Center State: Our Performing Arts

Poquoson SPOTLIGHT

POQUOSON CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

preparing all students for a successful and meaningful life

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Early Beginnings

4–6 annual events include music programs as well as seasonal and schoolwide showcases. All students receive early exposure to music literacy.

Middle Momentum

8–10 events per year include band and choir concerts, drama productions, assessments, and community performances.

High School Spotlight

10+ major performances each year across concert band, marching band, jazz ensemble, choir, show choir with show band, and drama.

Why It Matters

The performing arts bring students together across grades to explore voice, instrument, movement, and story. Participation helps build confidence, teamwork, discipline, and an appreciation for the arts that extends beyond school. Rebecca Wade, performing arts teacher at PMS shares, "I hope to give confidence to try new things and to find an appreciation for music and how it adds value to their lives in small or bigger ways." By offering music and drama from the earliest grades through high school, our division ensures that every learner has access to creative expression and performance opportunities.

From First Note to Full Production

Our performing arts program spans K-12, grows with students, and fosters creativity, collaboration, and self-expression.

From elementary music classes to high-school show choir and drama productions, Poquoson students have abundant opportunities to explore creativity, build confidence, and share their talents. At the high school level, the PHS Islander Band — a recognized 10-time Virginia Honor Band along with choir, show choir (with a live band!), and drama provide competitive and performance-based experiences that go well beyond typical offerings. Our middle and high school students consistently earn superior ratings at assessments and qualify for regional and state-level ensembles, giving them access to honors and recognition that are unparalleled. Through these programs, students don't just learn music or performance, they develop discipline, teamwork, leadership, and self-expression that stay with them long after graduation.

Get Involved

Come and See!

All performing arts events are open to the community and we would love for you to support our students! Stay tuned through ParentSquare and social media to mark your calendars for the dozens of events happening each quarter!

Upcoming Winter Performances

- PPS 1st Grade Winter Choral Concert (12/3)
- PMS Frosty Festival (12/4)
- PHS Winter Choral Concert (12/10)
- PMS Winter Choral Concert (12/11)
- PHS Mystery Drama Dinner (12/12)
- PHS Winter Band Concert (12/17)
- PMS Winter Band Concert (12/18)
- PHS Winter Jazz Band Gala (1/28)

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