

# Music Department Report

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*From Mr. Bankert:*



I am incredibly proud to announce that the Pequea Valley Chamber Singers have been invited to perform at the 2027 PMEA State Conference in Erie, Pennsylvania!

The concert will be April 16, 2027 at 3pm.

I could not be more proud of these students and all the hard work and tireless efforts it took to achieve this mountaintop opportunity.

Congratulations, Chamber Singers! Now let's get to work =)

The 7-12 choral benefit concert was held at PVS on October 4 and was well-attended and received. It was a wonderful evening of singing and fellowship.

Learners are currently preparing for District Chorus auditions to be held on October 24. We had 6 learners audition for ACDA Nationals. We will receive results mid-October.

On October 22, The High School Concert Choir will be attending a trip to Annville-Cleona for a gathering of high school choirs from around the Lancaster-Lebanon area. Here, the concert choir

will enjoy a clinic with Dr. Joy Meade from Messiah University, view other choirs singing, and sing one piece with 500+ singers as they combine/perform together.

The Fall Play, Anne of Green Gables, is slated for November 5, 6, and 7. Come enjoy this fantastic show!

The 9-12 Musical has been announced! Please join us February 18-20, 2027 for:



Mr. Bankert was invited to guest-conduct the Adams County High Chorus Festival November 20-21! There will be rehearsals all day Friday, and Saturday morning, and then an afternoon concert at Biglerville High School on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

*From Ms. Shyver:*

We've been making lots of music in general music! Fifth, fourth, and third grade have begun breaking down the solfège scale and applying it to repertoire we have learned this fall. Second, first, and kindergarten have begun exploring various musical concepts such as form, loud and soft, and the different voice types they can use in the music room. Our Chorus and Orff ensembles are hard at work preparing for their winter concerts. Stay tuned for our Holiday on December 17th!

*From Mr. Apgar:*

Elementary Instrumental is now in full swing. There are approximately 100 learners in 4th, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grades playing instruments this fall. We are excitedly preparing our Holiday Concert selections in 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, and the 4<sup>th</sup> Graders are off to an excellent start with energy, enthusiasm and excitement as they continue to grow as musicians.