

TEMPO NEWS



Tredyffrin/Easttown Music Parents Organization Newsletter

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Welcome to TEMPO

The primary goals of TEMPO are: supporting ALL the music programs throughout the TE School District; providing the resources and opportunities to encourage and musically challenge students; and awarding membership pins, letters, and scholarships. TEMPO's primary goals are to add to the enjoyment of the music program through large group participation such as concerts and marching band performances. We encourage participation in competitions, parades and trips that provide formal recognition of the CHS music groups. The relationships that develop among students, family and community begin the very first day of school and continue throughout each student's high school career. It is a rewarding and memorable experience for all.

While TEMPO is highly visible at Marching Band events, it is important to note that TEMPO supports all music programs at CHS, including:

- ♦ **Guys Harmonize and Gal Chorale at the middle schools (Fall)**
- ♦ **Rising 9th Grade Meet and Greet (January)**
- ♦ **Music Department trips (ie. Disney, Broadway Musical Trip etc.) (Spring)**
- ♦ **Tri-M Induction Reception (October)**
- ♦ **Senior Recognition Night - Marching Band (October)**
- ♦ **Music Banquet (May)**
- ♦ **TEMPO Scholarships and Awards to eligible graduation seniors (May)**
- ♦ **Music In Our Schools (On-Going support to students in need who wish to learn an instrument at the elementary school level - In partnership with FLITE)**

Welcome all new parents and welcome back all "veteran" parents! We are well underway with music activities for the 2017 - 2018 school year and it promises to be yet another exciting year for our music students!

Our marching band has gotten off to a great start with a wonderful Witches and Wizards show. I never cease to be amazed at how quickly the marching band pulls together a full show after only two weeks of band camp! If you haven't had an opportunity to see the band show, you will have an opportunity to see it at our first home game on Thursday, September 28th.

Along with marching band, plans are well underway for the 8th annual **Stoga Showcase of Sound**. For those who are new to CHS, this is the band Cavalcade event that is the major fundraiser for TEMPO each year. It is a band competition where marching bands from the surrounding area come to Stoga and compete. Although our marching band is not a competition band, we also participate with a performance at the very end of the event. This performance has proven to be the highlight of the marching band season and something that band members will tell you is one of the highlights of their music experience. Also - because this is our biggest fundraiser for the year, we need LOTS of volunteers to help make it a success and will be counting on TEMPO parents to help with that effort.

Finally - TEMPO is only as strong as it's volunteers and we are very fortunate to have a very strong board of directors this year. They are all very dedicated to the success of the music program at Stoga and they are all great (and fun) people! Each board member was asked to provide a brief writeup about their role in TEMPO and why they volunteer; Please take a few minutes to read about our board members and why supporting the music program is important to them.

Looking forward to a great year!

Bonnie Motel and Ann D'Emilio - TEMPO Co-Presidents

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Welcome Parents and Students to the Conestoga High School Choral Program!

There are four different performing choral organizations in the curriculum:

- ♦ **Concert Choir** (non-auditioned – SATB music)
- ♦ **Chanteuses** (non-auditioned – SSAA music)
- ♦ **Camerata** (auditioned 11th and 12th graders – SSAATTBB music)
- ♦ **Chorale** (auditioned 9th and 10th graders – SATB music)

In addition, students in grades 10 – 12 (and 9th-grade tenors) may consider auditioning for the District 12 Chorus. Copies of the three audition pieces have already been distributed. Email Mrs. Dickinger (dickingersu@tesd.net) if you want to download the individual recordings from Box.net.

* Participation in the choral organizations provides you with the opportunity to experience performing many different kinds of music. In fact, one of my basic objectives is having you sing pieces: (1) from all musical eras beginning with the Renaissance; (2) in different languages and contrasting styles; (3) accompanied and *a cappella*; and (4) secular and sacred. (Please note: singing sacred music does not indicate an affiliation with a particular religion. Rather, sacred music is utilized in a cultural and historical context). I EXPECT ALL CHORAL STUDENTS TO PERFORM THIS WIDELY DIVERSE SELECTION OF MUSIC!

