

# PEQUEA VALLEY MUSIC BOOSTERS

## NEWSLETTER/MEETING NOTES

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### Mr. Ackerman Says...

The Marching Band wrapped up another great season, with 65 students this year. Wow, has PV Marching Band grown! After the football team's success, the band was asked to travel to the Annville Cleona football game to help support the team. Luckily, the school supported the band and was able to provide transportation. Those students that were able to go to provide a pep band did an awesome job and had fun. There is a plan to add Marching Band student posters around the football field next year, in addition to the great sports posters that were on display this season.

Thanks to the donations and support from Weis markets, on September 26th, the marching band was able to bring in an extra \$380 to help with expenses.

In November, Dr. Martin from West Chester University visited and worked with students. <http://www.wcupa.edu/cvpa/music/musicEdu/mMartin.aspx>

Mr. Ackerman has put together another Holiday Brass group to perform at the IU13 Secretaries Dinner, the Senior Citizens Concert on Dec 11th, the Choral Concert on Dec 13th, and at Tel Hai on December 16th, and possibly an elementary school visit. Another small group of instrumentalists are performing with the chorus on Dec 11th and Dec 13th, during one of their songs.

The winter concert this year has a new twist! It will be held on **Sunday**, January 10th, this year. Everyone is invited to attend the reception in the cafeteria which will follow the concert. Students need to attend the dress rehearsal at 1 pm on the 10th. (The May concert will also be held on a Sunday this year.)

Jazz band practices on Monday nights have begun! Important upcoming dates and information can be found here: <http://pvmusic.weebly.com/concert-band.html>

### Mr. Bankert Says...

At 6:30 pm on December 7th, there will be a mandatory parent and student meeting for the cast of Into the Woods. The meeting will take place in the Choral Room.

Important holiday dates have been updated on the Weebly site: <http://pvmusic.weebly.com/new-pvhs-choir-news.html> Chamber Singers are to wear the red polo shirts and black pants to the event at Brandywine.

Holiday CDs will be available for sale this year.

Mr. Bankert has decided to use part of the \$300 allotted amount from the music boosters to pay for the piano accompanist. The remainder of the money was used to have Dr. Damian Savarino, Assistant Professor of Music (Voice/Opera/Diction) at Messiah College to come to PV to work with concert choir students. <http://www.damiansavarino.com/> Mr. Williams also came to visit!

Mr. Bankert and all that are involved in the choral program greatly appreciate the generous donations to the program in Ginny Rank's name. Thank you!

**Dates to Know:** Band Activities Choral Activities Both

**Dec 5 PMEA District Band Auditions**

**Dec 6 Chamber Singers at Bellevue Presbyterian 6:30 pm**

**Dec 7 Music Booster Meeting 7 pm**

**Dec 8 Chamber Singers at Brandywine River Museum**

**Dec 10 Holiday Brass and Chamber Singers at IU 13 Secretaries Dinner 5 pm**

**Dec 11 Senior Citizen concert at PVHS and ELF group 11 am**

**Dec 13 Holiday Choral Concert 3 pm, Holiday Brass and ELF group (Bad weather date Dec 14)**

**Dec 16 Holiday Brass travels to Tel Hai**

**Dec 19 Chamber Singers at Kitchen Kettle 1 pm**

**January 4 Music Booster Meeting 7 pm**

**January 9 LLMEA County Chorus**

**January 10 Winter Band Concert PVIS and PVHS 3 pm (Bad weather date Jan 11)**

**January 13 Winter Choral Concert 5th—12th grade 7 pm (Bad weather date Jan 20th)**

**January 15 –16th PMEA District Orchestra**

**January 23 LLMEA County Band**

**January 29-30 PMEA District Band**

**Other information from the Music Booster meeting:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Betty Weaver.

Secretary's Report– was approved by Laura Xentaras and seconded by Laurie Hoover.

Treasurer's Report– The current balance is \$6783. After fry wagon expenses and other expenses, the latest balance will be approximately \$2800.

Other information:

Concert Receptions— Cookie donations are needed for both the Choral Holiday concert on December 13th and the Band Concert on January 10th. These donations and some talented music booster parents help make the reception a wonderful conclusion to the fabulous concerts.

Fry Wagon— The fry wagon is still in need of waterproofing the roof and replacement windows. Tammy Heagy and Jen Perring are helping in those areas. Thank you!



The concession stand will now be called "Jackie's Place" to honor the many years of dedication of Jackie Yunkin.



The marching band was hanging on Halloween at the Heagy's.



After the Chamber Singer retreat this year, the Chamber Singers were able to spend some time with Dan Forrest at the First Presbyterian Church in Lancaster. They performed the famous composer's piece "Good Night, Good Heart" for him!



The Marching Band showed their appreciation to #1 Band mom Cindy Slider by giving her a nice framed and signed photo.