Music Department Report

November 2026
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From Mr. Bankert:

Congratulations to the following HS Chorus members for their acceptance to these prestigious festivals:
LLMEA County Chorus: Spencer Groff, Aiden Hofmann, Logan King, Karis Marshall, Lydia Marshall, Cole Nesbitt, Alex Powell, Max Stoltzfus, and River Sweigart

District 7 Chorus: Spencer Groff & Karis Marshall

ACDA National Honors Choir: Karis Marshall & Lydia Marshall

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

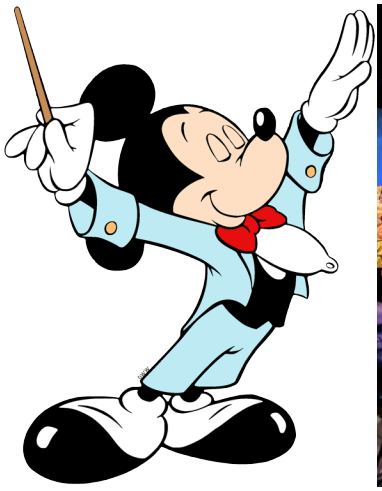
The Chamber Singers are gearing up for their annual Fall Retreat at Gretna Glen Campground November 14-16. Members will experience team building exercises, lots of singing, great food, and 9-square =)

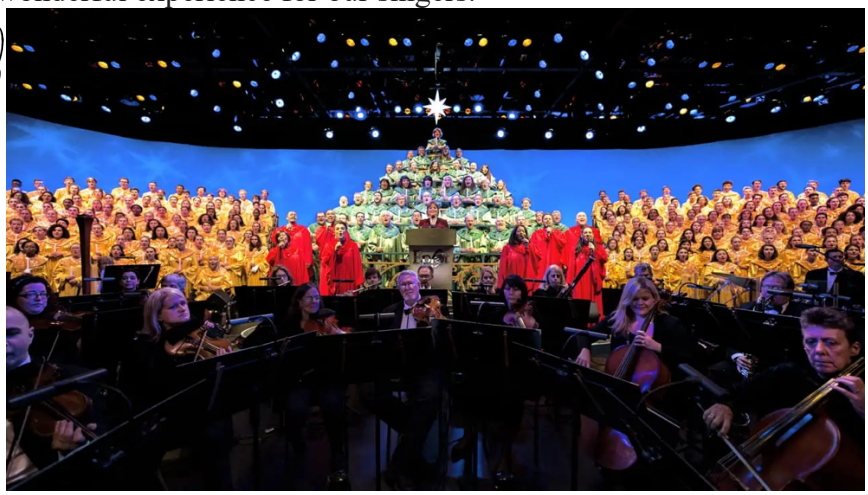
The 9-12 Musical has been announced! Please join us February 18-20, 2027 for:



The 7/8 Chorus is excited to perform the National Anthem at the Veterans Day Assembly November 10th in the PVS auditorium.

The HS Concert Choir is headed to Disney World December 16-20 to sing in the Candlelight Processional! This will be a wonderful experience for our singers.





Mr. Bankert has been 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 21st.

From Mr. Apgar & Ms. Shyver:

The elementary music department is excited to report that k-5 general music has completed their first unit on beginning melodic concepts. They are doing a wonderful job both analyzing and creating music! Our fifth and sixth grade ensemble members are working hard to prepare for their winter concert in December. We are very proud of their growth and hard work!

November Board Report – Instrumental

From Mr. Ackerman

1. The marching band has completed a successful season. We played to eager audiences at PV's five home games and represented the district at the New Holland Fair parade. On Oct 9, we invited concert band members who are not currently in marching band to sit in with us all night at the football game and play pep music in the stands. About 10 players attended and are interested in joining next year.

The marching band's six seniors were recognized at the final football game. They were honored for their years of participation in the band, with many of them being involved for five years.





Many thanks to Mr Apgar, Mrs Bilby and Miss Shyver for their contributions to the success of this marching band season. Very special thanks to the parent volunteers Mrs Groff and Mrs Brumbach. Without their help with all the countless 'behind-the-scenes' jobs such as uniform fitting, senior gifts, band camp activities, post-game snacks, the season would not have run as perfectly.

2. On November 10, the HS and PVIS concert bands will combine as one to honor our country's service members at the PVS Veterans' Day activities. They will perform the Marches of the Armed Forces and selected trumpet players will honor our fallen with Taps.

3. PVHS Sophomore flute player, Axel Nelson is participating in the Liberty Youth Wind Ensemble. It is an honors band co-sponsored by West Chester University and the Wells School of Music. It is directed by Dr. Adam Gumble of WCU.

4. On November 6, Zachary Kuhn from Albright college will be coming to visit the instrumental program. He is the newly appointed Director of Marching Arts at Albright College in Reading, PA. He is interested in our modern band program, the concert band and is looking to make local connections as he develops his vision for the marching band program at the college.

5. On November 4, Electric Bloom (one of PV's four modern bands) traveled to Lebanon Valley College to record in one of their professional studios. They gained experience with the recording process from the performer's perspective, while the LVC students practiced the skills such as microphone selection and placement, coaching musicians, and recording with ProTools software.

The band recorded five songs which will be mixed by the students at LVC- California Dreamin' by the Mamas and the Papas, Don't Bring Me Down by ELO, Heaven is a Place on Earth by Belinda Carlisle, Your Love by The Outfield and Head Over Heels by the Go-Go's.




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