



## December 2018 Music News

*"Inspiring life-long musicianship through positive musical experiences."*

### Performances

**Barnes and Noble Dollars for Scholars Fundraiser:** Students interested in performing at the Dollars for Scholars event on Saturday, December 15, 2018 should see Mr. Daniels as soon as possible. You will need to perform your music for your music teacher before being approved to perform.

**Winter Concert:** The High School Winter Concert will take place on Tuesday, December 18, 2018. Students in Chorus, Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, Orchestra, Percussion Ensemble, and String Quartet will perform this evening. A concert reminder will be posted on Schoology and sent home in early December with information about arrival times and concert attire.

### Fundraisers

The annual **Cookie Dough and Pie** Sale items will be **DELIVERED** on December 19, 2018. Pick up will from 2:30 to 5:30 in the HS Auditorium.

The **Gertrude Hawk Candy Bar** sale will take place from January 7-18, 2019. Students interested in selling should read, sign and return the attached permission form by 1/3/18 to sell.

### Performance Trip

The May 18, 2019 **Hershey Park Performance** packet was sent home in the end of November. Please check our Schoology page for more information.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP**  
**To make the 2019 All County Music Festival,**  
**hosted by Susquehanna Valley, a success!**

On March 8, 2019, SV will host the 2019 All County Festival featuring 5-6 Orchestra, 7-9 Chorus, and 10-12 Band AT SV's SECONDARY CAMPUS.

You can help by signing up to volunteer here: <https://goo.gl/forms/cj1I5w0xiwM0khWZ2>

OR by scanning this QR code



# Are you considering purchasing a musical instrument?

If you are considering purchasing a musical instrument AT ANY LEVEL in your student's musical education, please take a moment to assure a great **investment** for your musical future.

## **A quality instrument:**

- ✓ Is made by a company with a long-standing history of quality. Examples include, but are not limited to, Yamaha, Conn-Selmer, Bach, Geimenhardt, Fox-Renard, and Buffet. Even certain models from these manufacturers and from certain dates may have known concerns.
- ✓ Comes with a warranty. Read the fine print on websites VERY carefully, as many sites include no warranty.
- ✓ Is made of materials that meet industry standards. Be particularly aware of lacquer quality.
- ✓ Many quality used instruments are available, even at the local level. As students progress and upgrade to intermediate and professional level horns, they will often sell their excellent student models at a great discount! Local stores and private music teachers should be your FIRST stop.

## **Be careful of off-brand instruments. Our district's experience shows:**

- ✗ Repair costs are significantly higher. Repair parts can be difficult to obtain.
- ✗ Instruments are often unable to be tuned, increasing frustration for students and making them inappropriate for use in band and orchestra.
- ✗ Colored lacquers often chip quickly. Be aware of the current issues in regards to lead paint on imported products.
- ✗ Questionable materials may be in the metal. The metal is often weak and bends easily – even being damaged as musicians put the instrument together.
- ✗ These instruments are often found in store and warehouse catalogs, or on non-music store websites.

*Always consult with your student's music teacher about what instrument will best fit their needs, and where to find the instrument. Teachers will also offer their professional guidance regarding instruments that you are considering.*

**Remember – you get the quality you pay for!**

## **IMPORTANT MUSIC DATES**

### **Performance Dates**

*Tuesday, December 18, 2018 – Winter Concert (6:15 arrival/7:00 performances begin)*

*Wednesday March 13, 2019 – MIOSM Mall Concert – Band, Chorus, and Jazz*

*March TBA – Orchestra MIOSM Mall Concert*

*Thursday, March 21, 2019 – Music In Our Schools Month Concert (6:15 arrival/7:00 performances begin)*

*Thursday, May 16, 2019 – tentative date NYSSMA Majors Performance at OFA (during the school day)*

*Saturday, May 18, 2019 – Hershey Park Competition (all day)*

*Thursday, June 6, 2019 – June Concert (6:15 arrival/7:00 performances begin)*

### **Additional Important Dates**

November 29-December 2, 2018 – Conference All State in Rochester

December 4, 2018 – RTS Winter Concert (6:30 pm in SVHS auditorium)

December 5, 2018 – Brookside Winter Concerts (9:30 am and 6:30 pm)

December 6, 2018 – Donnelly Winter Concerts (9:30 am and 6:30 pm)

