tray Wrapping & Prepping:** Every Monday Evening from 6:30PM-9PM, in the Art Room  
You are all always more than welcomed to join us and share a chuckle or two together while wrapping up donations!

We truly cannot overstate how important this fundraiser is to the future of our band program. It takes all of us—parents, students, and community members—to make this event a success. Your participation and support will directly benefit our students and help ensure that they continue to have the opportunities they each deserve in this amazing music program.

If you have any questions or need more information, please do not hesitate to contact us at [trickytray@ehsbands.org](mailto:trickytray@ehsbands.org) or you may contact either of our Tricky Tray Co-Chairs: Imelda Pridady: 732-485-1990 or Arul Chakrapani: 848-218-1033.

We thank you in advance for your generosity and support. We look forward to seeing you at the event and working together to make this our most successful Tricky Tray yet!

Warm regards,

*Roxana Dayma*

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