

# Music Department Report

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From Mr. Bankert:

## Concert Choir:

The Concert Choir had a very successful benefit concert on Sunday October 1. The theme was “Abba’s greatest hits” and songs from “Mamma Mia!”. The community was able to hear incredible soloists and small group performances, and the full Concert Choir singing a 15-minute medley with a small pit band. This was an excellent way to get the HS singers up on the stage used to space.



## Choral Festival Opportunities:

13 singers will audition for District 7 chorus on Saturday October 28 at Central York High School. For those that are accepted, they will automatically be placed in the LLMEA County Chorus. County Chorus is selecting singers through a round-robin process this year after the District 7 Chorus auditions.

10 singers auditioned for ACDA East High School Honors Choir. If accepted, they will travel to Providence, Rhode Island in February for the ACDA East conference. I will know results in mid-October.

## HS Musical:

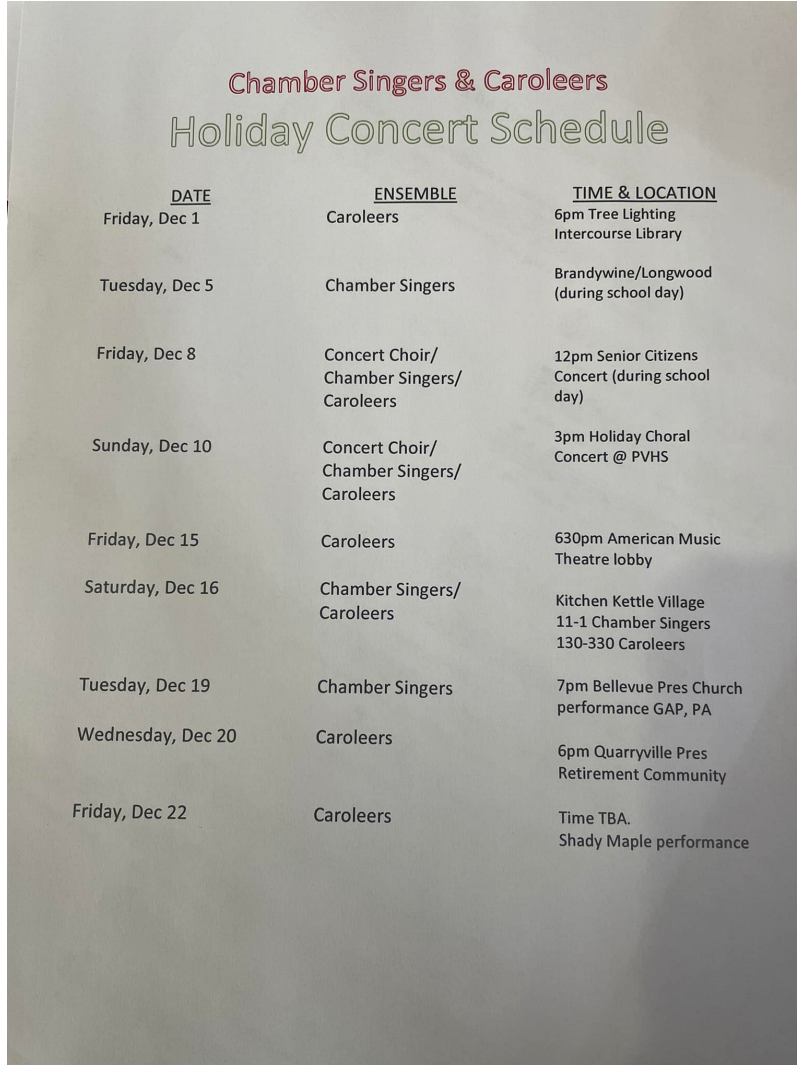
NEWSIES musical auditions will be held in mid-November. We will be utilizing HOMETOWN for ticket sales. This is the same site that HS Athletics are using and it seems to be working well.



### Chamber Singers and Caroleers:

Chamber Singers are gearing up for their annual retreat at Gretna Glen Campground. This event is scheduled for Nov 16-18.

Our performing groups have a packed holiday lineup on their schedule!



<u>DATE</u>	<u>ENSEMBLE</u>	<u>TIME &amp; LOCATION</u>
Friday, Dec 1	Caroleers	6pm Tree Lighting Intercourse Library
Tuesday, Dec 5	Chamber Singers	Brandywine/Longwood (during school day)
Friday, Dec 8	Concert Choir/ Chamber Singers/ Caroleers	12pm Senior Citizens Concert (during school day)
Sunday, Dec 10	Concert Choir/ Chamber Singers/ Caroleers	3pm Holiday Choral Concert @ PVHS
Friday, Dec 15	Caroleers	630pm American Music Theatre lobby
Saturday, Dec 16	Chamber Singers/ Caroleers	Kitchen Kettle Village 11-1 Chamber Singers 130-330 Caroleers
Tuesday, Dec 19	Chamber Singers	7pm Bellevue Pres Church performance GAP, PA
Wednesday, Dec 20	Caroleers	6pm Quarryville Pres Retirement Community
Friday, Dec 22	Caroleers	Time TBA. Shady Maple performance

From Mr. Corrao:

### Marching Band:

The Marching Band season is in full swing! Band members were awarded their service bars and Marching Band/Color Guard medals that learners wore on their uniforms for the Homecoming Game and New Holland Parade. Each member is awarded a medallion that states either Marching Band or Color Guard and every year members receive an additional service bar. Drum Majors are presented a special medal to wear in addition to their Marching Band medal. Marching Band medals are displayed on coats just below the embroidered PV and Service Bars are to be worn on the left shoulder epaulet. Medals are worn for special occasions (Homecoming, parades, Senior Night) and Service Bars remain on the uniform for the entire

season. Drum majors are senior Kylee Worrell and junior Maddie Heverin. Our season will wrap up on October 27<sup>th</sup> at our PV Senior Night.

**Concert Band:**

Concert Band rehearsals are well underway. The HS Band is performing at the PVIS Veterans Day celebration on November 10, 2023 combined with the middle school band. The band is preparing the Marches of the Armed Forces to help celebrate and recognize our veteran guests and a special rendition of 'echo' Taps will be performed by Spencer Groff (9), Lana Willenbrock (11), Annabelle Reber (11) and Bo Smucker (11).

**Jazz Ensemble:**

The Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Combo will start rehearsals this week on Thursday evenings. The Combo has already been asked to perform some holiday gigs in December, so the group will be practicing for those events. The Jazz Ensemble will be in full swing as we get closer to the Spring. Stay tuned for updates.

**Music Department:**

Educational/Music trips are in the works for the spring. Events and dates to be announced as we get closer, but we're looking at a separate Marching Band team-building trip, a potential Concert Band trip to see the US Marine Band in Washington, D.C. and some sort of combined Chorus/Band trip in the Spring.