

Music Report
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From Mr. Ackerman:

Pequea Valley's three modern bands had the honor of closing out performances in the former high school auditorium. The concert was well attended, and multi-angle videos of selected songs have been uploaded to the PV Rock bands YouTube channel. One video even has over 36 thousand views.

The modern band program continues in the new PV Secondary building and is fortunate and thankful to have their own dedicated rehearsal room. The high school groups meet weekly after school, and the intermediate level group meets daily, last period.

From Mr. Apgar:

Orff & Drum rehearsals have begun at both elementary schools. We had a great start with a wonderful drum circle and look forward to preparing for our Holiday Concert. We will be preparing some creative and fun drum selections as well as holiday arrangements for our mallet instruments for the upcoming concert.

From Mr. Apgar and Mr. Ackerman:

Instrumental lessons and band have begun for fifth and sixth graders at both buildings. With the help and understanding of the classroom facilitators, we crafted a schedule that works around their content, activities and other special services. The fourth graders are just beginning the sign-up process having seen all the instruments and deciding what they might like to play this year.

From Mr. Corrao:

Marching Band:

Marching Band is underway led by Drum Majors Cam Frank and Nathan Sensenig and assisted by our Sergeant-at-Arms Naomi Brumbach. These seniors have been giving us great leadership for the season so far. This year's show features music by the classic rock band, Chicago, with their hit songs Make Me Smile, Saturday in the Park and 25 or 6 to 4. Our new Assistant Director, Ray Lucera, has done a great job leading the group and teaching them the show. Mai Ratjavong has done excellent service in her new role as Drum Line Instructor. Our learners are fortunate to have such dedicated instructors working with them!

Concert Band:

Both the 7th & 8th Grade Concert Band and the 9-12 Symphonic Band are fully into rehearsals working towards their Winter Concert. This year's winter concert theme is American Jazz, enabling our learners to learn to play in the style of Swing as well as Latin, Bossa Nova, funk and Dixieland. In addition, within the next few weeks, the bands will be working up music for our Veteran's Day celebration at PVSS. This year we have a new Armed Forces Medley which will contain music from all SIX branches of the service: Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, Army, Air Force, AND the Space Force. Stay tuned for band updates as we get further along in the year.

From Mr. Bankert:

Singers have enjoyed using the new choral room space to rehearse! We are grateful for all the district has provided us. We are set up for success now and well into the future!

The 7th and 8th Grade Chorus and High School Concert Choir are preparing for the 10th annual Fall Choral Benefit Concert. This year's theme is "Movie Musicals". There will be soloists from 6-650pm and all the singers grades 7-12 will perform from 7-7:30pm on the evening of Sunday October 5th.