

Music Department Report

April 10, 2024

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From Mrs. Trescavage:

PVIS presented Legally Blonde Jr. March 21, 22 and 23. The show was a fantastic success with a dedicated, talented and enthusiastic cast and crew.

Brave Sounds performed at Steam Flight Night last week.

The following singers will represent PVIS at the LLMEA Middle School County Chorus Festival on Saturday, April 13th at Colombia HS:

Gabby Hunt

Lily Sweigart

Jazzy Quartey

Aiden Hofmann

Ezra Byler

PVIS Chorus' Broadway trip to see Six is Saturday, May 4th PVIS adjudication trip to HersheyPark is Friday, May 10th.

PVIS Chorus will sing the National Anthem at the Reading Fightin Phils baseball game on Saturday, May 11th.

From Mr. Corrao:

7-12 Band

Marching Band: The PVHS Marching has announced its 2024 fall show: *The Foo Fighters!* In May the group will host a Meet and Greet to introduce everyone and review the music before we head into the summer. Stay tuned for details on this exciting field show!

PVIS/PVHS Concert Band: The concert season is upon us and will kick-off with the Sunday, April 28th performance of *Braves on Broadway* featuring the music from many Broadway blockbusters! You won't want to miss this one! Student teacher Tucker Uebersax has been working hard helping to prepare our learners for the performance and will be featured conducting two selections at the concert. After the concert, the band will return to the rehearsal hall to prepare our graduation ceremony music.

Jazz Ensemble: On March 27th, PV hosted the 3rd Annual PV/Solanco JazzFest at PV High School. The Solanco Middle School Jazz Band, directed by Vince Shickora, and the Solanco HS Jazz Band directed by Scott Weyman joined the PV Jazz Ensemble for an all-day event filled with clinics, workshops and performances. Clinicians included Dr. Keith Wiley, Mr. Mitch Cooper,

Mr. Ted Luckenbaugh, Mr. Jake Rathbun from the Corsair Blue Jazz Orchestra along with Mr. Nate Bankert and Miss Bri Shyver. Learner participated in full band rehearsal clinics, sectionals, jazz vocal clinic and a jazz improvisation class. The evening was capped off with a performance featuring all of the school bands plus the Corsair Blue Jazz Orchestra, a community-based jazz band from the Manheim Township area.

Jazz Combo: The Jazz Combo, featuring the talented vocalists Maddie Heverin (grade 11) and Cam Frank (grade 10) performed at the STEAM Flite Night Event on Thursday, April 4th. The Jazz Band and Combo have a few more community performances coming up in the next couple of weeks. Stay tuned!

From Mr. Bankert:

On Thursday April 11, the Chamber Singers and Brave Sounds will travel to Warwick HS for a clinic with Dr. Robert Bigley (Lancaster Bible College), and will then travel to the Trust Center in Lancaster for a performance. The singers will also hear other choirs perform (Cocalico MS & HS, Warwick MS & HS). It will be a great day of connection, learning, and of course...singing!

We are grateful and honored that the following learners will be recognized by the Board on Thursday April 11 for their participation in Choral Festivals during the 23-24 school year: LLMEA County Chorus:

Tori Beiler- S2
Carly Anderson- A1
Madeline Heverin- A1
Gabby Troupe- A2
Levi Pacella- T1
Nick Ammon- T2
R.J. Forsythe- T2 Sage
Gray- B2

PMEA District 7 Chorus:

Nick Ammon- T2
Madeline Heverin- A1

ACDA Eastern Honors Choir (Providence, RI) Nick

Ammon- T2
Bella Biddle- S2
Lindsey Yocom- S2
Madelyn Stoltzfus- A1
Madeline Heverin- A1
Liv Hofstetter- A2

The PVHS Music Department learners will travel to Philadelphia this Saturday April 13 to spend time in several historic locations of the city, enjoy a dinner together, and then view the Broadway smash hit musical “Hadestown” at the Kimmel Center. This acclaimed musical by singer-songwriter Anais Mitchell and director Rachel Chavkin is winner of **8 Tony Awards** including **Best Musical** and the Grammy Award for **Best Musical Theater Album**. It intertwines two mythic tales—that of young dreamers Orpheus and Eurydice, and that of King Hades and Queen Persephone as it invites the audience on an unforgettable journey using vibrant ensemble of actors, singers, and dancers.

The Chamber Singers will perform at the 100th annual Salisbury alumni banquet to be held at the White Horse Firehall on Saturday April 20.

From Mr. Ackerman:

The PVIS rock band, made up of 8th graders and managed by Mr. Ackerman, went to the Academy for Media Production in McSherrystown (just past Hanover). They were the ‘house band’ for their students – who are enrolled in their post-secondary program in media production fields. When we arrived, their students learned how to mic our equipment, how to run all the cables properly, mix live recordings, and isolate singers for overdub. Our PV students learned about the recording process from the performer’s perspective. These include multiple takes, error recovery, performing in isolation, and how to diagnose unexpected equipment issues. We recorded two songs – “Paperback Writer” by the Beatles and “Don’t Bring Me Down” by ELO. In about two weeks they will send us the final, mixed, and mastered tracks.

The staff and students were quite impressed with our band – both their abilities and behaviors. As we were cleaning up, I overheard one prof say to the other “they are better than some professional groups we’ve had in here”. Overall, it was a great day, and I look forward to hearing the recordings.

