



PVPA Friday Notes

December 3, 2016

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Dear PVPA Families,

Tomorrow's PVPA ArtsFest, held at PVPA from 2:00pm-6:00pm is one of the true highlights of our annual performance calendar. The ArtsFest provides opportunities for students from all four arts disciplines to showcase their work in a variety of large and small settings across the school. The visual arts students will have galleries set up for viewing their work, and film students will transform a classroom into a small cinema to showcase their work. Unlike last year when we were tight on space, we will utilize the new and old theaters to make sure that parents/guardians will be able to see all of their children's performances.

This is a low cost event suitable for the entire family, from elementary age children to grandparents. There will be something for everyone, including delicious food and drinks for sale, and most importantly, the chance to see the entire arts curriculum on display. Here's wishing you a fabulous ArtsFest!

Sincerely,
Scott



Saturday, December 3rd

2:00pm - 6:00pm

at PVPA * All tix: \$6

Galleries and Performances throughout the day!

Schedule of Performances

Times		Cabaret Room (old theater)
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PVPA Arts Festival
 Sat. 12/3
 2:00-6:00
 Throughout PVPA

The Caucasian Chalk Circle
 Thu. - Sat.
 12/15 - 12/17

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

Winter Break
 12/26-1/2
 NO SCHOOL

School Reopens
 Tues. 1/3

Nuevo Sonido Music Dept.
 Showcase
 Fri. & Sat.
 1/6 - 1/7

Paideia
 1/9 - 1/26

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

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

	Main Stage Theater	
2:00-2:30	HS Ballet HS African HS Hip Hop	MS Workshop (2:00-2:45)
2:30-3:00	MS African MS Dance Tech	
3:00-3:30	MS Choreo MS Hip Hop	PVPA Faculty /Student Group's " Peter Pan " (Kinsey arr. Roy) (2:45-3:00)
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

Barnes & Noble Bookfair

December 10
 Hadley Barnes & Noble

A PORTION OF YOUR PURCHASE WILL BENEFIT PVPA!

Free Gift Wrapping Table! Staffed by PVPA Students



STOP BY & VISIT OUR WELCOME TABLE 10:00-4:00

**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](#)

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!
- **The voucher will be valid from December 10 to December 14th, online or in-store!**

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!

8-12 Children's Theatre - Redesigned H-Block, Spring (No Paideia or April Break Requirement!)

Inspired by the wonderful work of The Dance Education Lab (DEL), Children's Theatre this year will be leading theatre workshops with one area upper elementary school to train them in the art of storytelling, physical expression, and collaboration. OPEN to 8-12 grade students.

Find out more at an informational 15 min. lunch meeting Mon. 12/5 in Old Theater

Schedule a brief interview with Trenda to be considered for this exciting program launch. Sign ups will be available outside of the theatre class room (Rm 136). Email Trenda with any immediate questions or sign up conflicts. tloftin@pvpa.org

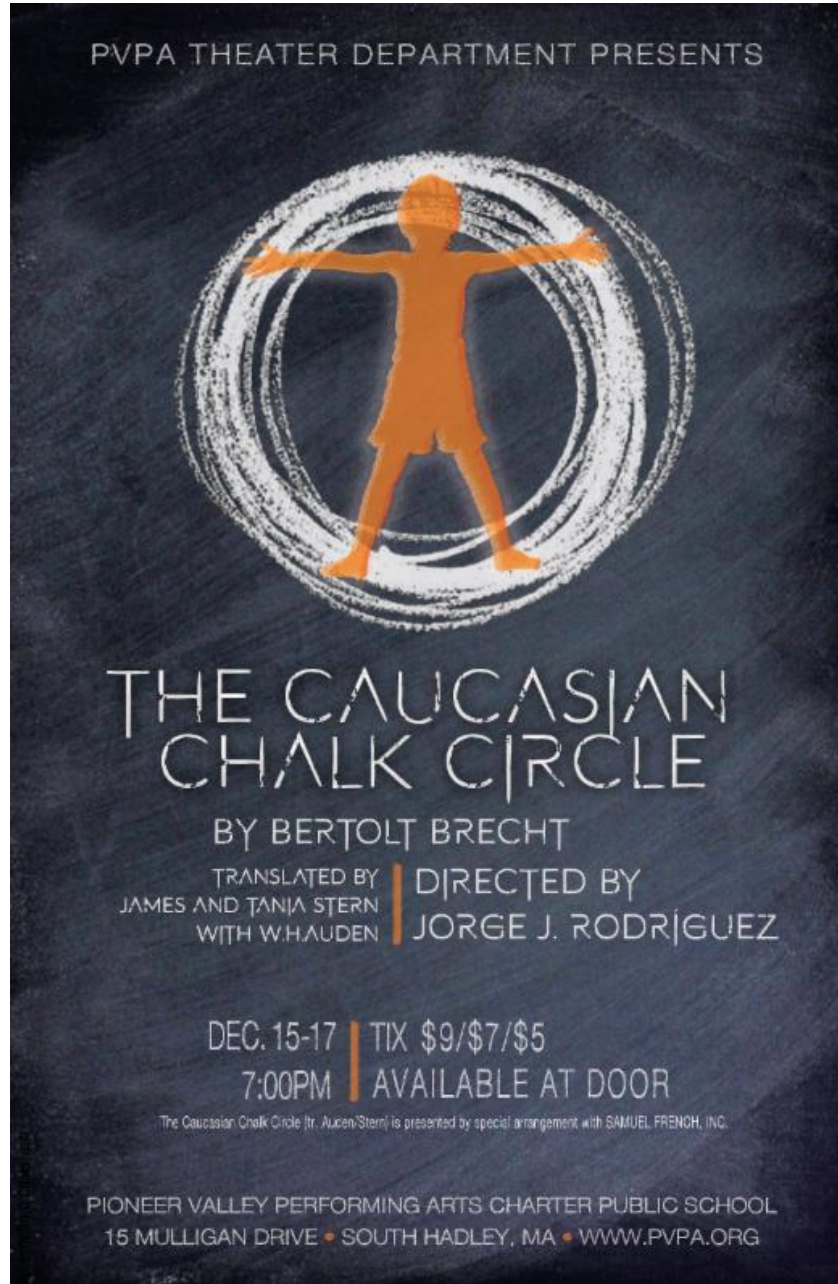
Dance Education Lab Afternoon Paideia Audition Information

