

# What a Ride!

by Katie O. Anderson

We have had a wonderful year in the fine and performing arts of PCSD! As our teachers and students are wrapping up their last couple of weeks of school, I want to take the time to say thank you! Thank you for jumping on and going along with us this year as we explore all that the fine arts offer and reading our articles and news about the exciting and amazing talent our students in PCSD possess.

I can honestly say this first year as the Fine Arts Coordinator for PCSD has been more than I expected! More what, you might ask! More exciting! More challenging! More unexpected! More encouraging! More FUN! I can say, without a doubt, that I absolutely have the "fun" job as I have gotten the privilege of seeing some of the greatest artwork in the world right here in Paulding county. I have the "encouraging" job as I have had the pleasure of working alongside my teachers, reminding them how great they are and how amazing their students are. I have the "unexpected" job as I

witnessed unparalleled talent through productions operating right under our noses in this little slice of heaven known as Paulding county, Georgia. The "challenging" job as we strive every day to marry best practices in the classroom with sheer artistic talent! The "exciting" job as every day is a new day and I literally never know what I will see, hear, or do in my visits to classrooms from one end of the county to the other.

As we coast into summer and enjoy some well-deserved rest and relaxation, I want to invite you to cruise through our final publication of the 2016-2017 school year and see all the news! Don't park just yet because there is so much more to come in 2017-2018!

Enjoy!

. Katie

# North Cluster News

by Chelsea Rhoades, NPHS Choral Director

#### **Moses Middle School**

This May, after months of hard work rehearsing, prop-making, and costume-making, students from all grade-levels at Moses gathered together for the production of *Peter Pan, Jr.* They put on two shows and had the full house engaged and entertained each night!

The choirs had their spring concert entitled *These Are My Monkeys, This Is My Circus*. As a fun twist, the concert was circus-themed! The audience had a great time hearing songs such as Katy Perry's *Roar, Purple People Eater,* and Pharrell Williams' *Happy*.

The bands have finished up the spring semester with a bang! Their concert, entitled *Spring Soundtracks*, was made up of eleven songs played by the 6<sup>th</sup> grade, 7<sup>th</sup> grade, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and Titan Big Band. They packed the Gym full with toetapping, recognizable tunes such as theme songs from *Star Wars* and *The Incredibles, Try Everything* from <u>Zootopia</u>, and *Best Day of My Life.* 

With their final concerts done with, Mrs. Howell and Mrs. Townsend are in the process of getting everything all geared up to go for another amazing school year!



Peter Pan, Jr. at Moses Middle



**Chorus and Band Spring Performances at Moses** 

#### Shelton Elementary School

#### SHELTON ELEMENTARY ART









Members from the Shelton Show Choir, under the direction of Ms. Tammy Carnes and Ms. Andrea Sprague, performed at the Paulding County Schools Teacher Retirement Luncheon on Thursday, May 11th. We performed our *Disney Spectacular* show and a special song called *In This Moment* to thank the retiring teachers for their years of service. It was a special performance and our students did an amazing job.



#### **Burnt Hickory Elementary**

Hey, Wolfpups! BHES finished their year strong with a 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation and Fine Arts Club (FAC) program! Our FAC Show Choir and Dance had their big performance on May 11! BHES's music and art departments have been very busy and we cannot wait to see what is in store for next year! The music department will start with a chorus in FAC and have several performances throughout the first half of the year! Our most popular performance is for our traditional Veteran's Day Assembly! FAC is open to all  $3^{rd}$ ,  $4^{th}$ , and  $5^{th}$  Grade students. Students will be able to explore music, art, and dance through FAC in the fall! We hope to see you next vear!

NPHS Visual Art: Year in Review

The art students at North Paulding have worked very hard this year and earned many outstanding recognitions throughout the year!

This fall, three students earned recognition in the Scholastic Art and Writing Competition. Morgan Minter earned a Gold and Silver Key Award,

#### Alyssa Kautz earned a Silver Key, and Katherine Hannum earned an Honorable Mention.

In the winter, the National Art Honor Society boarded a bus and headed to Columbus for the state NAHS convention where they showcased their work and took part in hands on studio workshops. North Paulding art students also submitted their work for the student art show hosted by the **Paulding Fine Arts Association.** Arturo Galvan, Alyssa Kautz, Morgan Minter, and Arci Brown all placed among their age groups.

