



High School Music News December 2022

December Concert Reminder

The High School Concert will take place on Thursday, 12/8/22, at 6:30 PM in the auditorium.

- Students should arrive in concert dress (black shirt, black dress pants, black socks, black shoes) by 5:45 pm.
- Auditorium doors will open for 6:15 pm (concert warm-ups take place until this time. Please do not enter the auditorium until the doors open at 6:15)

Cookie Dough/Pie Sale Order Pick-Ups

For those who sold frozen foods, such as cookie dough and pies, through the music department, the orders will be in for pick up on WED, DECEMBER 21, 2022

- Plan to pick up your order **2:15-5:30**.
- Reserve time for checking your order for accuracy.
- Orders will be available in the High School Cafeteria. Park in the back lot and enter through the cafeteria doors.

Honors Acceptances

Congratulations to our students accepted to Area All-State this year.

Junior High Area All-State Orchestra

Allicyn Bisaha

Genevieve Brown

High School Area All-State Orchestra

Anastasia Ostrowsky

High School Area All-State Band

Julie LaMantia

Andrew Waite

Music Department Trip

Students participating in the Moulin Rouge trip on 5/20/2023, please see the payment schedule below:

- \$50 December 19, 2022
- \$89 January 19, 2023

The High School Music Department is also exploring a spring 2024 multi day trip. Details are still in the works.

All students are given the opportunity to fundraise for the trips we take. This year, our fundraising calendar will include the events below. Please watch for more information about each event.

- 1/1 Gertrude Hawk Bars
- TBD Music Clothing Sale

Scholarships

Throughout the year, a variety of music scholarships are offered to area students. Keep your eye on our Google Classrooms for applications and deadlines. These are posted as they are received by the music faculty.

Are you considering purchasing a musical instrument?

If you are considering purchasing a musical instrument AT ANY LEVEL of 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 of band instruments include, but are not limited to, Yamaha, Conn-Selmer, Bach, Geimenhardt, Fox-Renard, and Buffet. For orchestra, examples include Shen and Eastman. 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 to find these instruments. If you see one online, check with your teacher FIRST before making an offer.

Be careful of off-brand/colored instruments. Our district's experience shows:

Repair costs are significantly higher. Repair parts can be difficult to obtain. Many times, the cost of making the instrument playable is more than the purchase price.

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!



Susquehanna Valley Music Department Candy Bar Sale - January 2023

Important Information for Music Students

- Return the permission form below to be able to sell
- Make sure your box has 48 bars before you leave the sign-out room
- Each bar costs \$2.00
- You are responsible for the “safety” of your candy bars and money at all times. Empty out the cash each night and place it in a safe place at home. Don’t carry a lot of cash in school. If your box is lost or stolen, you are still responsible for the full payment for the candy. No exceptions.
- Once your candy is sold, turn in a check or money order for \$96.00 made out to **SV SR BAND**
- You can only have one box of unpaid candy signed out at a time. If you want two boxes of candy (for example, one for school and one for a family member to take to work) you must pay for one of the boxes at pick-up.
- Do not turn in money to the Main Office. The money must be turned in to your Music Teacher. 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. You must pay for the full box.
- All money is due no later than 1/31/2023

***** Students must return the portion below BEFORE they can sign out candy *****

Student’s Name _____ Student Cell _____
(please PRINT)

Circle Student’s Ensemble(s) MS Band Chorus HS Band Orchestra Jazz

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Phone _____
(please PRINT)

I agree to the terms above and give my student _____ (please PRINT child’s FULL name) permission to participate in this fundraiser.

Date _____ Parent/Guardian’s Signature _____

Date _____ Student Signature _____