

## Press Release:

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### **PMEA Senior High District Orchestra**

This year two of our RHS Orchestra students, Megan Dell (violin 1) and Alexio Ciorra (bass) were selected to participate in the PMEA District 1 Senior High Orchestra Festival, hosted this year by North Allegheny Senior High School. Auditions were held Thursday Jan. 10th, practices Friday and Saturday, and a concert at the conclusion of the festival in the evening on Saturday, January 12th. The Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) is a statewide nonprofit organization of over 4,500 members, dedicated to promoting the musical development of all Pennsylvanians. The organization promotes and supports quality music education, learning and performance as well as promoting and supporting music education in schools and communities ([www.pmea.net](http://www.pmea.net)). At the orchestra festival students audition for their seating and the opportunity to go on to PMEA Region Orchestra. Both Megan and Alexio did well during their playing auditions. Alexio Ciorra placed first in the bass section, and will be participating in the PMEA Region Orchestra Festival held this year at Hollidaysburg Area High School. At Region Orchestra, Alexio will have the opportunity to audition for PMEA All-State Orchestra.

### **Strings North Orchestra Festival**

On Wednesday, February 13th, eleven of our RHS Orchestra students were selected to participate in the annual Strings North Orchestra Festival, held this year at Hampton School District. On Violin 1: Annabella Porco, Rebecca Baird, Sophia Bear, and Alex Bibza, on Violin 2: Alessandra Ciccone, Blane Shadle, and Anna Smith, on Viola: Morgan Fabyanic and Julia Ciorra, on Cello: Xavier Bear, and on Bass Maura Hill. Hampton, Mars, Shaler, Quaker Valley, North Hills, Knoch, Deer Lakes, and Riverview School Districts participated in this year's festival. Each participating school district's director chooses a piece to rehearse with the students, and conducts that piece in a concert that takes place in the evening.

### **Riverview Jr/Sr High School Band and Orchestra Concert**

On Tuesday, February 12th the Riverview Jr/Sr High School Band and Orchestra held their Winter Concert at Tenth St. Auditorium. The Band, under the direction of Mr. Joe Perrino, performed Dedicatory Overture by Clifton Williams, The Stars and Stripes Forever by John Philip Sousa, Escapada by David Moore, and Selections from Aladdin arranged by John Moss. The Orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Jason Libell, performed A Midwinter Fantasy by Gustav Holst and traditional folk and bluegrass tunes including Flop-Eared Mule, Fantasy on Simple Gifts, Fiddle Fever, Foggy Mountain Breakdown, Beaumont Rag, Shenandoah, and Clinch Mountain Backstep. Solos were performed by Preston Proctor (voice and Violin), Megan Dell (Violin), Alex Bibza (Violin), and Patrick Harvey (Violin). On Friday March 15th members of our Band, Choir, and Orchestra will travel to Cleveland to perform at the Great Lakes Science Center, tour the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, tour Severance Hall and watch the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra perform Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony.

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