The spring brought with it the Dogwood Festival, which showcases the Atlanta High School Art Exhibition. This is not a juried show, but selection of art for the exhibition is highly competitive and not every piece submitted is selected. This year, two of our students showed their work at the festival; Brittany Shields and Lydia Hudgins.

The last competition we entered this year was the Congressional District Art Competition. Arturo Galvan, Lydia Hudgins, Morgan Minter, Brittany Broome, and Madison Moats submitted pieces for the competition and Madison Moats and Morgan Minter both placed in the top five. The spring is a very busy time for art students, competing in various competitions as well as finalizing and submitting AP portfolios. This year, we had six students submit outstanding work to the College Board in the AP portfolios! Please wish them luck, as scores will be reported in late summer.

Last, but certainly not least, is the congratulations given to Alyssa Kautz for making it through all of the interviews, portfolio reviews, and even an exam to be accepted into the Governor's Honor Program this summer! Each year, NPHS has had at least one student make it through to the state level of interviews, but this is the first student from North to make it all the way through!

Thank you to all the students , parents, staff, and members of the community

who have supported the Visual Arts Program all year!



Morgan Minter's Oil Painting Madison



Brittany Shields' *Trash* with Colored Pencils



Kautz, Chewed, Acrylic

## NPHS CHORUS

The North Paulding Choirs finished out the year with a final concert that included opera scenes, student showcases, and Broadway medleys.

Before the year ends, you'll find any chorus students brushing up on their piano skills and prepping a final solo or small ensemble for an in-class performance. It has been a wonderful year full of tradition, a few new things, and a plethora of talent. Looking forward, the North Choruses are excited to collaborate with other schools within the county next year as well as neighboring districts on some very special projects. Stay Tuned!

Students in NPHS Choral Groups Perform the opening of the spring show below





Some Seniors pose after Spring Chorus Banquet at NPHS

## **NPHS BANDS**

With spring semester ending, the NPHS Band is set to start another fantastic year! In April, we held tryouts for both our guard and percussion sections and had a record turnout of students. Both of those groups are currently working hard at their Spring Training to get ready for the fall marching band production *Cleopatra: Remember Me*. On May 4<sup>th</sup>, all four concert ensembles performed their spring concert as their final time performing for the year. They have all progressed so much these past two semesters, and we are super proud of their accomplishments. The North bands will finish this year with the annual Band Banquet on May 13<sup>th</sup> before enjoying a well-earned summer break!







# Central Cluster News

by Shea Roberts, Choral Director, HJMS

#### **Allgood Elementary**

On May 4th, Allgood Elementary Chorus, comprised of 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students, performed the musical *Go West* in the gymnasium. Allgood's schoolwide performance of this same show is at 2 different times on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 8:30AM (K-2nd) & 1:30PM (3rd-5th).

#### **Dallas Elementary**

1st Graders have been learning about the artwork of Henri Rousseau. Inspired by his Jungle paintings, students have created mixed media piece of art using relief printing and marker drawings.



3rd grade has just completed a collaborative work of art inspired by Nashville artist Kelsey Montague. While learning about value scale, each student drew a picture on their feather describing what lifts them when they are feeling sad. Students then turned them into a set of wings that everyone in the school has been able to enjoy and be inspired by. It is also a fun photo opportunity!



DES Student, Jamilah Vaughan

#### **Nebo Elementary**

Nebo's end of the year Beatles concert was a big success! A special thanks to the live band with Erik Davison on drums, Jason Johnson on guitar and Zach Riggs on bass guitar. Erik and Jason also helped Mr. Day write an original song for Nebo Elementary – "Learning Is For Me" which they were able to debut at the concert together with the band members! It was a lot of fun!



3rd Grade Students at Nebo



Inspired by Paul Klee's Red Balloon Artwork



1st Grade inspired by Paul Klee's Senecio

#### **Poole Elementary**

Poole Elementary finished the year with a real showstopper! Their 3rd-5th grade chorus performed the musical, "I Need a Vacation" that brought the audience to their feet. Everyone laughed, sang, and danced. It was a great night! The students did an awesome job in performing for their parents. Poole Elementary had a full house! In the play, students sang of their hopes and dreams of trips to the beach, to summer camp, to the ball field, and just kicking back and relaxing by the local fishing hole.

