

# PVPA Friday Notes

January 20, 2017

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

Hello Fans of PVPA,

We are now just one week away from opening night of our production of *Little Shop of Horrors* and the excitement is building. Moving the musical to the end of January, and having rehearsals take place throughout Paideia, has been a real treat for me. All of our arts departments are fully engaged and mobilized. There is never a moment that I walk through the school without running into a group of students engaged in some aspect of rehearsal, costume making, and set building. Personally, I cannot wait to see the show and I know that we are all in for a great night, make that many great nights, of musical theater.

This year's Paideia continues our partnerships with several local school districts as well as with a new one, the Holyoke Community Charter School. Nine PVPA students are assisting HCCS elementary school teachers in all aspects of their teaching. Our DEL students are once again embedded in the Florence Elementary School working with teachers and students on dance education projects. The MAPS Paideia will travel to our partner school in New York City on February 1 to perform original pieces of music with lyrics provided by our NYC students. As I write this, I am sitting in *The Laramie Project* Paideia with a group of students who will represent PVPA at the Massachusetts Theater Educational Guild Theater Contest later this spring. Other Paideias include explorations in science, nature, poetry, political activism, conspiracy theories, math and art, film, sound design, murals and wearable art. I am certain I've forgotten something given the breadth of offerings.

As we move into the last week of Paideia, I also want to make sure that parents and guardians have reviewed their children's Semester 1 Grade Reports and are in contact with any teachers for whom they may have questions. Having just reviewed the reports myself, several juniors and seniors received multiple grades on Incomplete (INC). It is critically important for students to make sure that they are working diligently towards turning in and/or revising the work that has resulted in the INC grade. Experience shows that the longer students wait to make up this work, the less likely they will be to complete it and earn credit for the course. In some cases, students have not been able to graduate with their class as a result, so please be very proactive about this issue.

Sincerely yours,

**Paideia**  
1/9 - 1/26

**Curriculum Day**  
Fri. 1/27  
NO SCHOOL

**Little Shop of Horrors**  
1/27 & 1/28  
7pm, 1/29 2pm  
2/3 & 2/4  
7pm, 2/5 2pm

**2nd Semester Begins**  
Mon. 1/30

**WOFA Dance Co.**  
2/17 @ 7pm  
2/18 @ 2pm

February 20-24  
**February Break**  
**NO SCHOOL**

**PVPA Unite Fest**  
Saturday, Mar. 11  
10am-4pm

**Curriculum Day**  
Wed. Mar. 15th  
**NO SCHOOL**

**PVPA Film Festival**  
Friday, 3/24

**Catalyst Dance Co.**  
3/31 & 4/1 @  
7pm

**Parent/Teacher Conferences**  
April 4 & 6

**Headgear Show**  
Fri. 4/7 &  
Sat. 4/8 @ 7pm

April 17-21  
**April Break**

**PVPA THEATER DEPARTMENT PRESENTS**

**LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS**

**Books & Lyrics by Howard Ashman • Music by Alan Menken**  
**Directed by MICHAEL ARQUILLA**

Little Shop of Horrors is based on the film by Roger Corman, Screenplay by Charles Griffin. Originally produced by the MPA Theatre (Kyle Henick, Producing Director). Originally produced at the Orpheum Theatre, NYC by the WPA Theatre, David Geller, Cameo on Macintosh, and the Student Organization.

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	TICKETS	PVPA TICKETLINE
27th – 7pm	3rd – 7pm	\$13 general	413-552-1590
28th – 7pm	4th – 7pm	\$11 seniors	To reserve tickets
29th – 2pm	5th – 2pm	\$9 students	or buy at the door

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## Little Shop of Horrors!

<b>January 27, 7pm</b>	<b>February 3, 7pm</b>
<b>January 28, 7pm</b>	<b>February 4, 7pm</b>
<b>January 29, 2pm</b>	<b>February 5, 2pm</b>

**Tickets**  
**\$13/general, \$11/seniors & military,**  
**\$9/students**

**Ticket Reservation Line**  
Ticket Reservations can be made through [this link](#).  
Reserved tickets must be claimed at least 10 minutes prior to the start time or they will be released to the public.

