

MONTGOMERY COUNTY CONCERT BAND
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Rehearsals:

Tuesday, Jan. 7, 7:30 – 9:30 pm, St Peters, North Wales
Tuesday, Jan. 14, 7:30 – 9:30 pm, Pennfield MS, Hatfield
Tuesday, Jan. 21, 7:30 – 9:30 pm, Pennfield MS, Hatfield
Tuesday, Jan. 28, 7:30 – 9:30 pm, Pennfield MS, Hatfield

Dear MCCB members,

It is with a tremendous sense of pride and accomplishment that I write this to you. Going into the concert today I had a certain amount of concern regarding a few things, first and foremost how would it sound? Second, would we outnumber the audience? Well, thanks to you both of those concerns proved unfounded. Your performance was of the highest level of professionalism. I realize that attention during rehearsals can sometimes be loose, but when you had to show your stuff today I felt that we were all pulling in the same direction.

As for the audience, well, I was amazed when I walked onto the stage and saw the number of people in the balcony. We have never had a crowd like that and it's a testament to your individual encouragement to friends and family and to your consistently high level of performance, because many of those folks don't know any of us and only come because they have come to expect a certain quality of musical performance. Perhaps the highest compliment came from Dot Frederick afterward when she told me that Steve would have indeed been proud.

Andrew Neu was great fun to work with and I think all of you enjoyed his performance as much as I did.

I also want to again thank Jan and the entire board for their work with the band and their efforts to make the band better in all ways. Everyone did a great job of pitching in and getting the stage cleaned off afterward today. And a special acknowledgement to Jennifer for

her hard work in organizing the library and collecting, and sorting the music, and to Bob for doing so much of the grunt work. The two of them were the last to leave tonight.

I want you to know what a pleasure and honor it is to work with all of you and I am very proud of your performance today. In the new year we will face several great musical challenges, but I have no doubt you will rise up to meet each of them. You should have most of the music that we will be playing at the two conferences. Please note that the January 7 rehearsal will be at St Peters.

Also, for those of you playing in the Christmas rehearsals please remember not to go into St Peters until the Aerobics class has left, usually about 7:05 – 7:10.

I hope that all of you will have a happy and safe Thanksgiving and I wish only the best for you throughout the holiday season.

Thank you,
Chuck

UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

TubaChristmas is coming!! Dec. 8 at Railroad Plaza in Lansdale. If you have never experienced one of these please do so this year.

Saturday, Dec. 14 Christmas Concert - This is a voluntary performance. Rehearsal Nov 26, Dec 3 @ St Peters. Rehearsal Dec 10 @ St Johns UCC (also performance site)

Info about the March concerts: Please note that the warm up times could change, but not by more than 30 minutes

WHAT: Performance at the convention for the Association of Concert Bands.

WHEN: Wednesday, March 26, 2014

WHERE: Holiday Inn, Allentown, PA

TIME: Report to the site probably 5:30, maybe 6:00 pm.

Concert performance time: 7:30 pm

2nd CONCERT: WHAT: Performance at the PMEA State In-Service Conference.

WHEN: Friday, March 28, 2014. Bus will leave from Hageys Transportation in Franconia at **10:30 am**

WHERE: Hershey Convention Center, Hershey, PA

TIME: Warmup 2:30 pm, **Concert - 3:30 pm**

Bus will leave from convention center at 5:30 pm

SPRING CONCERT – Sunday – May 4, 2014 @ Souderton HS