Poole's art classes have been working with many mediums this semester. They have explored watercolor paints, paper mache, oil pastels, and tempera paint. Below you can find examples of their amazing masterpieces!



Kindergarten Oil Pastel at Poole



1st Grade Self-Portraits at Poole



2nd Grade Pop Art Hamburgers/Paper Mache at Poole



3rd Grade Cave Art at Poole

#### Herschel Jones Middle

HJMS Chorus is finishing the school year stronger than ever! Since the last publication, HJMS Chorus has enjoyed many performances – Grace Notes and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade at Fine Arts Day, the Addams Family at PCHS, special performances for incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade students, and their end of year Spring Concert! Further, 8<sup>th</sup> Graders enjoyed a musical, magical four days at *Disney World* and performing in workshops at *Epcot*! HJMS Chorus is already looking ahead to continuing performance, honor choir, and music festival traditions next school year and adding to our ever-growing list of musical opportunities!

HJMS Night of the Arts was held on May 16 and featured the HJMS Art Show and HJMS Talent Show! Talents for this evening included everything from singing to piano, ukulele to dancing, and even magic!



8th Graders at Epcot for the Disney Sings Performance Workshop



Fine Arts Day performance ready



8th Grade Chorus performs for Allgood Elementary on their visit to HJMS



4th Grade Pop Art/Paper Mache at Poole



5th Grade at Poole Pop-Art/Paper Mache



4th and 5th Art Club at Pool/Watercolor Birds



HJMS Art students creating one-point perspective designs outside on a pretty day!

The *Herschel Jones Bands* are wrapping up another successful year. Since *LGPE*, band students have participated in *Fine Arts Day, District 7 Clinic Honor Band* and have performed for rising 6th grade students from Allgood, Dallas, Northside and Poole Elementary Schools. Most recently the band completed their Spring Concert at Paulding County High School. 2016-17 has been a great year for band at HJMS and we are looking forward to 2017-18!



Symphonic Band in Spring Concert - HJMS



Symphonic Band performs for incoming 6th Graders

#### HJMS Bands were happy to send students to the District 7 Clinic Band!

Pictured below (L to R) are Lily Clayton, Bra'Nae Modisett, D'Kayln Morris, Hailey Bowman, Jaiden Ware, Chloe Ehrie, and Temidayo Odugbemi



#### South Paulding Middle School

The Art Club at South Paulding Middle School took a field trip to the *Booth Museum of Western Art* in Cartersville, GA on May 4th, 2017. The students enjoyed learning about Western art and viewing sculptures around the museum. The students (and art teacher Ms. Berndt) particularly enjoyed the Ansel Adams photography exhibit and original Andy Warhol paintings.

Meanwhile, art students at SPMS are getting excited for the end of the year activities such as Field Day. To celebrate this year's theme of Batman VS Superman, the art students created Superhero artwork for the hallway and even a full size 6-foot Batman and Superman.



Trip to the Booth Museum



Batman vs. Superman art at SPMS



# PAULDING COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

**The PCHS Choral Department** attended the *GMEA Large Group Performance Evaluation (LGPE)* in March, held at the First Baptist Church of Lithia Springs. Both the Advanced and Mastery groups received superior ratings for their performances. The choral program will finish out the year with a spring concert on May 12.



**PCHS presented** *The Addams Family Musical* on April **20-23**, as over 1000 patrons enjoyed the show. *The Addams Family* was directed by drama instructor Matthew Pavlak and choral director Ginger Corley, with choreography by Tammie Roper.



# South Cluster News

by Shelley Patrick, AMS Choral Director

It has been an amazing year here on the south side! We are so blessed to be able to experience music and art with our students each day. Seeing our students grow and blossom into performers and artists on their own accord is the most rewarding part of our jobs. Thank you for supporting the fine arts in the south cluster and throughout Paulding County. Here's to a fun-filled and relaxing summer and we look forward to seeing everyone in the fall!

S. Patrick

## New Georgia Elementary Art

Room has been a busy place this year! Everyone have a great summer!



