

# PEQUEA VALLEY MUSIC BOOSTERS

## NEWSLETTER/MEETING NOTES

OCT 2015

### Mr. Ackerman Says...

- Mr. Ackerman and the director at Octorara have formed a great tradition of playing together during the Braves Bowl
- PVMB placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in their division at the New Holland Parade, and the streets were lined with smiling faces and cheers as they went by....great song choices and the rain holding off allowed the band and the onlookers to thoroughly enjoy their show.
- They have had a busy season where they have played at 4 away games, homecoming, and one other home game. They have been asked to perform at a variety of worthwhile events including the Alzheimers Walk, Education Foundation, Clipper Stadium event, and Kitchen Kettle Village. The last performance is Friday football at home on Oct 30<sup>th</sup>.
- The band in conjunction with Weis Market's fundraising event raised \$380, this money has gone to help offset the cost of flags that were already purchased
- Dr. Eby and the board will be acknowledging Mr. Ackerman and Mr. Corraeo for their leadership and growth of the PVMB at the next board meeting; the band room is busting at the seams and we are blessed to have these men keeping instrumental music alive and well at PV
- The marching band will celebrate their season on Oct 31<sup>st</sup> at the Heagy's. Students received an invitation.



### Mr. Bankert Says...

- Reminder the Retreat is Nov THURS (not fri) 19-21. Payment is due Nov 6th. (\$115 if students did not earn money from fundraiser. Balance sheets were sent with students last week.) Food/Snacks for retreat will be discussed at next meeting, Nov 2nd.
- Dan Forrester performance at First Presbyterian in Lancaster 6 pm Saturday Nov 21.
- There is a large holiday concert schedule: A schedule was handed out to students and will be placed on Weebly. Holiday concert is Sunday, December 13th for CONCERT CHOIR and CHAMBER SINGERS.
- Into the Woods Musical auditions were held earlier in October. There will be a mandatory parent/student musical meeting at 6:30pm before the December music booster meeting. Topics will include including parent help, scheduling, fundraising/patrons/ads, the signing of contracts, etc
- Robe alterations and sizing will need to take place prior to Brandywine performance; times this will take place will be confirmed at next meeting

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

Nov 2—Music Booster Meeting 7 pm

Nov 1 - Nov 11 Band Fundraiser

Nov 13 and 14—Fall Play “A Christmas Carol”

Nov 19 –21 Chamber Singers Retreat

Dec 5 PMEA District Band Auditions

Dec 6 Chamber Singers at Bellevue Presbyterian  
6:30 pm

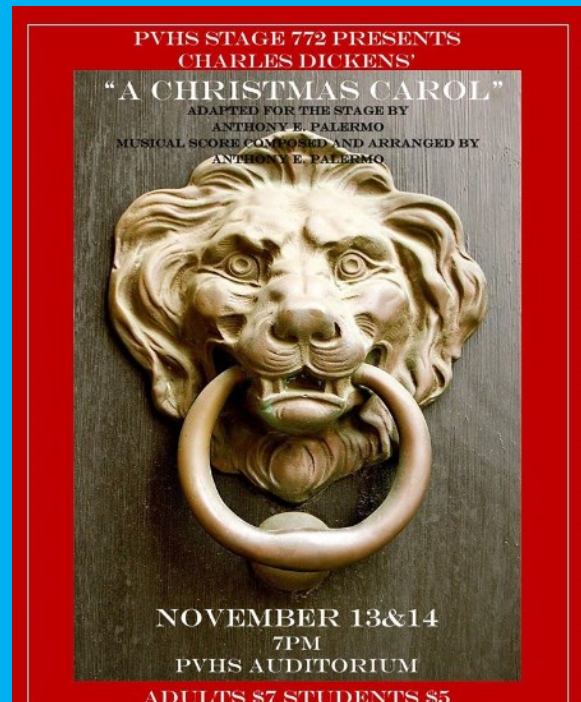
Dec 7 Music Booster Meeting 7 pm

Dec 8 Chamber Singers at Brandywine River  
Museum

Dec 11 Senior Citizen concert at PVHS

Dec 13 Holiday Choral Concert 3 pm

Dec 19 Chamber Singers at Kitchen Kettle 1 pm



### Other information from the September Music Booster meeting:

The meeting was held on Oct 5th. Betty Weaver, Cathy Warner, Laura Xentarus, Cindy Slider, Jill Castor, Kim Eltman attended the meeting.

Secretary's Report -was read and approved by Cindy Slider seconded by Kim Eltman.