**Box Office Volunteers!**

## NO SCHOOL

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### **Do you have a child under 5? Are you pregnant or breastfeeding?**

WIC (Women, Infants, Children) offers families personalized nutrition consultations, free, healthy food, tips for eating well to improve health, referrals for medical and dental care, health insurance, child care, housing and fuel assistance, and other services that can benefit the whole family.

**800-WIC-1007**  
for more  
information  
or visit  
[mass.gov/wic](http://mass.gov/wic)  
or click [here](#)

The Box Office is looking for volunteers for the show dates. Volunteers should sign up through [this link](#), and will receive free admission to the show that night. If the slots fill up, but you'd like to be on a wait list, email Claudine (info below). Box Office Volunteers help us make the show start on time, and will help ticket sales run smoothly. We always appreciate your help!

Feel free to contact Claudine Margolis ([cmargolis@pvpa.org](mailto:cmargolis@pvpa.org)) with any questions.

## **CALL FOR ARTWORK! FOR PVPA UNITE FEST PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS!**

**WHO:** PVPA students and community members

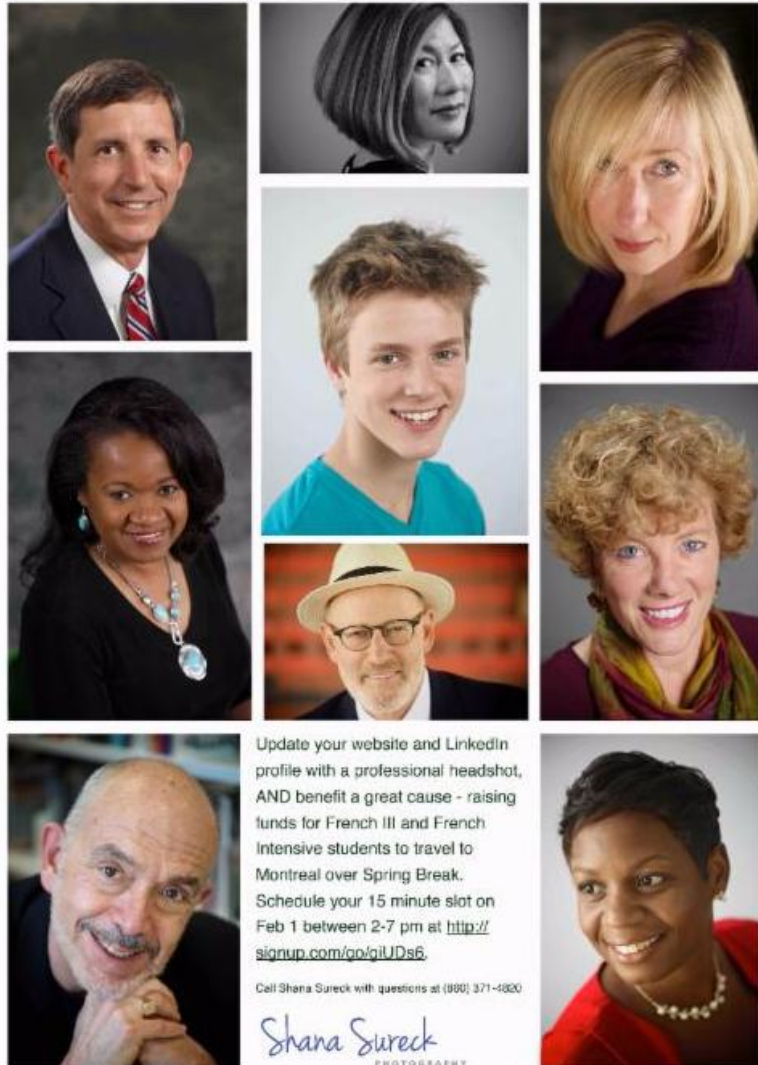
**WHAT:** ORIGINAL drawings, digital designs, and photos in response to the concept of UNITY! We will incorporate chosen artwork into the promotional materials (posters, flyers, etc.) for Unite Fest! Unite Fest is all about celebrating and educating others about cultures and identities. We can't wait to see your visual representations of this theme!

**WHEN:** Submissions are due Friday, February 3rd by 4pm. You can submit digital work via e-mail to Trenda Loftin at [tloftin@pvpa.org](mailto:tloftin@pvpa.org). Hand rendered art can be placed in Trenda's mailbox or hand delivered to Trenda, Andrew, or Lisa.