## **RAGSDALE ELEMENTARY**

Collaboration between the fine arts and the academic content areas can create powerful and meaningful learning experiences for students. Led by their art teacher, Ms. Colleen Kibler, the art room at **Ragsdale Elementary school is experimenting with STEAM bins**. STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) has added art to the experience. Students are experimenting with making forms, problem solving skills, and thinking outside of the usual art media to challenge the students. Challenges are given inside of each bin that works on an art skill that also ties into their grade level curriculum in the areas of science, engineering, and math.



#### SCOGGINS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Students have been working on a wax resist watercolor painting with their art teacher, Ms. Natalie White. They used light boxes to transfer their rough drafts onto the watercolor paper and traced them with a white wax crayon. They then used a light wash of color to reveal their drawings and went on to add the additional colors. Students then used watercolor pencils to add further details and refine their designs. These beautiful pieces were created as Mother's Day gifts.



### Scoggins Donation Makes Special Art Project Possible

Thanks to a generous donation from our Scoggins PTSA, we purchased molds to create beautiful cast tissue tiles. The students enjoyed the process of layering tissue paper with a glue and water mixture into their selected molds.

## Special Thanks to our Scoggins PTSA!



## South Paulding High School Band

The SPHS Band finished the year strong with their final concert on May 16<sup>th</sup>. The repertoire from this concert featured some great composers: John Williams, John Mackey, Steven Reineke, John Wesley Gibson, John Higgins, David Shaffer, and Gustav Holst. It was a tremendous year for the SPHS band program.

The Spirit of South Paulding Marching Band will begin rehearsals in mid-July and is looking forward to blowing audiences away again in the fall!

### South Paulding High School Chorus

The SPHS Chorus had their final concert of the season on May  ${\tt 11}^{\rm th}.$ 

Mrs. Richardson, the choral director at South, would like to thank the 2017 senior chorus members for a memorable year and best of luck as you embark on your next chapter!



## **Dugan Elementary**

#### Dugan Elementary's Art Show on May 11th was a SMASHING success!

Featuring musical performances by our Kindergarten, First, and Second Grades, Dugan's Chorus musical, *Schoolhouse Rock*, and a school wide "museum artwork display", Dugan Dragons came out in droves to support the Arts!



Dugan Art Show!





Dugan Performance of Schoolhouse Rock!



### **Union Elementary**

Art students have been very busy this year at Union! Everyone have a great summer!









The Fine Arts Department ended the school year with a huge Night of the Arts celebration on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

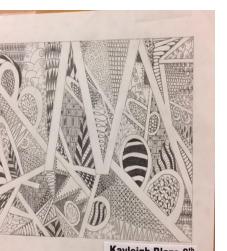
The art department put together an amazing art show filled with artwork from many different mediums. Jeanne Ebert, the art teacher, along with her art club students put together a fabulous display!



The AMS Jazz Band also performed this evening with rousing renditions of crowd pleasing favorites.

Parents and students could listen to the jazz band in a very relaxed atmosphere while browsing the art work on display.





Kayleigh Blaze 8th



The evening was capped off with the final performance of the year for the AMS Chorus. Their end of the year "pop" concert was a huge success and celebrated the talents of the students both individually, as there were many solos, and as a group!

### **BE SURE TO CHECK OUT AUSTIN'S NIGHT** OF THE ARTS NEXT SPRING – IT IS AN EVENT YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS!

Chorus awards were also given out at this event. Congratulations to the following students for being named the Outstanding Chorus Member of the year for their grade level: Oliva Barron (6<sup>th</sup> grade), Alice Makendi (7<sup>th</sup> grade), and Tanijah Hammonds (8<sup>th</sup> grade).

The end of the concert was a great time for everyone to celebrate and many 8<sup>th</sup> grade students had to get one last picture with their director, Shelley Patrick.



# East Cluster News

by Michelle Lokhorst, EPHS Choral Director

## **ROBERTS ELEMENTARY**

In the art room at Roberts, Kindergarten is wrapping up their Eric Carle Unit! We have LOTS of seahorses, caterpillars, and butterflies!

**First grade** is in the process of completing their rockets, inspired by the book *Wow! America!* 

**Second Grade** Finished up their awesome dancing giraffes and we are now working on their final warm and cool project!!



