

The **PV** Buzz

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RECOGNIZING OUR INCREDIBLE SUMMER THEATER PROGRAM

Passaic Valley Summer Theater is an enrichment program designed to provide professional quality musical theater instruction to developing high school theater students; sponsored by the Passaic Valley Education Foundation.

This year the PVST was once again highlighted on the Jersey Proud segment of News12NJ. They lit up the stage with two incredible performances; "Fame the Musical" a challenging yet rewarding script, that follows the highs and lows of the final class of New York City's illustrious High School for the Performing Arts taking place in the early 80s, and Summer Junior Theater's "Disney's Descendants: The Musical", an adventure story about the children of the infamous villains of Disney who are sent to attend prep school alongside the children of beloved Disney heroes. We could not be more proud of the entire cast and crew, and extend a huge thank you to the many teachers and alumni that dedicate their summer to this impressive program and continue to make it a huge success. **"PVST not only educated us on how to tell the story, but they taught us how to take a story and learn through our characters. They reminded our cast to measure our lives in love. They put on a beautiful show and created a family in the process. They are an amazing group of people and gave me a summer I will never forget!"** - Sara B.



SUMMER CAMPS: WELCOME TO THE HIVE

PERFORMING ARTS CAMP

At Passaic Valley we make the most of our summer months. We hold The Passaic Valley Summer Performing Arts Camp (PVSPA), a 4 week summer camp funded by the Passaic Valley Education Foundation.

The PVSPA camp is a great way for future Hornets to expand their knowledge and interest in the fine and performing arts courses offered at PV. The class options

Include: Concert Band, Guitar Class, Piano Class, Woodwinds, Brass, Voice Class, Acting and StageCraft, Musical Theatre, Dance Technique and Movement, Creative Writing, Painting and Drawing, Sculpture, Crafts, Cartooning, Make-Up and Fashion Design. Students also gain social skills that build character while connecting with new peers. For over ten years, Mr. Deluccia has organized and ran this program, and it continues to be a great success!



PV SPORTS CAMP

Our Summer Sports Camp Program is hosted by the PV Athletic Department, Head Coaches and their assistant staff. Camp includes: Baseball, Girls Basketball, Track & Field, Softball, Football, Girls Volleyball and Gymnastics. Each sport runs an individual 3-4 day camp organized by Passaic Valley's Certified Coaching Staff. These camps are a perfect way for students from 4th grade to high school to improve their skills or start a new sport. In fact, we see many beginners start here! "It is so great to see new faces out here on the field, there is some tremendous talent in this group of kids. JOIN THE SWARM!" encourages Athletic Director Mr. Joseph Benvenuti.

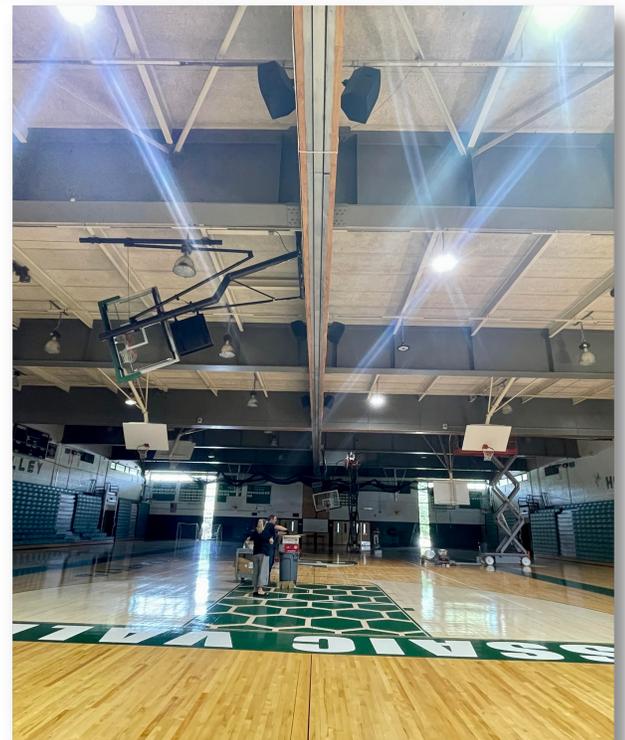
LOOKING FORWARD TO SEPTEMBER

There is no better time to be a Hornet than now

#SWARMUP



If you have driven by the campus lately, you probably noticed many new changes. We recently completed some major projects and have several more on the horizon. We are building positive momentum as we continue to see a large influx of transfer students and an increase in enrollment for the freshmen class. We are officially 1:1 with Chromebooks and our academic programs prepare students for the most prestigious universities. We have graduates attending Harvard, Cornell, Brown, Johns Hopkins, Georgetown, Fordham, RPI, Stevens Institute of Technology, George Washington, NYU, and Vassar. Put in the work and reap the benefits! We have been expanding our Dual Enrollment programs which allows students to earn college credits while attending class at PV. The building will be shining brighter this year! Our Energy Improvement project is almost complete: it includes \$2.1 million in lighting and ventilation upgrades funded by the federal government. The installation of our new turf field and track renovation is complete right in time for September -- we look forward to cheering on our Hornets *under the lights*! A new customizable digital marquee is lighting up the front lawn, geared up and ready to highlight all of the wonderful achievements by our students and staff. Auditorium renovations will begin soon which includes new seating, carpeting, tiling, lighting, and sound. We are excited to provide our award-winning Fine and Performing Arts program a beautiful theater that they will be proud to call home. None of this would be possible without the support of our students, staff, and families. We will continue to make you proud to be part of the green and white community.



Hornets Going Places



PJ CASALE

Coach Wassel and the Passaic Valley Wrestling team kicked off their summer training and competing at Rutgers Wrestling Camp. PJ Casale '22 worked as a counselor at the RU Wrestling Camp this year, training fellow hornet and co-award winning teammate, Connor Kerwin. Last season, Rutgers closed with three All-Americans in the same year for the first time in program history, and we look forward to seeing Casale join the vigorous team this year for another competitive season.



AMANDA RAUSCH

Amanda Rausch '23 was named a 2022 Rensselaer Medalist, distinguishing herself in both mathematics and science throughout her education. Amanda has also achieved national recognition as an AP scholar, demonstrating exemplary college-level achievement on her 21-22 AP exams and is a member of the National Math Honor Society, World Language Honor Society and National Honor Society. This September, Amanda returns as a Senior and we look forward to celebrating her many future successes with her.



YASTIKA SINGH

Yastika Singh '24 earned a Perfect score of 1600 on her SAT exam! Less than 1% of the students who sit for the exam achieve this incredible distinction. PV is beyond proud of her! Look out Hornets...she is coming back as a Junior this year, amped and eager to succeed on top. Yastika balances her love for academics with athletics. She was part of the Girls Cross Country Team that won the Big North Conference for the first time since 1996. She has also been nominated multiple times for Hornet of the Month and is a member of the National Math Honor Society.