Music Department Report
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From Mr. Corrao

PVHS Band News

On January 17-18, 2025, junior Cam Frank attended the Lebanon Valley College Band Festival on the main campus. This festival was open to area HS students and consisted of a two-day event culminating in a concert on Saturday evening. All students who attend the band festival are automatically eligible to receive a $10,000 scholarship if they decide to attend LVC regardless of major. LVC is a school Ms. Frank is considering after her graduation from PV.

On Saturday, February 1, 2025, the Lancaster-Lebanon Music Educators Association (LLMEA) held their annual All-County Band Festival for students in both high school and middle school. The event was hosted by School District of Lancaster at McCaskey High School. Students got to work with the best and brightest music students from throughout the LLMEA area in either the HS or MS band. This one-day festival ended with a wonderful concert in a packed auditorioum. The following learners participated in the LLMEA event:

PVHS:
Cam Frank
Maddie Heverin
Jonah Zink
Lana Willenbrock
Spencer Groff
RJ Forsythe
Sam Groff

PVIS:
Axel Nelson
Emily Slaymaker
Kole Umstead

PV Jazz Band:

The PV Jazz Ensemble is pleased to announce its *PV/Solanco JazzFest IV* on Monday April 14th. The event will be hosted at Solanco HS and will feature pro musician Michael Kaplan and his Superband as our clinicians. This all-day event of clinics and workshops will end with a concert at Solanco HS featuring the PV Jazz Ensemble along with the Solanco MS Jazz Band, the Solanco HS Jazz Band and the Michael Kaplan Superband.

Also in the works: The PV Jazz Ensemble is teaming up with the jazz band at Manheim Central and the Corsair Blue Jazz Orchestra for an afternoon of clinics and an evening concert. Time and location have not yet been set. Stay tuned.

PVHS Guitar Class:

Mr. Corrao's Guitar class will tour the Martin Guitar Factory in Nazareth, PA sometime in March. The factory tour takes you through the entire process of how these guitars are manufactured. Martin Guitar is a high end instrument and much of its construction is done by hand. Students will get a tour through the factory floor, visit the Martin Guitar museum and have the opportunity to sample a few Martin instruments.

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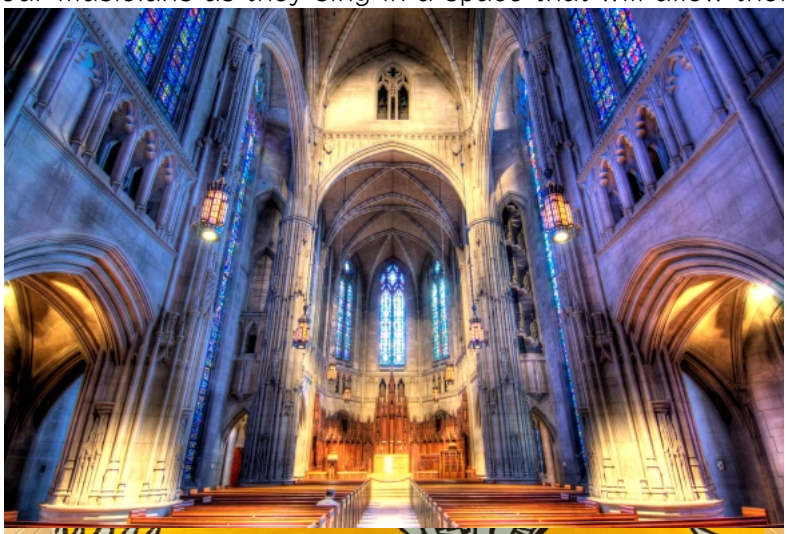
1) 4 Learners represented PV incredibly well at PMEA District 7 Chorus on Saturday February 8.
   Bella Biddle- S2
   Liv Hofstetter- A2
   Maddie Heverin- A1
   Hayden Winey- B2

   This festival was held at Central York High School and over 200 singers! The students enjoyed working and learning under the direction of Dr. Kimberly Adams, the newly-appointed Director of Choral Activities at West Chester University. Maddie Heverin is moving on to Region V Chorus in March! Also, Bella Biddle is an alternate and might be able to attend! We are PV proud of these fantastic and talented PV singers!





2) On Sunday February 16, the Chamber Singers will sing in the 33rd annual Heinz Chapel Chamber Choir Festival in Pittsburgh. Here, they will sing for 3 other fine chamber choirs along with the Heinz Chapel Singers. This will be an unforgettable event for our musicians as they sing in a space that will allow their sound to soar!





3) The Chamber Singers will sing at a choral adjudication festival on Monday March 10 at Millersville University. Here, they will sing and compete against other HS Chamber Choirs and will be adjudicated by choral directors with a plethora of experience. This will be a great opportunity for our singers to learn and grow in their musicianship.

4) The Chamber Singers have been invited to sing in the annual Lancaster Festival of Voices concert on Friday April 4, 2025 at Trinity Lutheran Church. The concert begins at 6:30pm and is free to the public.

5) The Chamber Singers are invited to Unionville HS to experience a workshop/clinic with the world-renowned choral group Chanticleer on Wednesday April 23. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity! We will work with and then SING with this amazing group! Later in the evening we will watch Chanticleer's full concert on the Unionville stage!




6) A Choral Alumni concert is being held on Saturday May 10. All choral alumni are invited to register and attend. Dr. Jarjisian(1970-80), Mr. Williams(1980-2014), and I will be there to conduct several pieces as we celebrate a final sing on the current stage before it's dismantled. This will be a very special concert. The 3 directors will represent 55 years of choral directing at PVHS! The concert will be held at 4pm in the PVHS auditorium.

