NOTEWORTHY

NOTES FROM THE WCASD MUSIC DEPARTMENT

WCASD HIGH SCHOOL MUSICIANS REPRESENT THE DISTRICT AT THE REGION 6 ORCHESTRA CONCERT/ PENNSYLVANIA ALL-STATE FESTIVAL/ALL-EASTERN FESTIVAL

The students listed below have proudly represented the WCASD at the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association Region VI Orchestra Festival, and the PMEA All-State Festival, held March 26 – 28th in Hershey. Matthew Hontz, an East High School student will represent the WCASD at the NaFME All-Eastern Conference on April 9th – 12th. These students participated in multiple auditions to earn their spots in the various ensembles. Last fall they competed in PMEA District 12 auditions to earn spots in District Band, Chorus or Orchestra. While at the district-level festival, they auditioned for seats in Region 6 ensembles. Finally, while at the regional festivals, they participated in a final audition to earn invitations to perform in the All-State ensembles. The talent, dedication and perseverance required to compete and succeed at the All-State level is exceptional, and our students truly demonstrated exceptional qualities to earn these honors. Congratulations!!

Region VI Orchestra – Oxford – March 12th – 14th, 2015

East – Alex Chen (cello), Ajmain Hossain (violin), Benjamin Klucznik (viola), Gavin Bond (cello), Matthew Hontz (French Horn), Lauryn Cooper (Bassoon)

Henderson – Em Mossblad (violin), Molly Lennon (viola), Ben Norris (bass)

Rustin – Clare Choi (violin), Austin Antonacci (cello), Hannah Bonine (flute)

PMEA All-State – Hershey – March 26th – 28th

East - Ajmain Hossain (All-State Orchestra – Violin)

Matthew Hontz (All-State Wind Ensemble – French Horn)

Rustin – Clare Choi (All-State Orchestra – Violin)

NAfME All-Eastern – April 9th – 12th – Rhode Island

East – Matthew Hontz (French Horn)

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Five Great Reasons to Keep Renting your Instrument through the Summer Months

- Mr. Tim Celfo

1) School lessons will continue through the end of the school year. Some rental contracts conclude before the end of the school year. Renew your contract for next year now!

2) Instrument Rental Credits. Most music store rental programs have 'rental credits', which accrue toward the purchase of a new instrument (when you are ready). If you return the instrument now, the credits earned will go back to zero $.

3) Private Music Lessons. Personalized lessons are the best way to help your young musician flourish. Ask your students teacher for a list of WCASD trusted private instructors in our area! Summer is a great time to start, make plans now!

4) Summer music camps. Another great way to keep musical momentum and gain ensemble experience. Taylors Music Store in West Chester is also planning a 6-week summer music program, which will be included in the price of the rental. Inquire with Taylors.

5) Enjoy battery free technology. Musical instruments are far more engaging than iPads/tablets and don’t require charging. Playing a musical instrument over the summer will reduce screen time and build hand eye coordination and problem solving skills. Read the great articles below about the benefits of playing a musical instrument.


John Modric
Birthday month November
Teaches at PW and WT
30 years teaching in the WCASD
Main Instrument Piano
Attended WCU
Favorite topic to teach about is bar modeling
One interesting thing that most people do not know about me is... it's a secret
Favorite Career Teaching Moment is my last lesson

Donna Cooper
Birthday month October
Teaches at SS and EB
7 Years teaching in the WCASD
Main Instrument Harp
Attended Northwestern University
Favorite topic to teach about is balance and phrasing
One interesting thing that most people do not know about me is I spent a summer working and performing at Disney World
Favorite Career Teaching Moment is watching students begin an instrument and continuing throughout college

Judy Vowels
Birthday Month March
Teaches at Fugett MS
16 years teaching in the WCASD
Main Instrument Bassoon
Attended WCU
Favorite topic to teach about is how playing an instrument is just like singing
One interesting thing that most people do not know about me is I love to watch cooking contests on tv; even “Worst Cooks in America”
Favorite Career Teaching Moment was teaching a young trumpet student who really struggled to play with good tone for two full years and then suddenly in 8th grade, it all clicked for her and she became an outstanding 8th grade band member and went on to play in high school. I was so proud of her and glad she never gave up!

Lorraine Selke
Birthday Month April
Teaches at East High School
7 years teaching in the WCASD
Main Instrument Clarinet
Attended WCU
Favorite topic to teach about is bringing out the emotional context within a piece of music. When the bands perform with feeling and emotion through performance of phrases, dynamics, blend and balance AND they make that musical connection, it’s one of the best feelings in the world. As an educator, you feel like you’ve really reached a sublime moment of true artistic beauty.
One thing that most people do not know about me is I am a big mountain biking enthusiast
Favorite Career Teaching Moment is having had my own students perform in my graduate conducting recital at WCU. That was a cool moment to see them performing side by side with university students in a chamber music setting. They did an awesome job!

