



PVPA Friday Notes

November 18, 2016

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Dear PVPA Families,

Paideia, our three week intersession that happens in January, is just around the corner. The link [here](#) will take you to the Paideia Course Catalog. All PVPA students should take some time to read through the course listings. Paideia is also a great time for students who are in need of P.E. credit to select a course that meets PVPA's P.E. requirement. Please note that sign-ups for Paideia will happen on Friday, December 16th.

The Senior Dance Thesis Show, *Progression*, is happening tonight and tomorrow night at 7pm. Please come out and support our PVPA dancers. All pieces were choreographed by PVPA senior dancers, and will include a troupe of dancers in grades 7-12. More information can be found below.

The PVPA Arts Fest will happen on Saturday, December 3rd. Please see the line-up below. It will be a full afternoon of performances, galleries, film, and food. You and your family won't want to miss it!

Also happening in December (15th-17th) is our theater department's production of Bertolt Brecht's *The Caucasian Chalk Circle*. Please see below for more information about this ambitious and thought-provoking play.

And while you are updating your December calendar, don't forget to mark December 10th as our PVPA/Barnes & Noble Bookfair!

Enjoy the Thanksgiving break. And speaking of thanks -- thank you for sending your children to PVPA!

Lisa Cappello
Marketing Coordinator

SPRING AUDITIONS! Much Ado About Nothing The Laramie Project

Please click the links below for important audition information about our upcoming theater productions.

[Much Ado About Nothing](#), Grades 9-12
Audition Date: Tuesday, Nov. 29, 4-6pm

Dance Senior Thesis Show
Fri. 11/18
& Sat. 11/19 @ 7pm

Curriculum Day
Mon. 11/21
NO SCHOOL

Thanksgiving Break
11/22-11/25
NO SCHOOL

PVPA Arts Festival
Sat. 12/3
2:00-6:00
Throughout PVPA

Student Work Day
Fri. 12/23
12:35 dismissal

Winter Break
12/26-1/2
NO SCHOOL

School Reopens
Tues. 1/3

Paideia
1/9 - 1/26

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Mon. 1/16
NO SCHOOL

Curriculum Day
Fri. 1/27
NO SCHOOL

2nd Semester Begins
Mon. 1/30

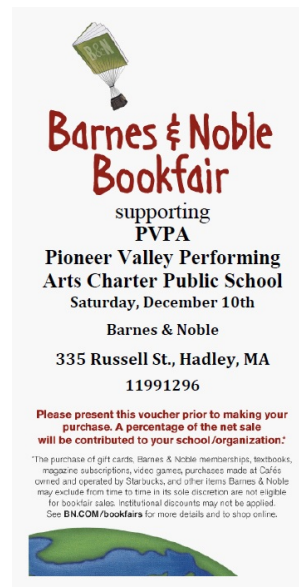
**Do you have a child under 5?
Are you pregnant or**

[The Laramie Project \(METG High School Drama Festival\)](#), Grades 9-12
Audition Date: Tuesday, Nov. 29, 4-6pm

Please Click [HERE](#) for the Paideia Course Catalog

It's coming! The Barnes & Noble Bookfair to benefit PVPA!

- Saturday December 10th
- Hadley Barnes & Noble
- (or online, or at any Barnes and Nobel location with this voucher)
- Performances by PVPA groups!
- Free gift-wrapping table staffed by the PVPA Prom Committee and Catalyst Dance Company
- A percentage of all sales using the voucher will benefit PVPA. Help us out by planning to do some shopping on December 10th!

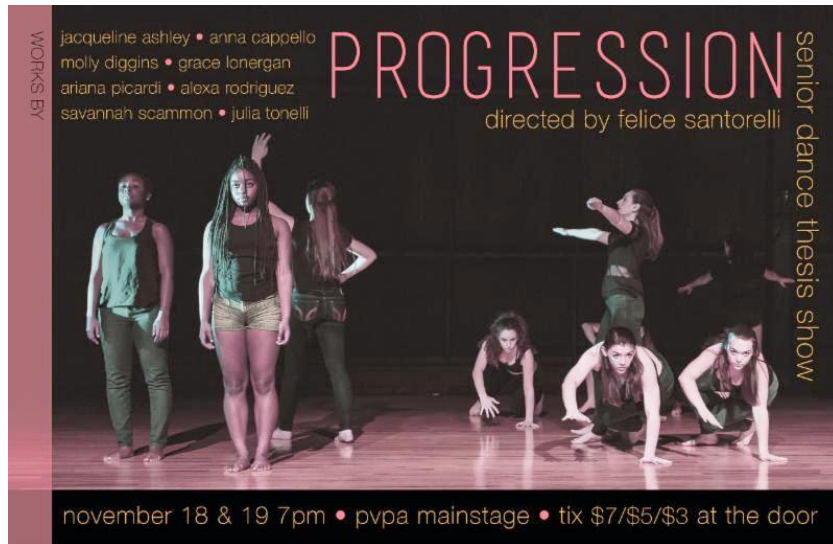


Watch for more information in the coming weeks, and an e-mail home with the voucher attached. **We are also looking for some volunteers to help us staff a welcome table with information about PVPA.** It will be a really fun day! Please try to join us. If you can volunteer for an hour or two, please contact Scott Goldman at sgoldman@pvpa.org. This is a great opportunity to give an end-of-the-year boost to the Arts for All Campaign to help us put the finishing touches on our theater!