MU visit— On Monday, Oct 26th the Millersville University wind ensemble came to PV all day to host clinics and to end the day with a concert. Mr. Corraeo was “instrumental” in organizing this event. The HS had clinics in the morning and then the ensemble went the Middle school for clinics there. The ensemble came back to the high school at the end of the day for a performance for the HS students and also the middle school music students. Gillian Good, PV graduate, is part of this prestigious ensemble.

Ginny Ranck— When many other schools budget restraints forced them to cut programs, the music program at PV always had a firm advocate on the board and a lady with a contagious smile at every concert/musical. The music department lost a great advocate when Ginny passed away on Monday, Sept 7th. We wish more people were aware of how blessed the music program was to have her support. She had named PV choral program as one of the beneficiaries of gifts given in her name, in remembrance. The choral department has received over \$1000. It was decided that this money would be put aside until an opportunity arises that will best honor Ginny. You can read more about Ginny here:

[http://lancasteronline.com/obituaries/virginia-l-ginny-ranck/article\\_422a0f2e-432b-57c0-b840-51a948b9d8ee.html](http://lancasteronline.com/obituaries/virginia-l-ginny-ranck/article_422a0f2e-432b-57c0-b840-51a948b9d8ee.html)



## Other info cont.

Boosters and Volunteers needed- We have lost some of our most active boosters and will lose several more this year. Please consider coming to some booster meetings. Remember this is our biggest source of income to support our almost 200 students! We are still in need for a few more people to help on Sunday, Nov 1st at our last midget football game. Click here to sign up: <http://vols.pt/i2FGrg>

Fry Wagon— Tammy Heagy will be in charge of insuring the repairs to the leaking roof will be completed. It was decided that an unwanted white board out of the fry wagon will be donated to Mr. Bankert to use for various music events. The season is almost over. Thank you SOOO much for the many people who volunteered or who were drafted on the spot in desperation. Also thanks to the many people who have stopped by the wagon during events to make sure we had enough help. (That always happens more

## *Congratulations* *Choral* *Kids!*

**COUNTY CHORUS:** Ten PVHS singers were selected for the Lancaster Lebanon County Chorus from auditions held at McCaskey HS on Sept 26th. Congratulations to Lenea Riehl, Makayla Cacciola, Alexa Cacciola, Brett Heagy, Noah Slingerland, Brye Balla, Jeffrey Colon, Ricky Heist, Bryan Eltman, and John Lindquist.

**Highlights include:**

**Lenea Riehl** placing 5th in Soprano 1s.  
**Makayla Cacciola** placing 2nd in Soprano 2s.  
**Noah Slingerland** placing 1st in Tenor 2s.  
**Brye Balla** placing 1st in Bass 1s.  
**Bryan Eltman** placing 1st in Bass 2s.

The audition pieces were incredibly difficult, and the students had to work extremely hard to prepare for this. Mr. Bankert is very proud of these outstanding young musicians.

**DISTRICT CHORUS:** 16 students from Pequea Valley High School auditioned for the highly competitive District Chorus (PMEA District 7) at Central York HS on Oct 24th. 4 of our 16 were accepted into this elite ensemble.

**Makayla Cacciola**— Soprano 2 (placed 1st!)  
**Bryan Eltman** — Bass 2 (placed 3rd!)  
**Noah Slingerland** — Tenor 2 (placed 12th)  
**Brye Balla** — Bass 1 (placed 12th)

There were 85 high schools registered with students to audition. Most schools have 0 – 2 make it (on average). Pequea Valley is always one of the smallest public schools registered, and we had 4 make it.

**American Choral Director's Association (ACDA) Eastern Division Honors Choir:** 8 of our PVHS singers were selected, after a rigorous audition process, to participate in the ACDA (American Choral Director's Association) Eastern Division Honor Choir in Boston, MA from February 10-13, 2016. Please join me in congratulating these extraordinary young musicians. This is a HUGE honor for these kids, and our school! **As always, thank you for your support of the arts in the Pequea Valley School District.**

**Brye Balla**  
Bass I  
**Makayla Cacciola**  
Soprano II  
**Bryan Eltman**  
Bass II  
**Isaiah Glick**  
Tenor II  
**John Lindquist**  
Bass II  
**Ann Slider**  
Alto I  
**Noah Slingerland**  
Tenor II  
**Savanna Weaver**  
Alto I

**Don't forget to visit Weebly! Mr. Ackerman, Mr. Bankert, and Mr. Corrao try to post info there regularly to help keep you informed:**

<http://pvmusic.weebly.com/>