L. Shoremount
Birthday Month – March
Teaches at Henderson HS
6 Years teaching in the WCASD
Attended Duquesne University and The University of Toledo
Favorite topic to teach about is I really enjoy the rehearsal experience itself, regardless of the ensemble, especially when a student or group of students have a “light bulb moment” and a positive change can be heard in their playing. I love music theory, music history, and art history, so I love to tie those in whenever possible!
One thing that most people do not know about me is I am an Eagle Scout
Favorite Career Teaching Moment is any time I have a letter or visit from a former student who is doing well, whether they have gone into music or not. It really means a lot to see them excelling and happy!

Mike Shoremount
Birthday Month July
Teaches at Rustin HS
12 Years teaching in the WCASD
Main Instrument Percussion and Voice
Attended WCUS, Manhattan School of Music, Immaculata University and Messiah College
Favorite topic to teach about is winds: playing with proper breath support and phrasing. Percussion: 4 mallet marimba technique and timpani technique.
One thing that most people do not know about me is I have a degree in classical vocal performance
Favorite Career Teaching Moment is having alumni stop by and telling me all the wonderful things they are doing with their lives.

K. Shollenberger
Birthday Month – March
Teaches at Peirce MS
8 years teaching in the WCASD
Attended WCU
Favorite topic to teach about is how to play as an ensemble and not a bunch of individuals
One interesting thing that most people do not know about me is I also sing as a member of my church choir
Favorite Career Teaching Moment is Any moment where that “Aha!” moment happens. It can be with an individual student is able to understand or play something they struggled at or when an ensemble puts something together and it clicks after not getting it before. It is the best, most rewarding moment in teaching, and I work to make it happen as much as possible!

Claire Pettigrew
Birthday month – August
Teaches at FH and MCH
30+ years teaching in the WCASD
Main Instrument Flute
Attended Shenandoah College and Conservatory and WCU
Favorite topic to teach about is MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC
One interesting thing that most people do not know about me is I’m a charter member of the Gilbert & Sullivan company of Chester County
Favorite Career Teaching Moment is while teaching classroom music at Starkweather ES, my students wrote a song to celebrate the founding of WC. We performed it at a ceremony. The music is now at the Chester County Historical Society.
WCASD Elementary Honors Orchestra, Rustin HS String Orchestra, and WCASD Senior Strings perform at the PMEA State Conference

WCASD Elementary Honors Orchestra

Rustin High School Orchestra

WCASD SENIOR STRINGS ORCHESTRA
Elementary Classroom Music News

Well, it is spring, and we just finished our tech projects in 4th & 5th grade. 4th graders learn how to use loops to make a song in Garageband. They use this knowledge to make songs to go along with gym games. 5th graders write a song in Garageband, bring in pictures of themselves from 1st-5th grade then make an iMovie of their pictures with the music they wrote. They learn how to add transitions and title pages to their movies.

All of Penn Wood is involved in a Mothers/Fathers Day project. Every year each child sings “You Are My Sunshine” into the computer. In 5th grade, I give them a DVD with all their clips put together. It is adorable to see how they have grown.

Third graders are working hard at Recorder Karate!!! They learn a lot of music while they earn belts.

First and second graders are busy singing, dancing, playing instruments and collaborating on projects.

Just another day in the music room at Penn Wood!!!

- Mrs. Linda Mangold

In 5th grade music we just completed our “Musical Theatre” unit watching West Side Story while talking about all the different aspects of a Broadway musical. We are now reading and talking about how musical styles from the 1800s to today often spawned new dances. The 4th grade just completed a unit on Rock music in its early days of the 1950s and the influence it had on society.

Just like Mrs. Mangold at Penn Wood, our 3rd graders are also learning to play the recorders through “Recorder Karate”!

The 1st and 2nd graders are continuing to learn new songs and games. In February, both grades wrote their own music while learning about the lines and spaces of the musical staff!

The Hillsdale 4th and 5th grade chorus with over 110+ members are continuing to polish their choir songs getting ready for our spring concert on May 5th!