2nd Grade Dancing Giraffes at Roberts Elementary

Third Grade continues to work on their bird stamps, part of a *cross-curricular project that ties in with their Nifty Fifty Unit!* 

**Fourth Grade** is working on their pop-art paper -mache ice cream cones.

Fifth Grade is finishing up their Andy Warhol inspired prints.

## **Roberts Elementary Music Notes**

Spring has Sprung and the year is flying by! We are finishing up the year in music class with lots of singing, movement, and instruments! We'[re polishing up our music reading skills and exploring ways to be creative in all of these areas.

Our Rocket Choir had great performances at the Paulding County Fine Arts Day in March and our spring concerts in April! This year, we chose a camping theme and were a bunch of "Happy Campers"! Thanks so much to all who came out to support the arts and our group at each of these events!

### **Abney Elementary**

Art News: WC Abney Eagle families enjoyed their Adventure in Art show featuring 1,050 student artworks on display of animals from around the world. The show opened with a music performance by student, Anna Dawson and her brother Devin as well as Rebecca and Jacob Kirkpatrick with their father, Adam.



Abney Honor Chorus 2017 students with conductor, Richard McKee at the PCSD Elementary Honor Chorus Concert in March! (L-R, Felix Diaz Aspina, Taegan Lanham, Ansley Sellers, Addie Bennett, Olivia Baker, Anijah Brown, Rebecca Kirkpatrick with Ms. Barber, Ms. Miller, and Mr. McKee)

# EAST PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL FINE ARTS

The EPHS Theatre just finished an outstanding run of *Into the Woods*! Thank you to everyone who came out to support the kids. It was an AMAZING show!



#### Chorus

It has been a great year for the East Paulding Choirs. Our final concert theme was Dream On. We performed A Dream is a Wish Your Heart Makes, All I have to do is Dream, Just the Way You Are/Just a Dream, Dream On, and Sweet Dreams are Made of These!

*Relativity* was invited to perform at Roberts Elementary. Roberts performed their spring concert for the entire school and we enjoyed hearing the Rockets sing! We had fun performing for all the future Raiders!

#### Band

The band is still accepting students into marching band! See the band website for information at <u>www.eastbands.com</u>

The band will be going to Disney World next year! Band Camp is July 10-14 and July 17-21.

#### Art

East's Annual Art Show was a success! We had multiple pieces entered in each category! The Best in Show was created by Madison Crane! Three examples of student work from the show are below!



## MCGARITY ELEMENTARY MUSIC AND ART

Art and Music just enjoyed a very successful *McGarity Elementary School Night at the Museum* where works from Kindergarten, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade were presented.

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade music students impressed with their Orff arrangements of *Hill and Gully Rider* and the Appalachian folk song, *My Mama Told Me*.

Art Students connected with their Appalachian art schemes that incorporated visual arts skills such as altering value and hue while doing a landscape scene.



# "Opportunity is not a lengthy visitor" Into the Woods

EPHS Drama Department presented a WONDERFUL performance of Into the Woods this spring!



#### **EPMS CHORUS**

What a GREAT Year at EPMS and in the Fine Arts World! Our choirs exceeded all expectations and truly performed to their best ability! Our final concert was Monday, May 15 and was themed Love is an Open Door! Students received their awards and honors that evening!

# Hiram Cluster News

by Jennifer Grazer, Theatre Director at HHS

## **Dramatic Doings**

by: Brittany Patterson, Chorus and Drama Instructor/PB Ritch Middle

The Eighth Grade P.B. Ritch Chorus members are pretty pumped after an awesome rehearsal for the Spring Concert on Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus has been working tirelessly all year to be well developed in sight reading, ear training and harmonizing with other classmates before they go on to high school chorus. This 8<sup>th</sup> Grade class will be missed!



The students in 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Drama Class are really getting into character as a wacky family on vacation! They are having some fun with our props on Improv Friday. Improv Friday is on Friday of every week where the students perform in various acting exercises that strengthen certain skills such as quick thinking, creativity, diction, continuation, actively listening to the other characters in the scene and many more important skills needed as an actor/actress. Over the course of three years, drama students will learn about all the eras and times of Theatre History, learn about the great playwrights and actors that have paved the way for theatre today, the elements of drama, technical theatre and how to perform a variety of characters and scenes among many other useful tools for anyone in theatre!