All students are provided with a choir folder and their own copies of each piece of music. They are responsible to return all music after each concert and the folder at the end of the year, or they will incur a debt!!!!

* This year should again prove to be musically exciting. The Winter Concert will feature selections inspired by Native Americans and conclude with “Make Our Garden Grow” by Leonard Bernstein, featuring all choirs and orchestra. Our 11th annual “Guys Harmonize” workshop will take place in November, and our 8th annual middle school “Gal Chorale” event will occur in October. The Spring Concert will include choral arrangements of Beatles tunes, as well as many other great pieces.!

* The following choir officers will be integral in helping the Conestoga Music Department function smoothly throughout the school year:

OFFICERS

President – Charlotte Kalilec
Vice President – Bryce Bundens
Secretary – Bianca Altamirano
Historian – Tara Moon
Sophomore Representatives – Yunge Xiao
Librarians – Gwen Charles, Mihir Dhamanker, Maddie Marchese, Jahnavi Rao, Nick Remillard

CONDUCTORS

Period 8 – Katy Bondi, Amelia Dubendorf, Laila Norford, Lily Zhou
Period 7 – Zoe Balk, Emily Ford

Marching Band Update



The Conestoga Marching Band is off to a great start this year, with our 2017 show Witches and Wizards! The features the Sorcerer's Apprentice from Disney's Fantasia, May It Be from The Lord of the Rings, and Defying Gravity from the hit musical Wicked.

The Marching Band season began with band camp from August 14-25, and the students are doing a tremendous job on the show! The band performs at all football games (both home and away), as well as several Saturday shows. We will be participating in the Penncrest Festival of Bands on October 14th, as well as Cavalcade Championships on the weekend of November 11-12.

Our annual 'Stoga Showcase of Sound will take place on Saturday, November 4th. We are excited to be hosting 11 area marching bands. The Cavalcade is a fantastic opportunity to showcase our students' hard work throughout the season, and we hope that you will consider volunteering to help make this amazing event a success!

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The Pennsylvania Music Educators Association

District 12 Chorus Festival

Conestoga High School will be hosting the PMEA District 12 Chorus Festival from January 25 – 27, 2018. 162 students from approximately thirty-five high schools in Chester, Delaware, and Philadelphia Counties will participate. The concert, conducted by Dr. Christopher Kiver from Penn State University, will take place on **Saturday, January 27 at 11:00 am** in the CHS auditorium.

Conestoga students are rehearsing now to prepare for the District Chorus auditions, which will be held at West Chester Rustin High School on Saturday, November 18, 2017.

We will need a lot of parental help to make this festival a success. Please offer us your support. Further details will follow.



Natalie Gaspari Wallace will again direct the fall drama and has announced that the fall drama is **“The Crucible”** by Arthur Miller. Auditions took place on September 7, and performances will occur from November 16 – 18. Tickets will go on sale mid-to-late October. The winter musical is slated to be **“Nice Work If You Can Get It”** with music by George Gershwin. Auditions will take place in December, with performances in March.

TRI-M MUSIC HONOR SOCIETY



Conestoga's Tri-M Music Honor Society chapter (Modern Music Masters) will have new inductions on October 4, 2017. (Prospective students have already submitted their applications and should be rehearsing for their September performance requirement). Tri-M offers students the forum to share and enjoy the diversities of their musical experiences. It also provides recognition for musical achievements, scholarship, and character and presents opportunities for service.

Stoga Music Spiritwear: Order by October 4th!