**Questions? Email:**

Trenda [tloftin@pvpa.org](mailto:tloftin@pvpa.org),  
Andrew [agoolsbycole@pvpa.org](mailto:agoolsbycole@pvpa.org)  
Lisa Cappello [lcappello@pvpa.org](mailto:lcappello@pvpa.org)

## New Year...New Headshot Only \$99 at PVPA on Feb 1st



Update your website and LinkedIn profile with a professional headshot, AND benefit a great cause - raising funds for French III and French Intensive students to travel to Montreal over Spring Break. Schedule your 15 minute slot on Feb 1 between 2-7 pm at <http://signup.com/go/giUDs6>.

Call Shana Sureck with questions at (800) 371-4800

*Shana Sureck*  
PHOTOGRAPHY

## New Year... New Headshot!

Professional photographer, and PVPA parent, Shana Sureck is offering a professional head shot photography session! All proceeds will go to benefit the French trip to Montreal!

### Info. from Shana

\$99 is a bargain, and will only be offered on February 1, between 2-7 pm because I want to fill all the 15-minute timeslots and help fund this incredible opportunity for students in French III and French Intensive to go to Montreal.

What's included: I'll photograph you against a light gray backdrop with two lights and umbrellas. (Wear something you feel GREAT ABOUT YOURSELF in!! Your confidence will show). Within 48 hours, I'll get you a gallery of untuned images, from which you'll pick your favorite. I'll tone that and send two digital

files - one high resolution (300 DPI jpg) and one lower resolution image (72 DPI jpg) for print and web. Should you want any retouching beyond basic toning and color correcting, that is available for an additional \$10.

Click on the link to reserve your slot.

<http://signup.com/go/giUDs6>

Click [here](#) for detailed information from Shana! As always, thank you for your support of our students as they do amazing things out in the world!

## **Important Notice for ALL STUDENTS regarding Physical Education Requirements!**

**Attention All Students!** If you have not completed your annual 32 hour requirement in P.E. this year, you will be enrolled in a spring semester Dance class at PVPA UNLESS you submit an [Alternate PE form](#) to your school counselor by Thursday, January 26th. This includes an Alternate PE form if you are planning on playing Ultimate Frisbee this spring.

## **Walden Woods Project Essay Contest**

Keeping Thoreau's Legacy Alive  
2016-2017 Live Deliberately Essay Contest  
Open to youth around the world ages 14-21.  
Cash Prizes Awarded!

For full contest guidelines, please visit:  
[www.walden.org/education/essay-contest/](http://www.walden.org/education/essay-contest/)

## **PeaceJam Youth Leadership Conference**

The 2017 PeaceJam Youth Leadership Conference with Nobel Peace Prize winner, Leymah Gbowee is coming up February 25th and 26th. The conference will be held at Western CT State University in Danbury. Any student in grades 8-12 who attends some PeaceJam meetings and helps with fundraising is eligible to attend.

Please contact Freja Joslin (fjoslin@pvpa.org) or Dee Cullen (dcullen@pvpa.org) for more information.

**Please buy our baked goods and come to our lunch-time dance parties to support this field trip!**

Click [here](#) for more information about the conference.

## **Order Pizza and Cookie Dough from Hillside Pizza**

To benefit the French trip to Montreal!

- Orders are due in by Jan 23rd (Monday)
- All orders must be prepaid. Make checks payable to PVPA
- Pizzas and cookie dough will be delivered frozen to PVPA. Pizzas and cookie dough are uncooked, and can go straight into the freezer at home. Cooking instruction included.
- Pick up of pizzas/cookie dough will be after school on Feb. 2 at PVPA (exact location TBD)
- If someone places an order and cannot pick up at PVPA, the student must pick up and deliver the order. Students - keep this in mind when taking orders, and make sure to indicate P for pickup or D for delivery, to help with the distribution process.

How to order? See your favorite PVPA french student (level III and Intensive), or click [here](#) and download an order form and return it with your payment to the main office.

## **More ways to help fund the French Trip!**

Visit the two links below to bid on silent auction items (homemade chocolates, massage, hand-felted purse, and more!!), or to make a donation (after watching a cute film made by the french students).

