

September 2007

We are a group of parents, alumni, siblings, alumni parents, etc. who **volunteer** to support the PVHS Music Department.



**MUSIC IN THE VALLEY**



Our Annual Music in the Valley is Sat. Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>, 2007. We are looking for all sorts of volunteers. Please contact any of the Directors, Booster Officers and Chairmen to see how you can help. We pride ourselves on being one of the best competitions in the area, and any help to keep this event such a success is *greatly appreciated*. Anything from making food, directing traffic, selling food and air grams, etc. (and the list goes on and on...), it is the volunteers that make this event such a success!!!

~Come join us~

Something new to the Marching Band season  
Join us every Thursday during the  
Marching Band season for

**“TAILGATE THURSDAYS”**



Boosters are welcome for some refreshments to watch the kids during practice. We will meet at the high school around 8:30PM.  
**See ya there!!**



**This Month's Events**



<u>Date</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Event</u>
9/7/07	Marching Band	Football game home – vs. Lansdale Catholic
9/10/07	Select Choirs	Auditions
<b>9/10/07</b>	<b>Music Boosters</b>	<b>Meeting – 7:30 @ PVHS Auditorium</b>
9/11/07	Select Choirs	Call-Backs
9/14/07	Marching Band	Football game away – @ Spring-Ford
9/14/07	Music Dept/Boosters	Entertainment/Kid Stuff Books Orders Due
9/21/07	Marching Band	Football game home – vs. Pottsgrove
9/23/07	Music Dept/Boosters	Car Wash & Cow Pie Bingo
9/29/07	Marching Band	Music in the Valley-home show competition

For more information about these events and practice schedule, please check out the weekly bulletin:

<http://www.pvmb.org>

**From the Fundraising Committee**

\* Your children will be receiving samples of the Entertainment & Kids Stuff Books during the first week of school. Any orders will be given upon payment until September 14<sup>th</sup>.

\* This year we are having a Car Wash & Cow Pie Bingo during the Perkiomen Township Car Show. All proceeds will go to the families who work at the event. Details will be sent home.

***This year is a trip year! To ease the costs, participate in fundraising!***



Looking for people to load, build, move & unload equipment.  
Talk to Rob Keiser, Properties Committee Chair

**SEND US YOUR GOODIES!!!!**

The Hospitality Committee needs donations for home football games. This month we have home games on: **9/7 & 9/21**

# Some words from the directors

As summer comes to a close, the PVHS Music Department is gearing up for another great year. There is already a buzz among the Music students about our planned four-day trip to Boston scheduled for the end of May. From the Band side of the department, we've gotten off to a great start with a very successful Band Camp under way. The Marching Band students have tackled every challenge we've thrown them, and will soon be ready to take the field with our 2007 show. In just a few months we'll be talking about the many other groups that are a part of our Band program: Brass Ensemble, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, Indoor Guard, and Percussion Ensemble.



On a personal note, I'd like to let you know that I completed my Masters Degree in Music Composition from West Chester University this summer. Many students in the Band have heard me talk about the classes I've taken, or have heard computer files of pieces I've written as assignments. I'm happy to say that the coursework has been completed. Also, I've been asked to conduct the Ursinus College Wind Ensemble during the fall semester while their director is on sabbatical. I'm looking forward to this new challenge, and hoping to find ways to connect our High School Music Program to this great collegiate resource in our School District.

To all - I welcome you back to school and the start of another great year in the Music Department. This department of ours is a special place to be, and we do more than just make music - we prepare you for the real world. We teach you to have a strong work ethic, to put differences aside and work as a team, to help others, and to make a tough job seem like fun. These are skills you will use throughout your lives, and you'll learn them here. Welcome Back!

**Mr. David Overholtzer, Perkiomen Valley High School Band Director**

## Welcome to the PVHS Music Family

My name is Mr. Tracy L. Griffie and I direct the Choral Program at PVHS. Whether your child is in a band, choral, and or string ensemble, we encourage you to become involved in our music program. Unlike many schools where there is a division between the instrumental program and the vocal program, here at PVHS we work together and support our varied musical ensembles. Including the PVHS musical, our music boosters supports 13 performing ensembles as well as other music activities. In order for our program to be successful and grow, we need parental involvement. In addition to assisting your child in their musical growth, you will also get to spend more time with your child and get to know his or her friends. Please join us at the Perkiomen Valley Music Boosters meetings to discover how you can help our wonderful students.

In addition to the chorus which meets during the instructional day, we have 3 auditioned choirs: Jazz Choir, Men's Choir, and Women's Choir. These auditioned choirs rehearse after school on Mondays. In addition to the school concerts, these choirs also have various performances during the school year. Auditions for these choirs will be held on Sept. 10, 2:40-6:00PM with Call-Backs Sept. 11, 2:40-4:00PM. To receive audition information, your child should see me.

In addition to directing the choral program, I am also in charge of the PVHS Musical. Auditions for the musical will be held Nov. 13 and 14, 2:40-6:00PM with Call-Backs Nov. 16, 2:40-5:00PM.