[https://kellysteamstores.com/Webstore/
WebStoreHomePage.aspx](https://kellysteamstores.com/Webstore/WebStoreHomePage.aspx)



2017-18 Tri-M Officers

President – Bryce Bundens
Vice President – John Peterson
Secretary – Charlotte Kalilec
Historian – Neil Goldenthal

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Upcoming Events:

- ♦ October 4th - Tri-M Music Honor Society Induction Ceremony (CHS Auditorium - 9:00am)
- ♦ October 10th - Gal Chorale (Valley Forge Middle School)
- ♦ October 24th - Tri-M Recital #1 (CHS Auditorium @ 6:00pm)
- ♦ November 4th - Stoga Showcase of Sound/Cavalcade (Teamer Field)
- ♦ November 6th - Spring Musical Meeting (CHS Auditorium - 6:30pm)
- ♦ November 8th - Guys Harmonize (CHS)
- ♦ November 16th -18th - Fall Drama (CHS Auditorium)
- ♦ December 6th - Winter Choral/Orchestra Concert (CHS Auditorium - 7:00pm)
- ♦ December 13th - Winter Bands Concert (CHS Auditorium - 7:00pm)
- ♦ January 8th - NEXT TEMPO MEETING!

TEMPO fundraising opportunities

Students can participate in many different fundraisers. Profits go right into the student's Tempo fundraising account::

Wawa Hoagie Cards: Cost: \$4/Card- good for 1 Wawa Shorti - \$1 for each card purchased deposited into student Account **Contact: Ruth Christner**
rgchristner@comcast.net

ACME Cards \$5 for every \$100 gift card purchased deposited into student account. Contact: Jill Cutler
cutler207@gmail.com

Pure Scents Candles Per-candle amount deposited into student account Orders due by October 27. Delivery right before Thanksgiving break Refer to

stogamusic.com fundraising page for details and order sheet Contact: Eileen Hoban
hobane@yahoo.com

The Clean Store Dry Cleaning \$10 deposited into student account when family spends \$50 cumulatively on (non-leather) dry cleaning from October 1st to December 31st To sign up: <http://www.TCSdrycleaners.com> Contact: Jason Feldman
Json@tcsdrycleaners.com

2017 - 2018 TEMPO Board Members

Please don't hesitate to reach out to any of us if you have any questions, suggestions, etc.

Bonnie Motel
Ann D'Emilio
Cathy Rains
Mindy Gusdorff
Kate Balk

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VP Student Accounts
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Meet the TEMPO Board

Bonnie Motel: I am a Stoga Music grad (I won't say what year) and have been involved with the music program since my oldest child joined the marching band 8 years ago. My youngest child is now a junior and is very involved in the choral program. I volunteer with TEMPO because I am a big believer in the importance of music in a child's educational experience, having directly benefited from it when I was a student here. I also have an immense amount of respect and admiration for our music faculty and everything that they do for our children; volunteering is a way of saying thank you to them for their dedication to our kids. Finally - I thoroughly enjoy the work that I do for TEMPO. This is the fun stuff and I have certainly received more than I have given along the way. I hope you will give it a try and join us as a TEMPO volunteer!

Ann D'Emilio: TEMPO Co-President. My son, Jack is a recent Conestoga grad and is pursuing music in College. Justin and Lauren are sophomores at Conestoga. I have been active in TEMPO for the past four years, my volunteering started in the Away Stand at football games. It is always a fun time. I had the opportunity to meet many other parents that have become friends. I am involved with the music program because it is a great program with incredible teachers, I love being involved and watching the kids do what they love.

Mindi Gusdorff: VP of Student Accounts, and I am responsible for managing your student's account activity benefited by individual fundraising. I am the mom to two music students. My daughter graduated from Conestoga last year where she had participated as a clarinetist in Wind Ensemble, Marching Band, Symphony Orchestra and Pit Orchestra. My son is currently a 10th grader at Conestoga and is enjoying his second year playing trombone in Marching Band. He has also participated in Concert and Jazz Bands since middle school. Volunteering for TEMPO is a terrific way to meet other music parents and to support our outstanding music programs across the district. Not only do our students benefit from an incredible music education but they become part of a community of awesome kids!