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
or click [here](#)



PROGRESSION TONIGHT AND SATURDAY NIGHT!

Senior Dance Thesis Show
November 18 & 19, PVPA Theater
7:00pm, Tix: \$7 / \$5 / \$3

Works choreographed by senior dancers Jacqueline Ashley, Anna Cappello, Molly Diggins, Grace Lonergan, Ariana Picardi, Alexa Rodriguez, Savannah Scammon, and Julia Tonelli, with a full troupe of dancers in grades 7-12.



Saturday, December 3rd

2:00pm - 6:00pm

at PVPA * All tix: \$6


Galleries and Performances throughout the day!

Schedule of Performances

Times	Main Stage Theater	Cabaret Room (old theater)
2:00-2:30	HS Ballet HS African HS Hip Hop	MS Workshop (2:00-2:45)
	MS African	

2:30-3:00	MS Dance Tech	PVPA Faculty /Student Group's " Peter Pan " (Kinsey arr. Roy) (2:45-3:00)
3:00-3:30	MS Choreo MS Hip Hop	Spectrum
3:30-4:00	Catalyst WOFA Funkadelic	MS Improv
4:00-5:00	MS Musical Theater	Political and Social Theater Black Student Union
5:00-6:00	Evolution Band Guilty Pleasures	Headgear HS Improv

PVPA THEATER DEPARTMENT PRESENTS



THE CAUCASIAN
CHALK CIRCLE

BY BERTOLT BRECHT

TRANSLATED BY
JAMES AND TANJA STERN
WITH W.H.AUDEN

DIRECTED BY
JORGE J. RODRIGUEZ

DEC. 15-17 | TIX \$9/\$7/\$5
7:00PM | AVAILABLE AT DOOR

The Caucasian Chalk Circle (tr. Auzen/Stern) is presented by special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH, INC.

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Thur., Fri., Sat., 12/15 - 12/17
7pm Tix at the door: \$9 / \$7 / \$5

About the play

In Caucus Mountain region, shortly after the end of WWII, governors and princes are at war with one another for power over the country of Grusinia. Bertolt Brecht's *The Caucasian Chalk Circle* follows two characters whose fates will intertwine as a result of revolution in their country. Grusha, a young kitchen maid, rescues the abandoned son of the governor, putting her own well being at risk for the sake of the infant. Azdak, a mischievous town clerk, finds himself promoted to judge and deals a new brand of justice in Grusinia. Director Jorge J. Rodriguez says "Brecht's plays are challenging texts for theater-makers of any age. I never cease to be impressed by the enthusiasm and skill with which this group of young actors at PVPA has approached the material. Together, we are in the process of crafting an exciting and provoking night of great theatricality, music and spectacle."

Attention Seniors!
These Yearbook Deadlines are
TODAY!

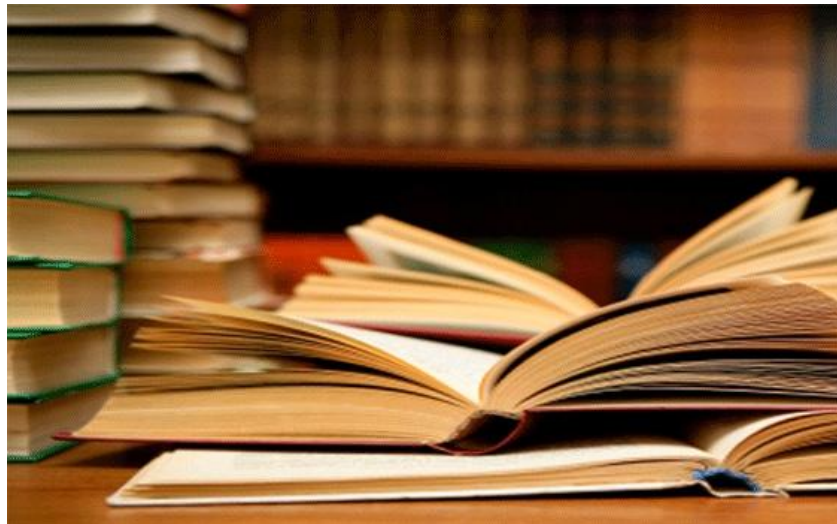
Senior Portraits - Friday, Nov. 18

Senior Quote - Friday, Nov. 18

Senior Baby Pix - Friday, Nov. 18

Questions? lcappello@pvpa.org

Senior Pages are due on Dec. 2nd



The PVPA Library
WANTS YOU

To return overdue library books!

