

Music Department Report

October 2025

From Mr. Corrao:

Marching Band:

The Marching Band will be wrapping up its season in the next couple of weeks. This week we are hosting the Lancaster Catholic Marching Band. On October 24th the Band and Guard Seniors will be recognized at our home game. In addition, the band is excited to play the National Anthem for the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the new Secondary School on Sunday, October 26th at 2pm.

Concert and Symphonic Bands:

The 7/8 Grade Concert Band and the 9-12 Symphonic Band are rehearsing for our Winter Concert as well as putting together music for our Veterans Day Assembly on Wednesday, November 12th. The Band will play an Armed Services Medley and our trumpeters will signal Taps for our veterans. On Friday, November 7th, Dr. Keith Wiley (Millersville University, retired) and Mr. Mitch Cooper will be leading both bands through clinics held at our new building during the scheduled rehearsal times for the bands. Additionally, Mr. Paul Murr (formerly the Band Director at Lancaster Catholic) will lead a percussion clinic with our percussionists on a date to be determined. These clinics are leading up to our Winter Concert in December and all of our selections are jazz themed!

Jazz Ensemble:

The Jazz Ensemble will begin rehearsing on Thursday evenings within the next couple of weeks. We have many new members who are excited to come together to learn to play jazz with this group. More information to follow in the coming weeks, but be on the lookout for the PV/Solanco JazzFest V to be held at PVSS in the spring!

From Mr. Bankert:

The singers in grades 7-12 participated in the annual choral benefit concert Sunday October 5th. This was the first concert held on the new stage! It was a major success. The theme of the event was "Movie-Musicals". Many soloists sang using the new handheld microphones and their voices soared through the new auditorium (which has incredible, live acoustics by the way!). Also- all 160 voices joined together for the final number "You Will Be Found" from the musical Dear Evan Hansen. This piece was chosen not only for its musical beauty but for its deeply meaningful message of hope, connection, and the reminder that no one is ever truly alone. It was a beautiful and powerful evening.



Next on the agenda for the choral/vocal program is auditions for *Fiddler on the Roof*! This will be held the second week of November, right before the highly anticipated annual fall retreat at Gretna Glen with the Chamber Singers! The singers are looking forward to presenting fabulous concerts all throughout the holidays in various spaces and places!

Finally, please come see the Fall Play, Shakespeare's "*A Midsummer Nights Dream*", November 6-9. Tickets are now on sale through Hometown Ticketing on the district website.