



PVPA Friday Notes

November 4, 2016

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Dear PVPA Community,

Do you know families who may be interested in learning more about whether or not PVPA would be a good fit for their student? Please be sure to share with them that we will have an information meeting for prospective families next Wednesday, November 9th, in PVPA's theater from 7:00 - 8:30pm. Applications will become available on the PVPA website beginning December 1st. And due to updates in charter school waitlist regulations, it is now easier for high school students to be accepted. Thanks for helping us spread the word about PVPA!

Please set aside a few minutes on Saturday, December 10th, to do a little shopping at Barnes & Noble. PVPA will receive a portion of sales that day if you use the voucher [here](#). Vouchers are also available in the main office, and can be picked up at the PVPA welcome table at the Hadley Barnes & Noble on December 10th. An added bonus will be the student performances happening throughout the day. Thank you in advance for supporting PVPA! Funds raised will enable us to put the finishing touches on our wonderful almost-complete theater!!

We hope to see many of you tonight for our first show of the season. "Boy" is the senior theater thesis project of Kaihla Laurent and company. Please see more details below.

Enjoy the weekend,
Lisa Cappello
Marketing Coordinator

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!

Theater Senior Thesis Show "Boy" by Anna Ziegler, directed by Kaihla Laurent Fri. 11/4 & Sat. 11/5 @ 7pm

Veteran's Day Friday, 11/11
NO SCHOOL

We Came to Play Tour (music ensembles to local schools) 11/17 & 18

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

- 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!

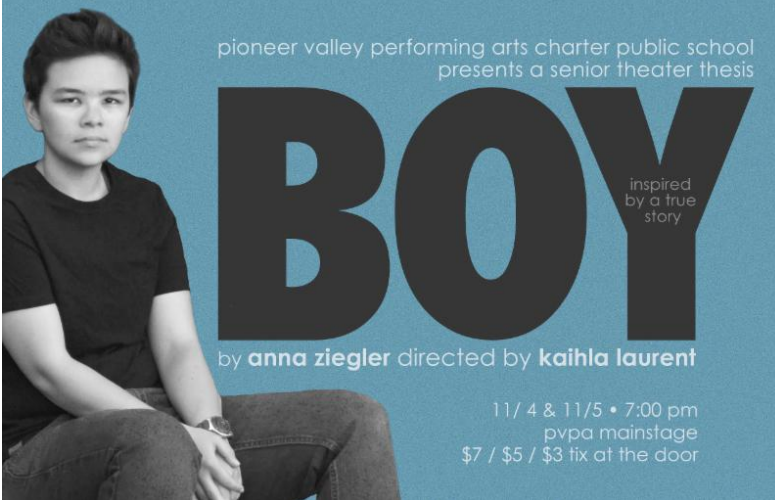

Watch for more information in the coming weeks, and an e-mail home with the voucher attached. **We are also looking for some volunteers to help us staff a welcome table with information about PVPA.** It will be a really fun day! Please try to join us. If you can volunteer for an hour or two, please contact 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!



Barnes & Noble Bookfair
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Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Charter Public School
Saturday, December 10th
Barnes & Noble
335 Russell St., Hadley, MA
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Please present this voucher prior to making your purchase. A percentage of the net sale will be contributed to your school/organization!

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Boy by Anna Ziegler, Directed by Kaihla Laurent ('17) Senior Theater Thesis Show

November 4th & 5th, 7pm
PVPA Mainstage Theater
Tickets: \$7 / \$5 / \$3 at the door

"Boy," is inspired by a true story. In the 1960s, a well-intentioned doctor convinces the parents of a male infant to raise their son as a girl after a terrible accident. Two decades later, the repercussions of that choice continue to unfold. Told through a series of flashbacks, Christina Sumi ('17) assumes the lead role of Adam/Samantha and

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 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](#)

is supported by fellow cast members Phoebe Lloyd, Seth Barrett, Rocco Desgres, and Ava Hicks-Mazzallo.

Note: This show contains mature themes. May not be suitable for young viewers.

Academy of Music Theatre, Northampton MA

Young@Heart Mash-Up IV

SUNDAY
November 6th, 2016 3:00 PM

With Special Guests
PVPA POP/R&B ENSEMBLE & FUNKADELIC DANCE CREW
PITCH SLAPPED
(Internationally renowned a cappella from Berklee College of Music)

Assigned seating
Buy Your Tickets Early!
\$35 and \$20 online
at aomtheatre.com or
call the Box Office at
413-584-9032
ext. 105

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Pop R'n'B and Funkadelic to Perform with Young at Heart!