No matter how long they may be overdue,
please bring them back to the library so
others can enjoy our books!
Thank you!

Help PVPA French Students Get to Montreal!

Students in PVPA's French classes are traveling to Montreal this Spring as long as they can meet their fundraising goal! You can help by Shopping with Scrip.

Purchase gift cards at face value for everyday essentials, like groceries, clothing, and gas, or use them for holiday gifts or travel. A percentage of each sale will be contributed to the fundraising effort!

Orders will be submitted monthly for the next several months. Make checks out to PVPA, along with your [order form](#), and have them dropped off in the office. Be sure to write your name and your child's name on the order form, as well as a phone number. Gift cards will need to be picked up in the office.

Our first order is due by Wednesday, December 7th. Allow about a week for the gift cards to be delivered. Questions? Contact Wendy Franz at wfranz@pvpa.org, or Becky Himlin at beckyhimlin@yahoo.com or 413-387-7857.

[SCRIP Order Form](#)

Mock Trial Auditions!

Here's your chance to audition for PVPA's famed Mock Trial Team!

- Monday, 11/28, H Block
- Tuesday, 11/29, H Block, and 4:00 - 5:30pm
- Wednesday, 11/30, 4:00 - 5:00pm

For complete information about how to prepare for your audition, please click the link [here](#).

COLLEGE CORNER!

Upcoming College Visits

Tuesday, 11/29

University of Hartford, 10am, Jr./Sr. Lounge

Dual enrollment for Spring Semester

The dual enrollment application deadline for STCC for the Spring 2017 semester is December 1. Dual enrollment funding at HCC is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Students interested in dual enrollment courses should contact their School Counselor as soon as possible.

Mount Holyoke Course

Each semester, two PVPA juniors or seniors are selected to take a free course at Mount Holyoke College. To be considered for the Spring 2017 course, students must complete an application form and submit it to their counselor by 4:00pm on Thursday, December 15. Two students will be selected by lottery from all complete applications. The application is on the PVPA website [here](#).

Application work sessions

Andrew and Kate will host two work sessions for students who would like help with college applications and/or FAFSA and CSS Profile. The work sessions will be on Tuesday, 12/6 and Thursday, 12/8 during lunch in the Computer Lab.

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 [thislink](#).
- 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](#).

Massachusetts AFL-CIO Scholarship

Students interested in applying for the Massachusetts AFL-CIO scholarship must submit their application form to Andrew or Kate by noon on December 16. Students may complete the scholarship application online and print a copy to give to their counselor, or they may get a paper application in the School Counseling Office. Information about the scholarship is [here](#).

Free Tutoring for 9th Graders!

We are pleased to offer a new support to all students in ELA 9. PVPA is partnering with DirecTutor, a tutoring program based at Harvard College. Tutoring appointments are free and available to any student in ELA 9. Tutoring takes place by phone.

Here's how it works:

- 1) Students sign up for a time slot on the calendar [here](#). Put your name and phone number next to the hour-long

session you choose. Make sure you choose a time with a tutor's name in it. Highlight the time slot in purple.

2) The tutor will text you a few hours before the session. Before the call, send in any specific assignments to the email that the tutor provides. The tutors also have access to Karin's ELA 9 website, but will need information from you about the assignment you are working on.

3) When it's time for your tutoring session, call (855) 878-8867. Don't forget to dial the tutor's extension!

4) Have a productive hour! Spend the hour asking questions about assignments or college-readiness.

Have questions? Ask Karin or Kate (School Counselor).



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.

ASPIRE!

Apply to be a part of the 17th annual ASPIRE program in the Polymer Science and Engineering Department at the University of Massachusetts Amherst! Sponsored by the Polymer Science and Engineering department, ASPIRE runs for 5 consecutive Saturday mornings commencing on Jan 7, 2017 [7, 14, 21, 28 and February 4]. We are looking for

students in 10-12th grade interested in science, technology and engineering. In this no-cost program, graduate students will guide you through the experience of research in a science and engineering lab. As a part of our program, you:

- * Get hands-on experience in a science and engineering lab
- * Do experiments in polymer chemistry, physics, and engineering
- * Learn about electron microscopes and 3D printers
- * Plan and run your own one-day independent project

Apply online at <https://goo.gl/forms/fj4kS0YmvyTAOgmj1>.

Deadline for submission of applications is Nov 30th, 2016

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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