Tuesday, December 6th during LUNCH
Open to ALL GRADES

Large Dance Studio
Please click below for important information about how to
prepare for the audition!

[DEL AUDITION INFO](#)

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



**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."

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 with any questions!



NUEVO SONIDO
PVPA MUSIC DEPT. SHOWCASE

DIRECTORS
MICHAEL ARQUILLA
MATTHEW KING
MARA LEVI
FRANK NEWTON
RAHUL ROY

JAN. 6 & 7 7PM
PVPA MAINSTAGE
TIX \$9 / \$7 / \$5

PIONEER VALLEY PERFORMING ARTS CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL SOUTH HADLEY, MA

Check out some "New Sounds" at Nuevo Sonido, the Music Dept. Showcase!

Friday & Saturday, Jan. 6 & 7
PVPA Mainstage

Tix: \$9 / \$7 / \$5, available at the door

Two nights of show-stopping music featuring PVPA's talented ensembles.

Check out this Video! Sonic Highways

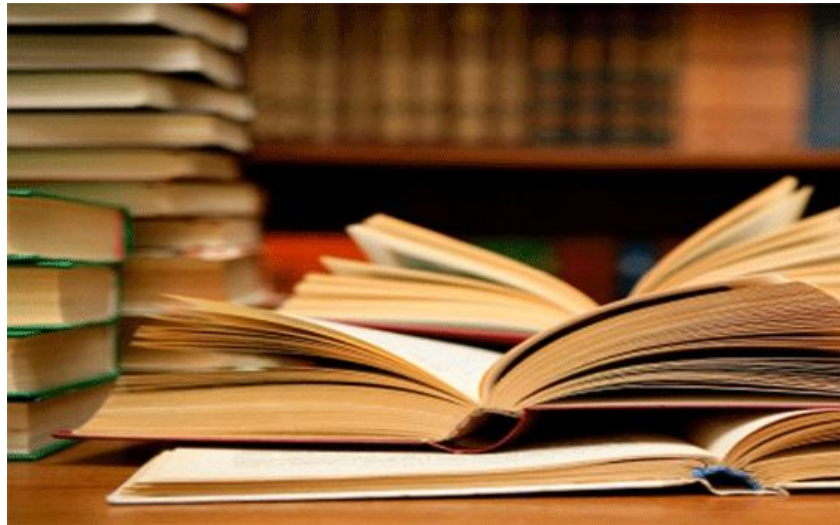
This is a music documentary about Northampton which was created by PVPA teacher Will Bangs, and PVPA students Zoe Lemos, Michaela Moreau, and Luna Puchalsky. A preview was aired at today's open mic. Here is the whole film.

[Click Here for Sonic Highways](#)

Attention Seniors! These Yearbook Deadlines are TODAY!

Senior Pages
Senior Parent Ads

Questions? lcappello@pvpa.org



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](#)

COLLEGE CORNER!

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).

Ice Skating at the Mullins Center at UMass Only \$5, including skate rentals!

Friday, December 23rd 11:30 - 1:30

(This is a work day for students who have assignments that are not complete. If students are caught up, they don't need to attend.)

Friday, December 30th - 11:30 - 1:30



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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