Happy Holidays!
The Richland Fine Arts Department would like to wish our students, students’ families, and our colleagues a Happy Holiday Season!

The Fine Arts Faculty would also like to congratulate all the Richland music students on a fantastic Winter concert season!

6th Grade Band Fest
Congratulations to Gabriel DiCamillo, Vivian Litzinger, Caden Milne, Aiden O’Dowd, McKenna O’Dowd, Cheyenne Owens, Sky Spontak, Taylor Steigert, and Austin Syfert for being selected to participate in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association, District 6 Band Fest.

These students were selected based on a small auditions, attendance to band class, and work ethic. They will travel to Northern Cambria Middle School on April 8th to perform with over 100 other students from Bedford, Blair, Cambria, and Somerset Counties.

PMEA District 6 Jazz Festival
Richland will host the District 6 Jazz Festival on January 21 and 22. Top student jazz musicians from Bedford, Blair, Cambria, and Somerset Counties will come together for two days of music making with four guest conductors.

Two Richland Students: Gabby Garcia and Shawn Roth will be participating in the Vocal Jazz Ensemble. These two students successfully auditioned against other students from PMEA District 6 for a spot in the ensemble.

Please join us for a concert at the end of the Festival on January 22 at 6:00pm. The concert will feature three big bands and a vocal jazz ensemble. Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for students. For more information contact Mr. Cannistraci.

UPCOMING
January 14-15- District Orchestra
January 15- Disney Payment 5 Due
January 19- Booster Meeting
January 21-22- District Jazz
January 28-30- District Band
February 4-6- District Chorus
February 16- Booster Meeting
February 19-21- Fiddler On The Roof
February 19- Disney Payment 6 Due
**District Band Read Throughs**  
(Grades 10-12) Conemaugh Township High School will host two district band read throughs. These read throughs are very important for students who would like to advance to region band. Read throughs will take place January 19 and 25 beginning at 7:30. See Mr. Cannistraci with any questions.

**Art Club Donates to Humane Society with Annual Ugly Sweater Contest**  
The once annual Ugly Sweater Contest made a comeback this year to benefit the Humane Society. Students who wanted to sport their ugliest of ugly Christmas sweaters signed up by bringing in a pet food item or money for the Cambria County Humane Society. Some students created handmade sweaters embellished with tinsel, lights and ornaments. Others had a theme consistent with their head gear of antlers or trees. The Art Club awarded winners with Sheetz gift cards. The RHS teachers also were able to participate and left nothing to chance with their ugly knit Christmas fun! Thank you for all who participated. The Humane Society always is in need a of a little Christmas cheer!

**Art Club Takes First at Gingerbread Competition**  
The Art Club participated in the Ebensburg Dickens of a Christmas Annual Gingerbread Contest. This was the first time our students participated in this contest. Students, Autumn Hause, Dana Holliday, Oliver Lindrose, Gabby Garcia, and Mariah Lonergan, gathered at the school at 9am on the Monday after Thanksgiving to bake the delicious creation. The entry was themed after the Johnstown Inclined Plane and was entered into the "Historical Places of Cambria County" category. All entries had to be made of edible gingerbread and decorated with colorful candies. For their efforts students won tickets to Disney’s Treasure on Ice skating show at the War Memorial Arena. See the High School webpage for photos of the final piece.

**Fiddler On The Roof**  
Fiddler On The Roof Rehearsals are under way! We are very excited about this production! If you want to see a line of dancers the width of the stage balancing bottles on their heads, get your tickets now! Shows are February 19, 20, and 21.

The cast of Fiddler on The Roof are reminded to return ticket orders, t-shirt orders to Mr. Cannistraci by January 8, 2016. Baskets and concession stand donations are due to Mr. Cannistraci by January 14.

**Art Club Sub Fundraiser**  
The Art Club is sponsoring a Tony’s Subs and Pizza Fundraiser the month of January! Subs are $8.00 and pizzas are $6.00. Orders are due to Mrs. Ringler by Thursday, January 21. Subs will be delivered Thursday, January 28. See an art or music student to purchase (grades 9-12 only)!
Disney 2016 Update
ATTENTION: Just a reminder as per the Disney trip contract, any cancelations after December will be responsible for the the remaining amount of the trip.

Payment 5 January 15
Payment 6 February 19
Payment 7 March 18

*In Order to use money in your student account a voucher must be submitted

*Students will be permitted to withdraw up to $275 from their student accounts to use for spending money in Orlando- they will receive the money when we depart RHS.

Booster Student Account Balance Inquiry
Thank you all for your help with our Fall fundraisers! Remember 50% of the profit the student makes on each fundraiser will go into his or her student booster account. This money is able to be used to pay for trips, lessons, and other arts department costs. To use this money a student account voucher must be completed and turned in. For an account balance please e-mail Mr. Cannistraci at jcannistraci@richlandsd.com.

Performing Arts Center 2015-16 Season
Fiddler on The Roof February 19 and 20 7:00pm and February 21 2:00pm
Mates of State March 4 7:00pm
The Wizard of Oz April 29 and 30 7:00pm and May 1 2:00pm
A Bittersweet Symphony: Unplugged! May 20 8:00pm and 22 2:00pm
James and the Giant Peach June 24 and 25 7:00pm

Music Department 2015-16 Concert Series
Elementary/Jr. High Spring Band and Orchestra Concert May 2 7:00pm
Sr. High School Spring Band and Orchestra Concert May 9 7:00pm
Spring Chorus Concert May 11 7:00pm