December 8, 2018 – Grades 5-9 Band, Chorus & Orchestra AND 10-12 Jazz All County **Auditions** at ME (snow date 12/15)

January 5, 2019 – Grades 10-12 All County Band, Chorus, and Orchestra **Auditions** at Binghamton (snow date 1/12)

January 7-18, 2019 – Candy Bar Sale

February 1-2, 2019 – Grades 10-12 Area All State at Binghamton University

February 22-24, 2019 – SVHS Musical – *The Little Mermaid*

February 22-23, 2019 – All County Festival 2 at Chenango Forks/BU (5-6 Chorus, 7-9 Band, 10-12 Orchestra)  
March 8-9, 2019 – All County Festival 1 at **SVHS**/BU (5-6 Orchestra, 7-9 Chorus, 10-12 Band) – **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**  
March 22-23, 2019 – All County Festival 3 at Whitney Point/BU (5-6 Band, 7-9 Orchestra, 10-12 Chorus, 10-12 Jazz)  
March 29-30, 2019 – NYSSMA Solo and Ensemble Festival – Johnson City HS  
March 29-April 12, 2019 – Spirit Banner Fundraiser Sale  
May 7, 2019 – BCMEA Scholarship Auditions (seniors only) at Binghamton West Middle School  
May 21, 2019 – RTS Concert (6:30 pm in SVHS auditorium)  
June 4, 2019 – Brookside Concert (9:30 am and 6:00 pm)  
June 5, 2019 – Donnelly Concert (9:30 am and 6:00 pm)  
June 11, 2019 – Donnelly 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Music Showcase (1:30 pm)  
June 11, 2019 – Music Awards Banquet (not a performance, but please plan to join us!!)  
June 12, 2019 – Brookside 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Music Showcase (1:30 pm)



## **Music Department Candy Bar Sale** **2019**

### **Sale Dates**

**Selling Begins:** January 7, 2019. Come to the HS Music Suite to sign out your box of candy. This takes approximately 5 minutes, as you need to check and be sure there are the correct number of bars in your pack.

**Selling Ends:** January 18, 2019 at 3:00 PM, or when all candy is sold, whichever comes first. **ALL PAYMENTS ARE DUE AT THIS TIME.**

### **Payment Information**

**All candy is \$1.00 per item**

**Payment:** You will be responsible for \$48.00 worth of candy. The money must be paid in the form of a check or money order made out to **SV SR BAND**.

No cash, please. Give the cash to your parents every night – don't carry cash to school. PLEASE don't leave cash in your lockers – it can be stolen. You are still responsible for paying for the whole box, even if you lose the money or its stolen.

You may not have more than \$48.00 of unpaid candy signed out at any time.

\*Please write the student's FULL NAME on the Memo line of the check.

Please turn in your money to Mrs. Olds. Do not turn in your money to any other teacher, or to the Main Office. You will be issued a receipt when you turn in the money. You are responsible for keeping this receipt.

**Partially sold boxes of candy cannot be returned.**

December 1, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Your son or daughter is currently a member of the Susquehanna Valley Music Department, which is holding their annual Candy Bar Sale from January 7, 2019 to January 18, 2019. To participate in this activity, parents and students need to agree to the following conditions:

1. Students will sign out only one box of candy at a time. Mrs. Olds must receive payment for your first box before you sign out a second box.
2. Each box will contain 48 bars of candy. Candy bars cost \$1.00 each. **Partially sold boxes of candy can NOT be returned.** You must pay the \$48.00 for the entire box you sign out.
3. The due date for all money to be returned is January 18, 2019.
3. The candy will be paid for with a check or money order. Checks and money orders should be made payable to **SV SR. BAND**. Please leave your cash at home each night. Do not bring cash to Mrs. Olds.
4. You must sign the area below that indicates that your child has permission to participate in this fundraiser and return this sheet to Mrs. Olds to receive candy bars.

Sincerely,  
 James Apicella – High School Music Chair and Chorus Director  
 Meggan Olds – High School Band Director  
 Eileen Miller – Orchestra Director

I agree to the terms above and give my child \_\_\_\_\_ (**please PRINT child's FULL name**) permission to participate in this fundraiser. My student is a member of (please CIRCLE ONE ensemble the student wishes to sell through):

High School Chorus    Concert Band    Orchestra

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Reminder:**

**YOU MUST SELL all candy that you sign out!**

**You MAY NOT return unsold candy.**