

Music Department Report
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From Mrs. Trescavage

Elementary Chorus is learning about breath control, vowels and diction as they work on their Holiday Concert songs. There are over 70 singers in the combined Salisbury and Paradise Chorus. The learners in Theater Club are working on monologues and theater games.

From Mr. Apgar and Mr. Ackerman (see separate report from Mr. Ackerman as well)

The band registration process has ended and there are currently 55 new 4th grade band members enrolled in the program. The group lesson schedule is up and running and band rehearsals will begin in January. The Orff and Drum Ensemble, under the direction of Mr Apgar, is looking forward to performing on the holiday concert. The elementary and secondary music facilitators are making preparations and adjustments for Winter and Spring concerts to be held at Paradise Elementary this year.

From Mr. Bankert

We are all excited for the many musical events happening this year.

- 1) 9 Learners auditioned for ACDA National Honors Choir to be held in Dallas, Texas. There were over 5,000 auditions for their prestigious choir of 240. We will know if any PV singers were selected to participate by mid-October. Fingers crossed!
- 2) PVHS Music Department presents its very first HS musical in December- The show run will be December 5-7.



Note- this is a one-year switch. For the 25-26 school year and beyond, productions on the PV stage will go back to their normal calendar placements.

- 3) On Saturday October 26, 12 singers will audition for District 7 chorus at Central York HS.

- 4) The 90s benefit concert held on Sunday October 6 was a huge success! Lots of smiling faces, great/nostalgic music, and lots of fun. I've received many comments about how enjoyable it was. The audience sang along with many of the numbers. Many learners sang solos and in duets/small groups. So much talent was showcased! We have many more exciting performances ahead!
- 5) The Concert Choir (100 singers) will attend a Choral Festival held by Lampeter-Strasburg HS on Thursday October 24. Here, they will sing for and receive feedback from the guest clinician, Dr. Joy Meade, Director of Choral Activities from Messiah University. 6 other choirs from local high schools will also sing for Dr. Meade. Then, all choirs will combine for a final performance of Ad Astra (To the stars!) by Jacob Narverud. This is a wonderful day of singing, but more importantly, connection with other young singers from around the Lancaster/Lebanon area. Concert Choir doesn't have the chance to do events like this often, so this is sure to be a wonderful experience for all involved and will surely strengthen the program!
- 6) The Chamber Singers were invited to Unionville HS to experience a workshop/clinic with the world-renowned choral group Voces8 on Monday October 28. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity! We will work with and then SING with this amazing group!

