

# CHARTIERS VALLEY

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Chartiers Valley Intermediate School  
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Dear Band Director,

We are pleased to announce that the 2019 PMEA District 1 Elementary Band Fest West will be hosted by the Chartiers Valley School District on **Friday, May 17th and Saturday, May 18th, 2019**. The festival will be hosted by Chartiers Valley band directors Michael Holl and Rena Ralston. Check-in for the festival will begin at 8:15 AM and the director's meeting will start at 9:00 AM on May 17th. The concert is scheduled for 2:00 PM on May 18th.

The festival will take place at the Chartiers Valley Intermediate School Auditorium, and Dr. John R. Pastin will be our guest conductor. Dr. John R. Pastin, Lieutenant Commander, USN retired in May 2017 as the Dean of the College of Performing Arts, at Rowan University, Glassboro, New Jersey, where he led the departments of Music, Theatre, Dance and Art. In September 1998, following a distinguished 30-year career as a U.S. Navy Bandmaster and Musician, he accepted the position of Director of Bands, at Rowan, where he conducted the Wind Ensemble and Concert Band, taught conducting and ensemble rehearsal methods, and coached in the areas of music arranging and jazz improvisation techniques. Dr. Pastin is looking forward to a great experience with your students.

Enclosed in this letter are two student application forms and one director's information form. Please copy additional forms (double-sided) as needed. The PMEA District 1 Fest policies located on the back of the student application form should be read to the students who are applying for the festival. It is assumed that the directors, parents, students, and administrators agree to abide by all festival policies in order to be considered for participation. Please also make sure that your applicants are aware of the requirement that students **must attend all rehearsals and the concert** in order to participate in the festival.

On the director's application form, please be sure to include your school email address as we will communicate with you via email in the future.

Please send a photocopy of your current PMEA/NAfME membership card with your applications. **The deadline for application is January 1, 2019.**

Please mail all applications to:

Michael Holl & Rena Ralston  
PMEA Elementary Band Fest  
Chartiers Valley Intermediate School  
2030 Swallow Hill Road  
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If you have any questions or concerns, please email us at [mholl@cvsd.net](mailto:mholl@cvsd.net) or [rralston@cvsd.net](mailto:rralston@cvsd.net)

We look forward to seeing you in May!

Sincerely,  
Michael Holl & Rena Ralston

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