



# Perkiomen Valley Music Booster Monthly Newsletter

**For the Month of September 2008**

## **MUSIC IN THE VALLEY September 27, 2008**

School is back in session and that means it's almost time for our annual Music In the Valley Show. 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 hosting one of the best competitions in the area, and any help you can give us to help make this event such a success is greatly appreciated.



We need help with anything from making food, directing traffic, selling food and air grams, etc. (the list goes on and on....). It is the volunteers that make this event such a success!!!

**Come out and join us ... Have a great time while supporting our students!!!**



**Band Camp August 2008**



**Marching Vikings**



Join us every Thursday during the  
Marching Band season for

### **“TAILGATE THURSDAYS”**

Boosters are welcome to come out for some refreshments and watch the kids practice. We will meet at the high school around 8:45pm. It's a great way to meet people and to catch up with other band parents!!!

**See ya there!!**



**Parent Preview Night 2008**



## SOME WORDS FROM THE DIRECTORS

Welcome Back!

I hope everyone had a restful summer and is ready to get started on what promises to be another successful school year. Marching Band has been under way for some time now, and I'm happy to report that things are going very well. I invite everyone to see and hear the Marching Vikings perform their 2008 program entitled "ONE NATION". I especially invite you to our home show on Saturday, September 27th, as we host a US Scholastic Band Association competition featuring bands from North Penn, Norristown, Methacton, Downingtown West, Upper Moreland, Clayton, Old Bridge, and of course our own Marching Vikings. It promises to be a fantastic evening.

I'm very excited to look ahead in the year and think about all the groups that will be performing later in the school year: Jazz Band, Wind Ensemble, Indoor Guard, Percussion Ensemble, and Brass Ensemble. With strong returning members and a talented freshman class on the way, we're certain to have another year of musical successes.

See you soon!

Mr. David Overholtzer  
Perkiomen Valley High School Band Director

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### 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 their friends. Please join us at the Perkiomen Valley Music Boosters meetings to discover how you can help our wonderful students.

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

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### *Orchestra*

I would like to welcome everyone back to school. I hope everyone is having a great start to the new school year. This is an exciting year for the PV Orchestra. This year we have 65 students enrolled in the program, and what already seems to be a well-rounded instrumentation to the ensemble. The concert and rehearsal schedules have been handed out in class, and are also marked on the District Calendar. Please mark these dates on your calendar.

I am excited to announce that this year I will be hosting the Montgomery County Honor's String Orchestra Festival (MCHSO). This is a string orchestra made up of some of the finest young string players in District 11. The concert will take place at PVMS East on Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM. This concert is open to the public. Please contact me at [ssuloman@pvmsd.org](mailto:ssuloman@pvmsd.org) with any questions regarding this event.

Mr. Steve Suloman  
Perkiomen Valley Orchestra Director

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# ACDA-PA SUMMER CONFERENCE

The Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Choral Directors Association held its annual summer conference for choral musicians August 2-5 on the campus of Penn State University. This conference featured a Middle School/Junior High Honor Choir and a High School/Collegiate Student/Director Honor Choir. Both choirs gave a performance after rehearsing for two days.

PVMS West was honored to have the following students selected to participate in the Middle School/Junior High Honor Choir: **Sopranos Christina Criniti and Kristin Schiele**. These ladies are students of Mr. Matthew Valent, the Choral Director at PVMS West. The Middle School/Junior High Honor Choir was conducted by Dr. Rollo Dilworth, composer and Associate Professor of Music at the North Park University School of Music in Chicago, Illinois. This choir performed a variety of music which included Dr. Dilworth's composition "Travelin' Train" which was commissioned by ACDA-PA for this choir.

The following PVHS students participated in the High School/Collegiate Student/Director Honor Choir:

**Soprano II- Michelle Smith \* Alto I- Megan Brooks \* Tenor I- Dylan Shelly \* Bass I- Andrew Bigelow.**

The High School/Collegiate Student/Director Honor Choir, which was conducted by Dr. Dennis Shrock, Professor Emeritus of Music at the University of Oklahoma and former Artistic Director of the Santa Fe Desert Chorale, and performed music ranging from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> century. As members of the American Choral Directors Association, Mr. Griffie and Mr. Valent have had students selected to participate in various ACDA Honor Choirs at the State, All-Eastern, and National level.

## Perkiomen Valley Music Directors

Mr. Tracy Griffie, Choral Director  
Mr. David Overholtzer, Band Director  
Mr. Steve Suloman, Orchestra Director

## Perkiomen Valley Board Members

Steve Brook, President  
Pam Margolis, Vice President (Band)  
Debbie Brooks, Vice President (Chorus)  
Open, Vice President (Orchestra)  
Harry Chamberlain, Treasurer  
Janet Cassano, Secretary

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Jeff & Anne Jacobsen, Hospitality  
OPEN, Fundraising  
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## **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, together 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



# THIS MONTH'S EVENTS ... SEPTEMBER

8/27		First Day of School
9/5	Marching Band	Football Game @ Coatesville ... 7pm
9/8	Chorus	Select Choir Auditions @ 2:40pm
9/8	Music Boosters	Meeting @ 7:30pm
9/9	Chorus	Select Choir Call-Backs @ 2:40pm
9/11	Chorus	Tri-County Chorus Auditions @ 2:40pm
9/12	Marching Band	Football Game Spring-Ford (Home @ 7pm)
9/13	Marching Band	Marching Vikings Competition @ North Penn HS (USSBA)
9/19	Marching Band	Football Game @ Pottsgrove ... 7pm
9/26	Marching Band	Football Game St Pius X (Home @ 7pm)
9/26	Marching Band	Band night with the Middle Schools
9/27	Marching Band	Marching Vikings @ Methacton (afternoon) (USSBA)
9/27	Marching Band	Music In the Valley ... Marching Vikings Home Show Competition

**JOIN US FOR THE NEXT BOOSTER MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH @ 7:30PM.**



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To the parents of:

## SEND US YOUR GOODIES

The Hospitality Committee needs donations for home football games as well as Music In The Valley. This month we have home games on:

9/12 and 9/26