Anne Callis: VP of Publicity for TEMPO and I'm also on the committee for our annual Showcase of Sound Cavalcade of Bands. In my publicity role, I'm in charge of spreading the word about the great things that TEMPO does, placing ads related to TEMPO, and publicizing special events that we sponsor. I have two daughters who are in the marching band

(one on alto sax and one in color guard) and I've been so impressed by the friendships they both have formed through the band. I'm involved with TEMPO because when I was in high school, some of my best experiences were with the music program and it's exciting to be able to support the many 'Stoga music programs our kids enjoy. In addition, the music parents are just as amazing and welcoming as the kids! It's such a supportive, fun and collaborative group of parents and I urge you to get involved and join us. You won't regret it!

Suzanne Borislow: In charge of the home concession stand. When my oldest son joined the marching band, I saw what a wonderful group it was and how it helped him to acclimate to high school before classes began. I began by helping out in the concession stand for a few hours during each football game. I found that I really enjoyed interacting with the students in the band, the other parent volunteers and the people who were coming to the football games. In fact, I believed so much in the program, I took over the job even though I did not have anyone in the band! Now, my younger son plays the french horn/mellophone in the band. Over the past seven years, I've seen how valuable the music program is to the kids, both socially and musically, and how every little contribution (from the parents who help with set up on Friday nights for only a few hours to the people who consistently working the stand each week) makes such a big difference.

Russ and Wendy Walters: Away Concession Stand. Child performs in: Marching Band - Pit, Concert Choir, Chorale, Chanteuses. We are involved in TEMPO because our work supports our children and the music program. Some of the benefits of volunteering for the music program/Words of encouragement for new parents are that it's a wonderful way to connect with other parents and network in the community, we've made so many new friends! We have lots of things to talk about when connecting with our kids.

Ruth Christner: VP Fundraising. Our third child is participating in the music program at Conestoga (Concert Band, Choir, Marching Band, Jazz Band). Music is a very important part of who we are and have always been as a family and all of our children have benefited from the rich soil that is the TESD music department. We have always participated a bit as parents - baking a casserole for Tri-M, selling tickets, or selling food at the concession stand or Cavalcade.



Music Teacher Directory

*In order for your child to reach his or her potential in music, private instruction is highly recommended. The TE School District has a wealth of talented and motivating private instructors in the area. Some will come to the home and are indicated with an *. There are several institutions and music stores that offer instruction on all instruments. They are indicated at the bottom of the list. This list of instructors has been compiled for your convenience. The Music Department, TEMPO and The TE School District do not recommend or endorse any of the specific instructors, schools or music stores.*