Students in the Drama Class at P.B. Ritch Middle School have a unit on Technical Theatre each semester. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders get more advanced scenes and projects. This is a Set Box Project where the students have to read through their scene and build a miniature set for their scene. This 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Student created his set from a scene in Peter Pan where they are fighting on the ship! This student created working lights as well a ship that moves up and down. He really used all of his resources to create a magnificent set!



### **Fantastic Footwear**

by: Brooke Frankland, Visual Arts Instructor/HHS

The visual arts students in Art Club at Hiram High School are showcasing their multi-media talents by using Vans® sneakers as their creative canvases. The artists entered the national Vans® competition with their fancy kicks that are designed using various paints, markers, and glitters. While the students did not place, they had a fabulous experience and will be participating next year!



### **Springtime Songs**

by: Ashley Poole, Chorus Instructor

What an excellent end of the year for the Hiram High School Chorus! First, the HHS Fine Art's Department put on a spectacular show of *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. Students from band, chorus, drama, and art were all involved in this production. Next, students performed in their final concert of the year. At the Spring Concert, students performed their Large Group Performance Evaluation (LGPE) pieces along with some world music selections.



We also took this time to honor student achievements and celebrate our graduating seniors. Students from the HHS Chorus will also be performing at the Paulding County Relay for Life Survivors' Ceremony, the Senior Baccalaureate, the HHS Honor's Night, and Graduation this month.





## **Extraordinary Endings**

by: Caitlyn Grubbe, Music Instructor/HES

After a great Fine Arts Day performance where we earned  $3^{rd}$  place, our Hiram Elementary

K-5 students are wrapping up the year with lots of fun activities! From parachutes to scarves, plates to drums, we are making memories while putting our knowledge to the test. Next year, Ms. Grubbe will be teaching at Trinity School in Atlanta, so the end of this school year is extra special as she spends time with the Hiram students she has loved for the past seven years.



## **Powerful Pottery**

by: lia Owens-Williamson, Visual Arts Teacher/Baggett

This is one of the first 'fired' clay pieces in Baggett's new kiln!



One of our third-grade classes designed and constructed these 3D architectural/sculptural buildings then created towns with them complete with a takeover by some hungry dinosaurs!



# **Fine Form**

by Rebecca Leitz, Visual Arts Instructor

It's Spring, and it was time for **Panter Elementary's Fine Arts Night**! The student art show in the gym coincided with an awesome chorus performance to make it one very, creative evening!



Panter students are also hard at work finishing up our units on ceramics and all things three-dimensional. Clay owls, pinch pots, heart boxes, and cupcakes are filling up the kiln every week!

# Semester Curtain

#### by Jennifer Grazer, Drama Instructor/HHS

The Spring Musical at Hiram High School, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, was a smashing success, enthusiastically received by students, parents, and other community members alike. This year's cast and crew is already talking about which productions might be contenders for the 2018 show next April. The department-wide endeavor showcased the tremendous talent of the performing and visual artists at HHS.







The Drama Department is already gearing up for the next

school year with the announcement of the Club and Thespian Officers and discussions of upcoming activities. Always high on the priority list are: the HHS Haunted House, One-Act Play, and Thespian points and Inductions. We are also in negotiations concerning a trip to the annual Georgia Thespian Conference, depending on other conflicting events. The annual Drama Awards and Honors Night is Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, and promises to be quite a night of entertainment, laughter, and pure enjoyment. **Thank you so much for supporting the Fine and Performing Arts at Hiram High!** 

# **Grand Finale**

#### by Adrian Gibson, Band Director/HHS

The Hiram High School Band, under the direction of Dr. Adrian Gibson and Ms. Geana Gault, had its Spring Concert on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, with three concert ensembles, the jazz band, and the color guard performing. The band program also recognized its senior band members in the performance ensembles for their contributions and dedication to the band program. This was the jazz band's inaugural performance and it was received very well by the crowd.



In the closing weeks of the school year, the Hiram High School Band Program is holding leadership auditions, percussion and color guard clinics for the fall, and hosting our annual awards night for our members. Thank you to our administration for their support of the band program. Thank you to the parents and community of the band program for your volunteer efforts and support of the band program. Also, and more importantly, thank you to the students for being in our high school band program. We are looking forward to an awesome 2017-18 school year. And lastly, congratulations to our 2016-17 senior band members! We wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors.

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