



Seneca Valley School District

Press Release

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SENECA VALLEY STUDENTS CHOSEN FOR 2023 PMEA STRING FEST

JACKSON TOWNSHIP, PA (Nov. 29, 2023) – On Nov. 2, students in the Seneca Valley Orchestra Program participated in the second annual Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 5 Junior High String Fest. PMEA District 5 encompasses schools from Beaver, Butler, Lawrence and Mercer counties and the fest is open to students in grades 7-9.

Held at Mars Area High School, 15 Seneca Valley Orchestra students were selected for the Junior High String Fest. Students rehearsed and performed four pieces under the direction of esteemed retired educator Donna Fox.

“This is a great opportunity for our younger musicians to perform with students from other schools and get a feel for the PMEA experience,” said Orchestra Director Sarah Miller. “I am so happy that this new fest has been such a positive experience for orchestra students in our area.”

Congratulations to the following student participants:

Violin

Layla Anglero – Grade 8
Annelise Dykstra – Grade 8
Addison Hartzell – Grade 9
Caroline Holmes – Grade 8
Kaelynn Markivich – Grade 8
Lucy Miller – Grade 8
Erin Sbrolla – Grade 8
Robin Sommerville – Grade 9
Einin Wolf-Johnston – Grade 8

Viola

Emma Pichieri – Grade 8

Bass

Kyle DeMaster – Grade 8
Sarah Frenz – Grade 8
Benny James – Grade 9

Cello

Hudson McGrady – Grade 8