

Music Department Report  
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**PVHS/PVIS**

**From Nate Bankert-**

PV Concert Choir:

The Concert Choir is preparing for their annual benefit concert to be held on Sunday Oct 1 from 5-730pm. The theme this year is ABBA's greatest hits/Mamma Mia! This music along with the Latin *Os Justi*, have been great tools to learn and refresh good, healthy singing techniques. We are starting with a strong foundation this year and I'm certain we are going to make incredible music and have extraordinary experiences together this school year.

Festivals: We have about 17 learners interested in auditioning for District Chorus this year. Some have been coming to the choral room to practice EVERY day during flex time to prepare. Auditions will be held on Oct 28 at Central York HS. Learners who are accepted to Districts will be automatically placed in County Chorus, and will be eligible for Region V auditions, States, and beyond.

We also have quite a few singers interested in auditioning for the American Choral Directors Association High School Honors Choir. This ACDA Eastern Division event will be held in Providence, Rhode Island, Feb-28 - March 2. Auditions are submitted online near the end of September and we should know by late October who is accepted.

I will let you know the results as soon as I know!

**From Rob Corrao-**

PV Marching Band:

This year's show is "Breaking Ground" featuring the music of Harry Styles, Billie Eilish and Lizzo. The Band had a successful Camp in August and an outstanding performance at our first home game in August. Coming up for the Marching Band: Homecoming and Alumni Night on Sept 29<sup>th</sup> and the New Holland Parade on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

PV Band Program:

Bands at both PVIS and PVHS are underway with rehearsals. The first public performance for the HS band will be to play for the Veteran's Day celebration on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.

PV Jazz Ensemble:

Jazz Ensemble will begin in a couple of weeks with rehearsals taking place on Thursday evenings. This ensemble is open to grades 7-12. Stay tuned for updates as this band performs at community functions, visits universities for clinics and workshops, and records in the spring.

My PVIS Guitar Class will tour Martin Guitar Factory on Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Learners will get a tour of the factory floor, visit the Martin Guitar Museum and have the opportunity to play a Martin Guitar. This will be a "whole-day" field trip and a great experience for our learners.

**From Alicia Trescavage-**

PVIS held auditions for Brave Sounds last week and welcomed 14 new members! Our first performance will be at PVIS Veterans' Day Assembly in November.

**PVIS/PVES**

**From Jim Ackerman-**

The PV rock bands Apollo's Axe (8<sup>th</sup> graders) and Into the Mayhem (HS) are playing a free concert **this Saturday Sept 16 at 4pm at the Inn at Twin Linden in Churchtown.**

Ensemble rehearsals have begun at the elementary level for Orff and Drum, Chorus and 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade band. The enrollment process for new band members is still ongoing but should be settled in the next week or two. Participation in the music offerings is happily returning to pre-pandemic levels. Orff and Drum involves about 50 student, the chorus is at around 60, and the band program is just over 100 among the three grades.