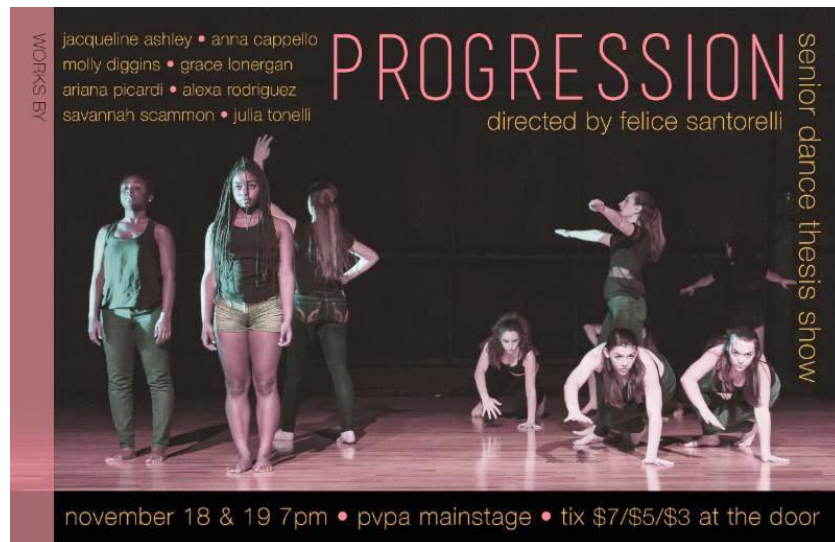
Young@Heart welcomes the Pop/R&B Ensemble, Funkadelic Hip Hop Dance Company, and Horn Section from PVPA and Pitch Slapped (a capella group from Berklee College of Music) on-stage in a spectacular intergenerational musical mash-up.

- Sunday, November 6
- at 3:00 pm (Doors open at 2:30 pm)
- Reserved Seating \$45/ \$35/ \$20 (plus applicable fees)
- Academy of Music Box Office
Open Tuesday - Friday 3:00PM-6:00PM

- Call: 413-584-9032 ext.105
- Online Tickets - Click on Show Desired:
- <https://www.ticketfly.com/purchase/event/1326635>

Blood Drive at PVPA

PVPA is having a blood drive with Baystate Medical Center on Thursday, Nov. 10th! If you are 17 or older and weigh 110 pounds or more, you should sign up to donate (this includes faculty and staff). Why should you donate? Because you can save the lives of three people, get free food, and get a Dunkin Donuts gift card. All donations stay local, which means that you could be saving someone you know! Please talk to Savita, Mary Ahlstrom, or Esther to sign up.



PROGRESSION

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.

**Little Shop Rehearsal Meeting
Full Ensemble
(Principals, Dancers, Vocalists)
Tuesday, Nov. 8, Room 129 (old
theater)**

During Lunch

There will be a mandatory meeting for all Little Shop of Horrors cast members, including vocal and dance ensemble, to discuss rehearsals for the remainder of the semester and into Paideia.

In this lunch meeting, we will discuss after school rehearsals for the different groups involved in the musical, which Paideias you need to sign up for, and how best to support you through the whole rehearsal and production process.

World Language Trip to Montreal!

Students from French 3 and Intensive classes are going to Montreal in April, 2017! The goal is for this trip to happen regularly so that all French students will be able to attend if they continue their study of French!

How can you help us reach our fund-raising goal?

Fall Yard Clean-Up!

Interested in getting your yard ready for winter? Seeking wood stacking and raking jobs for crews of strong, enthusiastic students. Sliding scale rate of \$40-\$60 per hour. Reserve your crew for any of the following three Sundays in November: 11/6, 11/13, or 11/20. Contact Zevey at zeveysteinitz@gmail.com or Cyndy at cyndysperry@gmail.com.

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).

Board Meeting Tuesday, 11/8

The PVPA Board of Trustees meets the second Tuesday of each month during the school year (from September to June) at 6:00pm in the PVPA library. All board meetings are open to the PVPA community. An agenda for our next meeting (11/8) can be found [here](#).

SPRING AUDITIONS! **Much Ado About Nothing** **The Laramie Project** **Radium Girls**

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

[**The Laramie Project**](#) (METG High School Drama Festival), Grades 9-12

Audition Date: Tuesday, Nov. 29, 4-6pm

[**Radium Girls**](#), Grades 7 & 8

Audition Date: Monday, Nov. 14, 4:15-6:30pm

COLLEGE CORNER!

Next Week's College Visits

Tuesday, 11/8, Columbus College of Art and Design
12pm - Jr/Sr Lounge

Wednesday, 11/9, UMass Lowell
10am - Jr/Sr Lounge

Wednesday, 11/19, Mass. College of Liberal Arts
10:45am - Jr/Sr Lounge

It's Financial Aid Time!

It 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 will 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](#).

Stay tuned for more information about college financial aid!



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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