At PVHS we are fortunate to have musically talented students who are also very polite, responsible, disciplined, and well-behaved. Our students are a pleasure to be around. Please consider becoming more involved in the music program and encourage your child to do the same. Thank you for your support!



**Mr. Tracy L. Griffie, Perkiomen Valley High School Choral Director**

## Welcome Music Family

Hello and welcome back to school! My name is Steven Suloman. I am the Orchestra Director at PVHS. The music department is planning another wonderful and exciting year. The directors have been working hard scheduling concerts, selecting a fun and challenging repertoire of music, and planning a 4 day trip to Boston Massachusetts scheduled to take place at the end of May. Here at the PVHS, we work together to create a fun and positive learning environment. I would like to encourage all parents to get involved with the PVHS Music Booster's Program. In addition to meeting friends, you will be able to witness your student's musical growth.

This year there are 62 students participating in orchestra. The number of students involved in orchestra has almost doubled in the past 3 years! Each of these students will be involved in both the String and Symphony Orchestra. In addition, students may also audition to become a member of the PV Select String Program. The auditions will take place towards the end of September. Requirements for auditions will be handed out at the beginning of school.

On a more personal note, I have had a great and relaxing summer. Some of my experiences included traveling to Baltimore and North Carolina, hiking and mountain biking, and helping my parents at their farm on a daily basis. I also completed two graduate level courses at Villanova. I am excited to share the knowledge and experiences I learned at these classes with my students.

Once again, please consider getting involved. With your help, we can create an even better and more educational experience for the students. Thanks!

**Steven Suloman, PVHS Orchestra Director**

Dear Music Booster Family,

I don't really know where to begin to say "thank you" for all everyone did for Chaz's memorial service. I hope you all will forgive this mass "thank you" letter, but there are so many of you that helped, and there are many who helped that I am still not aware of. Between all of you and our church family, there was nothing we needed to worry about.

Thank you for all the wonderful donations of food to our family and especially the reception after the service. Thank you for your valuable donation of time. Thank you for bringing the truck and all the equipment and chairs and whatever else you fit in there. As sick as I know some of you are of looking at that PV Marching Vikings truck (especially at the end of marching or indoor season!) – it so warmed my heart to see it parked there at our church. Thank you to those of you who gave donations to the booster fund, thank you to those who sent flowers or sent cards with loving thoughts.

Thank you for sharing your children with us. Thank you for having such giving, talented, responsible, mature kids. I am so grateful that so many were able to come and play or sing. To those who played, just so you know, even though you were seated to play outside in that hot sun, the music was wafting in through the open door while everyone else was arriving and it was beautiful. To those who sang, it was awesome. "Bridge Over Troubled Water" is one of Charley's favorites and while it is bittersweet to hear it, it will mean even more to us now.

Charley and Briana and I are so grateful for all of your loving support. We are so sad that this horrible tragedy happened to our Chaz, but feel so grateful that you all came together to help us during this difficult time. We could not have done this without you.

To those of you who are parents of freshmen or first year music kids – let me tell you what a wonderful group of people these Music Boosters are. These people are there for your kids all during the school year with all the music activities at PV. But, as I have discovered, they are there for your family in difficult times as well. I am proud to be a Music Booster parent and this is a group you all should be a part of.

With greatest appreciation,

*Charley, Dawn, and Briana Hunsdorfer*

### Welcome to another year of music activities for PVHS!

There are many activities that our children will be involved in throughout the year, many of which could not happen without your help. There are many skills we all have and if we all contribute where we can we can make this another great year for all of our kids; from bookkeeping to construction to just cheering in the stands and being there to support our kids.



If you would like to learn how you can help, please feel free to contact me or any of the music boosters or the High School directors for more information. We all look forward to working together to make this a great experience for all of our children. **Go PV!!**

**Steve Brook, President, PVMB**

Not convinced that music enriches the minds of your children?  
 Did you know for the last two years, the valedictorian of the graduating classes  
 was a part of our string department?  
 Continue to support the arts by encouraging  
 your kids to be a part of the music department.

Perkiomen Valley Music Directors  
Mr. Tracy Griffie, Choral Director  
Mr. David Overholtzer, Band Director  
Mr. Steve Suloman, Orchestra Director

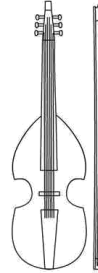


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If you have any additions, suggestions or comments about the newsletter,  
please let Niki Bell know at the monthly Booster Meeting.

**WELCOME  
BACK!!!**

**2007-2008 School Year  
is a trip year.**

**More details will  
follow throughout  
the year.**

**JOIN US FOR THE NEXT  
BOOSTER MEETING ON  
SEPT. 10<sup>TH</sup> @ 7:30PM  
IN THE HIGH SCHOOL  
AUDITORIUM**

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION  
MUSIC IN THE VALLEY  
MUSIC TRIP TO BOSTON**

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