



Perkiomen Valley Music Booster Quarterly Newsletter

Spring 2009 Edition

UPDATES FROM THE BAND

The year has been off to a great start! The Marching Season was a fabulous success. The Finals Performance in Annapolis, Maryland was one of the best Finals performances ever put on the field by Marching Vikings.



The Music Department Winter Concert in December showcased the many talents of our students, and laid the groundwork for our concerts in January (Jazz Band /Honors Choirs), February (Wind Ensemble/Select Strings/Symphony) and the Spring Concerts. Our Jazz Band and Percussion Ensembles have begun their seasons and are preparing for a busy competition season ahead. The Wind Ensemble has an exciting concert planned, and the Concert Band is putting together a truly educational and enjoyable Spring Concert.

Congratulations to the following students:

- ~ **Maria Mulio-Alvarez** and **Micah Gharavi** for being selected to participate in the PMEA District 11 Band Festival!!
- ~ **Harry Oehler** for being selected for the Inter-County Jazz Band!!
- ~ **Harry Oehler, Abby Benecke, Alex Blasek, Emma Mantey, Meaghan Dougher, Sean Leary, and Zach Doran** for being selected for the Inter-County Band!!

I hope that many of you will get involved with our Music Booster organization. The Boosters will be hosting a "Battle of the Bands", and Jazz Band Competition, and an Indoor Guard and Percussion Competition, and all of these events need your support to be successful. I hope to see you there!

PV ORCHESTRA PROGRAM

On behalf of the PVHS Orchestra Program, I would like to thank everyone who attended the PVHS Holiday Music Concert which took place in December. I also hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday.

The start of 2009 brings a new excitement to the PV Orchestra program, as we have begun rehearsing a new repertoire of music for the Spring Concert Season. I would also like to remind everyone about the **Symphony/ Wind Ensemble Concert** which is scheduled to take place on **Thursday, February 19th at 7:30^{pm}** in the PVHS Auditorium. During the concert you will hear performances by the Wind Ensemble, Select Strings, and Symphony Orchestra. To help prepare for this concert, all orchestra students should continue to follow the regular rehearsal schedule that was handed out at the beginning of the school year. I look forward to seeing everyone at this concert!



CHORUS NEWS

Auditions were held in November for the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association District 11 Choral Festival. We are proud to announce that the following PVHS students were selected:

Soprano I- Erin Barkman * Soprano II- Michelle Smith * Alto II- Jen Nyce * Tenor I- Dylan Shelly *
Bass I- Andrew Bigelow * Bass II- David Nolan
Michelle Smith also placed first chair in the Soprano II section.

The District Choral Festival was held at Central Bucks High School-West on January 15-18. The festival choir was conducted by Dr. Charles Bruffy. Charles Bruffy is the artistic Director of the Kansas City Chorale, and Phoenix Chorale and the Chorus Director of the Kansas City Symphony. His choirs have received multiple Grammy nominations in the last few years. The students were also instructed by James Muholland and Ola Gjeilo who served as composers in residence. Several of their compositions were performed at the festival concert. Congratulations to these students!

PVHS Presents:



This April, Perkiomen Valley High School is proud to present the musical comedy *Pippin*, music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz; book by Roger O. Hirson. The show is set in The Holy Roman Empire 780 A.D. and thereabouts and based loosely on the story of Prince Pippin, son of King Charlemagne. The show features such 1970s pop style music as *Magic to Do*, *Corner of the Sky*, *Morning Glow*, and *No Time at All*. Our cast, crew, orchestra, staff, and volunteers have been working hard to prepare a wonderful production of this great classic.

Our performance schedule is listed as follows:

Friday, April 3, at 7:30^{pm} * Saturday April 4 at 7:30^{pm} * Sunday, April 5 at 2:00^{pm}

All performances will occur at Spahr Auditorium in the Perkiomen Valley Middle School East building, 100 Kagey Road, Collegeville. The cost of admission is \$8.00. Tickets may be purchased at the door. If you would like to order tickets in advance, information can be found on pvmb.org. We hope that you will share this information with your organization.

To prepare for our performances, we will be presenting a matinee for senior citizens on April 2 at 1:00^{pm}. This performance on 4/02/09, which will also occur at Spahr Auditorium, is free to all senior citizens. We would like to invite your group to join us for this special performance. To reserve seats for your group, please contact me as soon as possible. Please email at tgriffie@pvsd.org or call and leave a message at (610) 489-1230 ext. 2144. In order to attend this free performance, a group must make reservations.

We hope that you will join us for *Pippin*.

Tri-County Choral Concert

The Tri-County Choral Concert will be held February 6 at 7:30^{pm} at Upper Merion High School. Performing at the concert will be the Pottstown Symphony and students from the following high schools: Methacton, Norristown, Perkiomen Valley, Plymouth Whitemarsh, Pottsgrove, Pottstown, Springford, and Upper Merion. The concert will feature Schubert's Mass in G performed by the choir and symphony. Michelle Smith, from PVHS, will be performing as a soloist for the Mass. Tickets may be purchased at the door. However, it is wise to arrive early since seating is limited.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

1/28 (Snow Date is 2/4)	Jazz Band & Jazz Choir	Jazz Band & Jazz Choir Concert (PVHS Auditorium) @ 7:30pm
1/29 through 1/31 (Concert is 1/31)		District Band Festival @ Plymouth Whitmarsh HS (Festival runs from 1/29 through 1/31. The Concert itself is 1/31)
2/6	Chorus	Tri-County Choral Concert (Upper Merion HS) @ 7:30pm
2/7		Battle of the Bands @ 7:00pm
2/9		Music Boosters Meeting (HS Band Room) @ 7:30pm
2/19	Wind Ensemble & Symphony	Wind Ensemble & Symphony Concert (PVHS Auditorium) @ 7:30pm
2/20	Jazz Band	Valley Jazz: Jazz Band Competition (Middle School West) @ 6:00pm
2/28	Percussion Ensemble	Percussion Ensemble Competition @ North Penn
3/5 to 3/7		Regional Band Festival @ Abington
3/9	Music Boosters	Music Boosters Meeting (HS Band Room) @ 7:30pm
4/2		Pippin: Senior Matinee (PV MS East) @ 1:00pm
4/3 and 4/4		Pippin (PV MS East) @ 7:30
4/5		Pippin: Matinee (PV MS East) @ 2:00pm
4/13	Music Boosters	Music Boosters Meeting (HS Band Room) @ 7:30pm
4/18	Percussion & Guard	Percussion & Guard Indoor Home Show
4/23 to 4/25		All State Band (Valley Forge)
4/25		Percussion & Guard Chapter III Championships
4/28	Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band	Spring Band Concert (MS East) @ 7:30pm
4/30 to 5/3		Percussion & Guard All Chapter Championships @ Wildwood, NJ
5/11	Music Boosters	Music Boosters Meeting (HS Band Room) @ 7:30PM
6/2 or 3 (tentative)		Banquet
6/8	Music Boosters	Music Boosters Meeting (HS Band Room) @ 7:30PM
6/10		Baccalaureate
6/12	Concert Band	Graduation @ 7:00pm

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To the parents of:

**JOIN US FOR THE NEXT BOOSTER MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH @ 7:30PM**