INSTRUMENT	NAME	PHONE	CITY	Email Address	Website
Baritone, French Horn, Trombone, Trumpet, Tuba	John Shaw	610-971-9378	Wayne	jms5646@gmail.com	
Cello, Beginning Piano	Melissa Brun	484-459-8369	Devon	MelissaABrun@gmail.com	www.melissabrun.com
Cello	Stephen Framil	610-716-5737	Wayne	sframil@aol.com	www.stephenframil.com
Clarinet, Skype lessons available upon request.	David Blumberg	610-716-8258	Bryn Mawr	davidcblumberg@gmail.com	www.mytempomusic.com
Clarinet, Flute, Saxophone	Leslie Bumick	610-888-5376	West Chester	musician12858@aol.com	
Clarinet, Saxophone	Richard Harris	610-647-3542	Malvern	harrisr2056@hotmail.com	
Clarinet, Saxophone	Dragan Petrovic*	610-202-7163	West Chester	chupinsky@gmail.com	
Clarinet, Flute, Saxophone, Jazz, Improv.	Rob Stone*	610-283-9714	Radnor	robstone@comcast.net	
Flute, Piano	Anita Giaccone	215-527-1973	Havertown	pianoarg7@gmail.com	
Flute	Susan Shaw	610-971-9378	Wayne	susancarolshaw@gmail.com	
French Horn	Karen Rubert	610-647-2606	Malvern	krubert@comcast.net	
Guitar	Alex-Michael Alleva*	484-868-2409	Paoli	amjalleva@gmail.com	
Guitar, Bass, Ukulele	Paul Pellegrini*	610-506-3054	Chesterbrook	pranablue@hotmail.com	
Harp	Martha Clancy	610-783-5686	Wayne	harpsounds8@gmail.com	www.harpsounds.com
Oboe	Terence Belzer	610-574-0881	Berwyn	belzoboe@msn.com	
Percussion	Ken Vogel	610-283-7626	Wayne	kenvogeldrum@verizon.net	www.kenvogeldrum.com
Piano, Flute, Beginner Violin	Jay Chadwick*	610-220-4907	Wayne	Musiczone1@aol.com	
Piano	Ellen Boyar-Chung	610-644-7028	Berwyn	ebcpiano@gmail.com	
Piano	Linda Child	610-716-7065	Berwyn	clarkchild@aol.com	
Piano	Jane Heintzelman	610-296-3428	Berwyn	jbheintzelman@verizon.net	
Saxophone, Clarinet	Andrew Urbina*	484-368-2357	Devon	andrew.urbina1@gmail.com	2005 Conestoga Graduate
String Bass, Bass	Elizabeth Cochran	610-322-0140	Wayne	Lizard@bee.net	
Trombone, Baritone	Jerry Schauer*	484-678-2970	West Chester	jerry.schauer@verizon.net	
Trombone, Trumpet, Baritone, French Horn, Tuba	Folkert H. Kadyk	610-644-5687	Paoli	kertkadyk@verizon.net	
Violin, Viola	Stephanie Greenberg	610-644-3979	Chestrbrk	Steph.mostovoy@gmail.com	
Violin	Betsy Hirsch	610-644-0366	Berwyn	betsy@hirschweb.net	
Violin, Viola	Alisa Seavey	610-368-0478	Wayne	seaveya@gmail.com	http://alisseavey.wordpress.com
Violin, Viola	Laurie Sonsino	610-640-0998	Chestrbrk	lsonsino@verizon.net	
Voice	Susan Dash	484-620-2425	Devon	susan@dashvoice.com	www.dashvoice.com
Voice, Acting, Monologues	Jennie Eisenhower	610-220-8080	Paoli	jennie.e.eisenhower@gmail.com	www.jennie-eisenhower.com
Voice	Kate Mallon-Day	610-613-8965	Paoli	kantakate@aol.com	www.katherinemallonday.com
Voice	Kim Russell	610-696-3523	Malvern	kimrussl@verizon.net	
Voice (women only)	Melanie Sarakatsannis	610-989-9992	Wayne	msarakatsannis@gmail.com	

Music Stores and Schools who offer private music lessons. Contact them directly for more information:

NAME	PHONE	CITY	INSTRUMENTS TAUGHT	Website
Beam's School of Music	610-647-3647	Malvern	Bass, Guitar, Piano, Keyboard, Voice, Percussion, Brass, Woodwinds, Strings	www.beamsmusic.com
Mainline School of Rock	610-647-2900	Berwyn	Guitar, Bass Guitar, Vocals, Keys, Drums, Performance	www.mainline.schoolofrock.com
Mobile Music Philly, LLC	484-734-0551	Berwyn	Bass, Guitar, Piano, Keyboard, Strings, Woodwinds	www.mobilemusicphilly.com
Music & Arts	610-687-1721	Wayne	Guitar, Piano, Voice, Woodwinds, Brass, Strings, Percussion	www.musicarts.com/wayne-pa
Sam Ash Music Stores	610-265-6444	King of Prussia	Brass, Guitar, Percussion, Piano, Strings, Voice, Woodwinds	samashmusic.com
The Music Workshop	610-240-0505	Berwyn	Guitar, Bass, Ukulele, Voice, Piano, Drums, Violin, Viola, Cello	www.themusicworkshop.org
Wayne Art Center	610-688-3553	Wayne	Violin, Guitar, Piano, Double Bass, Cello, Flute, Viola & Voice	www.wayneart.org

TEMPO Dues Payment

\$30 per year per family

Student's Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Amount Paid: _____

Check # (If paying by check): _____

Please send dues payment to:

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Southeastern, PA, 19399-1324