**[Silent Auction to Benefit French Trip](#)**

**[Donate to the French Trip](#)**



# **PVPA Unite Fest is coming SOON!**

## **Attention All PVPA Students, Teachers, and Staff**

The first annual PVPA Unite Fest is scheduled for Saturday, March 11th from 10:00am - 4:00pm and will feature workshops, performances, and presentations created by members and friends of PVPA student affinity groups, faculty and staff, and family and community members. The Unite Fest production will honor Latino heritage, Black history, Asian culture, women's issues, the LGBTIQ+ community, feminists' perspectives, and more. Come add your voice to this powerful all-day event organized to educate and celebrate PVPA's commitment to social justice and diversity.

Stay tuned for instructions on how to submit proposals for workshops, performances, and presentations soon!

## **Pick-up and Parking Rules at PVPA - PLEASE READ!**

We have noticed in recent months that people have not been following our established guidelines for picking up and dropping off students at PVPA. This can cause delays in everyone getting in and out of the parking lot in a timely manner. Please take a minute to review PVPA's traffic guidelines. Click the link below for more detailed information and a map that shows the traffic pattern in our parking lot. Thank you for your cooperation!

### **General Guidelines**

- DO NOT park in a designated Handicap parking spot unless are displaying a valid Handicap permit in your windshield. This also includes not parking behind a designated Handicap parking spot.
- DO NOT park on the left side (as you pull around) of the center island, on the grass or in between and parking spot lanes as this hinders vehicles from leaving and passing through as well as potentially adds a safety risk to others.
- Do NOT park on either side of the road ways coming in and going out of the school grounds.
- Do not stop or park in the front area of the school. (Main entrance walk way or any cross paths)
- DO NOT park in any throughways.
- Drive slowly and cautiously.
- If you need to pick up or drop off large items or a lot of items, carefully pull into the loading dock area to

do so. This DOES NOT include car pools of students.

- As a traffic monitor is not always available, please use extreme caution during drop off and pick up times and obey all traffic rules. This will help to ensure the safety of all.

**Click [HERE](#) for PVPA's Traffic Guidelines including a map with the traffic pattern**

### **Sibling Applications to PVPA**

If your existing PVPA student has a sibling currently in grades 6-10, we welcome them to apply for the 7th-11th grade lotteries! Applications can be found on our website on the Admissions page.

Per Massachusetts General Laws, a sibling must share a common parent, either biologically or legally through adoption. Whether the children reside in the same household has no bearing on determining if the children are siblings for purposes of sibling preference. Please email [amelemed@pvpa.org](mailto:amelemed@pvpa.org) with any questions!

### **COLLEGE CORNER!**

#### **It's Financial Aid Time!**

- It's never too early to begin looking for scholarships. Remember to check PVPA's updated [scholarships page](#)--some deadlines are coming up soon!
- Most students will need to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).
- To begin filling out the FAFSA, students need to set up a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID). To set up your FSA ID, follow [this](#) link.
- Students and families can access the FAFSA [here](#). You'll be using tax information from your 2015 tax return.
- Want some help filling out the FAFSA? Attend a Massachusetts FAFSA Day! More information is [here](#).
- Some colleges require the CSS (College Search Service) profile in addition to the FAFSA. You can access the CSS Profile [here](#).





## Box Tops for Education!

Box tops can be found on everyday products you may already be purchasing for your household. Each box top is worth 10 cents. All you need to do is clip them and send them in to PVPA! They add up quickly and we can use the funds to help purchase needed items for the new theater. Last year we raised \$87.50. This year's goal is \$500! Help us reach it! Great news - now there is an app you can download and use it to scan your receipt for added BONUS points!

Thank you for your support of PVPA. We really appreciate it. Click [here](#) for a list of qualifying products. And click [here](#) for a Box Top Collection Sheet.

## PVPA Master Calendar

- PVPA Performances & Events
- Rehearsals
- Field Trips
- Athletics - Games & Practices
- Committee Meetings (Board, Finance, etc.)
- Lunchtime Meetings (clubs, etc.)

Check it out! We will do our best to make sure this calendar is kept up to date.

## [PVPA's Master Calendar](#)

PVPA is open to all students on a space-available basis. Per MA General Laws, Chapter 76: Section 5, PVPA shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, creed, ethnicity, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, mental or physical disability, age, ancestry, athletic performance, special need, proficiency in the English language or academic achievement.

If you are attending a PVPA event or have a meeting and you have a handicap that requires individual accommodation, please notify us prior to the event or meeting by calling Brent Nielsen, ext. 419, or the main office at 413-552-1580.

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