

Music Department Report

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From Mr. Bankert:

PV hosted the LLMEA Middle School Choral Festival on Saturday April 18! 13 Middle Schools grades 6-8 from Lancaster and Lebanon Counties were represented. It was a beautiful day of music making and the facilities were perfect for the event!



Chamber Singers had successful performances at FPC and Trinity in Lancaster in April.



Eight senior music learners were recognized at the annual LLMEA Honors Banquet on Tuesday April 21st. Also at the event, Rob Corrao and Alicia Trescavage were honored in recognition of their upcoming retirements and celebrated for their many years of dedicated service to music education.



The annual spring choral concert will be held on Friday May 8 at 7:30pm. Also the PV Alumni Choir will be singing a few numbers under the direction of Mr. Mark L. Williams.



The annual 7/8 spring choral concert will be on Monday May 11 at 7:00pm. It will be a night of beautiful singing. The 7/8 Chorus has made so much progress and growth this year, and they are sounding amazing!

From Mr. Corrao:

Middle School Concert Band/HS Symphonic Band:

These groups just came off a very successful concert performance last Sunday, May 3rd. Both bands performed extremely well and the concert finale had both bands together in a salute to the Greatest Generation and any veterans in attendance.

Jazz Ensemble

In April, the Jazz Ensemble hosted the Solanco Jazz Bands at PV for the 5th Annual PV/Solanco JazzFest. This all-day event featured clinicians from Lancaster's own Big, Big Jazz Band culminating in a concert with all the bands and a final piece featuring everyone from every band. The following week, the Jazz Ensemble traveled to Manheim Central Middle School for the Baron's Blues Fest II, another mini festival featuring clinicians from the Corsair Blue Jazz Orchestra. This was the second straight year that the PV Jazz Band shared the stage with the Central Jazz Band. The concert that evening ended with all the bands combined on one piece and featured dozens of students improvising.

The Jazz Combo performed at the PV Secondary School STEAM Night event as well as the opening act at the Spring Band Concert.

Coming up:

May 13th is the Marching Band Meet & Greet to get students excited for the upcoming marching band season

May 15th is the middle school Band & Chorus Adjudication performances at Red Land High School followed by a fun day of fellowship at Hershey Park

May 29th is Commencement Band and Senior Graduation and we're busy preparing music for this special event

From Mr. Apgar:

Orff & Drum

The PV Elementary Orff & Drum has learned an "old favorite" Bad Monkey for our upcoming Spring Concert. We have also added 9 new learners to the group at Salisbury. We are excited to polish our musical selections for the spring performance.

From Mrs. Trescavage:

Over 70 members of the PV Elementary Combined Chorus had a wonderful performance of the National Anthem at the Reading Fightin' Phils game on Friday, April 24th.

PVS grades 7-8 had 4 fantastic show of Aladdin Jr the last weekend of March! Thank you to family, friends, alumni, community members, board members and administration for coming to support this talented cast and crew.

From Mr. Ackerman:

The elementary musical ensembles are gearing up for their concert at Paradise on Wednesday, May 13. Mr. Apgar, Mrs. Trescavage and Mr. Ackerman have been hosting combined practices of the Salisbury and Paradise learners in order to prepare the Orff and Drum, chorus and band students. In an evening of firsts and lasts, it is the premiere of the 2026 Fourth Grade Band and the farewell concert for Mrs Trescavage. The learners are excited to perform for their family, friends and community. The music staff is grateful to the school administration for the support of our practices and the altered schedules and bussing needed to facilitate them.



Join Pequea Valley's rock bands
Into the Mayhem and Apollo's Axe
as they perform at Levitt Pavilion at Steel Stacks in
Bethlehem, PA on Sunday May 17, 2026.

The FREE concert features local school rock bands at an
outdoor family-friendly show. Bring your lawn chairs,
some food and enjoy an afternoon of great music.

(There will be other concessions as well)

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The music will start around noon and run until 8pm

APOLLO'S AXE performs at 2:40
INTO THE MAYHEM performs at 3:00

