

**Music Department Report
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From Ms. Shyver

Five members of the middle school chorus, Ezra Byler, Aria Byler, Nadia Hofstetter, Lillian Mannen, and Finn Martin participated in the LLMEA Middle School County Chorus Festival at Lancaster Country Day School on May 3rd. The students put on an excellent performance under the direction of guest conductor Dr. Gates of Temple University. The full chorus participated in the Trills and Thrills adjudication, receiving an excellent rating from the judges panel at Cedar Cliff High School. On May 12th, the middle school full chorus and brave sounds performed at the high school building for the very last time before the building change. Their concert was a showcase of their resilience through this year of many transitions and challenges.

From Mr. Corrao

Band:

The PVHS and PVIS bands held their spring concert on Sunday, May 4th. The bands did an amazing job and played to a very receptive audience. The concert finished with both school bands combined on stage playing John Williams' *Star Wars: The Last Jedi* as a nod to our "May the Fourth" date. The band is now preparing for our most important event of the year, senior graduation.

The PVIS Band scored a Superior rating this past Friday on their adjudication trip to Cedar Cliff High School. The judges provided valuable feedback after our performance which we will use to improve the group. After the performance, the learners were treated to a special day at Hershey Park to enjoy a year of excellent music-making and fellowship.

Jazz Band:

This year the Jazz Band attended two outstanding Jazz Festivals, one with Manheim Central Middle School and the other with Solanco Middle and High Schools. Both festivals were hosted off-campus with outstanding local musicians, educators and professional clinicians in attendance to work with our young musicians. The Jazz Combo played at Calamus Estates Retirement Community this past Christmas with another gig not long after at Quarryville Presbyterian Retirement Community. The combo, led by vocalists Maddie Heverin and Cam Frank, prides itself on being very knowledgeable with the Great American Songbook and learners are encouraged to try their hand at improvising.

Marching Band:

The PV Marching Band has already had its Meet and Greet to get set for next season. This year's show theme is Chicago (the band, not the musical) and we're looking forward to a fun season. Turn out at the Meet and Greet was greater than anticipated and we hope that we will see growth in our numbers moving forward into next season.

From Mr. Bankert

- 1) The Chamber Singers spring choral concert was Friday May 9 in the HS auditorium. It was a beautiful evening filled with phenomenal singing and a great variety of choral repertoire. The program was titled "Time After Time" to represent how time and time again, for generations, we've continued to prepare and perform excellent music on that stage!
- 2) The Chamber Singers workshopped and sang with world-renowned Chanticleer at Unionville HS on April 23. They stayed to watch a full concert that evening. It was an incredible experience!



- 3) A Choral Alumni concert was held on Saturday May 10. 165 alumni joined voices to sing on the stage one more time before its demolition. Dr. Jarjisian(1970-80), Mr. Williams(1980-2014), and I conducted several pieces. Hope Fisher brought her "Hopeful Brews" coffee truck in the morning and Yoder's catering provided lunch for us. It was a very emotional, heartwarming, and amazing day of reconnecting, reminiscing and music-making.



Alicia Trescavage:

The combined concert on May 14th was excellent! The concert featured 4th grade band, Orff and Drum Ensemble, Chorus and 5th and 6th grade Band.

Members of the 6th grade Theater Club at Paradise are performing monologues at the end of year assembly.