- Mr. Harry Giovan

WEBSITE WATCH

Elementary
Be your own DJ
http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio1/fbs/mac/fbsmac.html

Middle School
Practice your note reading and vocabulary terms
http://musicracer.com

High School
Music Theory website especially useful for students currently enrolled in music theory or who plan to major in music in college

USEFUL MUSIC APPS

NoteWorks – note reading app fun for musicians of all ages

Jazzy Day – fun introduction to jazz music for students 10 and under

Rhythm Sight Reading Trainer – test your rhythm skills ages 7 - adult
WCASD Concert/Event Calendar

4/22 – PW Instrumental Concert
4/23 – EX Choral Concert
4/24 – MS Jazz Festival at RHS
4/27 – MS Select Strings Concert
4/29 – HHS Choral Concert
5/1 – 5/2 – MS Orchestra Trip to DC
5/4 – EHS Band Concert
5/5 – FH, HD, PW Chorus Concert; EX Instrumental Concert
5/6 – HH Jazz Band Concert; RHS Choral Concert
5/7 – EG Instrumental Concert; MCH Choral Concert
5/12 – EG Musical; EB, FH, HD Instrumental Concert; GA Spring Concert
5/13 – FM Jazz Band/6th Grade Chorus Concert; HH Band Concert; RH Orchestra Concert
5/14 – WCASD String Festival 7:30
5/15 – PM – MIP Hershey Trip
5/18 – FM Elementary Tour; PM Orchestra Concert; SM 6th Grade Chorus Concert; EHS Spring Choral Concert
5/20 – MC Instrumental Concert; FM 7th Grade Chorus and Orchestra Concert; RH Band Concert
5/21 – SS Instrumental Concert; PM 7/8 Chorus Concert
5/26 – FM 7/8 Band Concert; PM Band Concert; SM 8th Grade Chorus Concert
5/27 – FM 8th Grade Chorus, Chorale Concert; EH, HH Orchestra Concert; RH Jazz Band Concert
5/28 – PM Jazz Band and Vocal Ensemble Concert; SM 6th grade band and 7th grade chorus concert; EH and HH Orchestra Banquet
5/29 – FM Hershey MIP Trip
6/1 – SMS 7/8 Band and Jazz Band Spring Concert
6/2 – SMS Orchestra Spring Concert
6/4 – PMEA District 7 7/8 String Fest
6/5 – SMS Band and Choral Performance Trip to Hershey

EHS Spring Band Concerts to Feature Two Student Compositions

At the East HS May 4th and May 17th band concerts, two student composers will be featured. Megan Short will conduct her own composition, "Be With You" for concert band and Lucas Naylor’s piece, "Fives and Brimstone" will be performed by the jazz ensemble.

On Sunday, May 3 at 4:00 pm, the Chester County Choral Society will be performing a Civil War Concert in the Rustin HS auditorium with the Beck’s Philadelphia Brigade Band. The Philadelphia Brigade Band will be playing all period instruments and will be dressed in military attire, as they are a Civil War Re-enactment Band. All selections performed by both the band and the choral society will be music from or about the Civil War era. One of the highlights will be the Gettysburg Address which was set to music by local composer and musician, Bruce Montgomery. The concert will end with The Battle Hymn of the Republic.
Fugett MS Presents

J.R. Fugett Middle School Drama Club

Presents

The Sound of Music

Musical News from around the WCASD

Penn Wood ES Presents Pirates

Penn Wood presented “Pirates!” on March 25th to a packed house. Brady Boucher was the lead in the part of the stowaway. He has a great stage presence and a wonderful singing voice. He really brought the part to life!! Malia Sunderlin was our “Queen” of the High C’s and brought the attitude that was essential for the part! She was a perfect queen.

Our bearded pirates – Joseph Jackson, Goldie Kayser, Neal Barbara, Nate Kirkland, Hannah Zangwill, Dalton Bassett, Kenny DiUlio and Kate Lockhart were absolutely spectacular!! They really captured the personality of each pirate. We had 15 prisoners that did a great job of being appropriately scary.

37 more 4th and 5th graders were in the No Beard chorus and really added great voices and fun movements to the play. It would not have been the same without them!!! And last but certainly not least, Luke Minker and Erin Schwaree were our back stage crew and kept everything moving smoothly.

Of course, no show happens without the support and help from the parents. They did a great job of helping us transform our stage to a pirate ship!

Thank you to the Penn Wood staff for all of their support!
**Henderson Marching Band Trip**
The Henderson Marching Warriors traveled to Disney World from March 14-17. We had the opportunity to perform in the Disney Magic Music Days Parade, and it was especially memorable since it was the first time doing so in our new uniforms! We also enjoyed the attractions in Hollywood Studios, EPCOT, Magic Kingdom, and Animal Kingdom. We stayed at the new Pop Century resort hotel. The weather was in the mid-80s and very sunny...certainly a nice change of pace but a bit of a shock to us! We look forward to returning in a few years.

**Performance Trips Around the District**

4/17 – 4/19 RHS Music Department Trip to Williamsburg for Music in the Parks Competition.

5/1 – 5/2 WCASD Middle School Orchestras and Select Strings to Washington DC for Music in the Parks Competition

5/15 – PMS Band/Chorus to Music in the Parks Competition

5/29 – FMS 7/8 Band/Chorale/6,7,8 Orchestra to Music in the Parks Competition in Hershey

6/5 – SMS 8th Grade Band/SMS Singers to Music in the Parks Competition in Hershey

**Music Faculty of the WCASD**

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