Happy Thanksgiving!
The Richland Fine Arts Department would like to wish our students, students’ families, and our colleagues a Happy Thanksgiving! We are thankful for your continued support of the arts here at Richland!

Holiday Concerts
The Junior High Holiday Concert will be held December 14 at 7:00 in the Richland Performing Arts Center. This concert will feature the band, chorus, and orchestra students in grades 6-8 (and 5th Grade Chorus).

Students are to wear black dress pants (ladies may choose to wear a black skirt, however, it MUST fall below the knees), black dress shoes, and a solid white long sleeve dress shirt (may be a button down, sweater, or blouse).

Student should report to the high school band, chorus, or orchestra room by 6:30 that evening.

The Senior High Holiday Concert will be held December 15 at 7:00 in the Richland Performing Arts Center. This concert will feature the band, chorus, and orchestra students in grades 9-12.

Gentlemen will be required to wear black dress pants, white button down shirt, and black shoes. A black bow tie and black suit jacket will be issued the evening of the concert.

Ladies will be issued a black concert dress. Ladies will be required to where black dress shoes.

Student report time will be announced the week prior to the performance.
**Chorus and Orchestra Tour**
The RHS Concert Choir (grades 9-12) and Orchestra (grades 9-12) will be taking their annual community tour to spread Holiday Cheer on December 21. The groups’ schedules are as follows: Orchestra: 9:00 Elementary School (closed to the public), 10:45 Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center, 1:00 Galleria Mall

Chorus: 9:00 Elementary School (closed to the public), 9:45 Arbutus Park Manor (residents only), 1:00 Galleria Mall

**Art Club Shares Talent With Geistown Boro**
The RHS art club volunteered to paint toy soldiers to decorate boro signs. Students came to school during teacher in-service in November to paint the wooden cutouts. Their work can be seen at all “Welcome to Geistown Boro” signs.

**Art Club Window Painting Tour**
On November 14 RHS Art Club students converged on Country Son gift shop to paint holiday windows in a winter theme. Owner Amy Munoz was delighted with the final pieces of artwork and plans to keep them up for the Winter season.

On November 15 several art club students participated in the annual discover downtown window painting project. Richland students were given two windows to design and paint a holiday theme. Artists Christopher Houston and Chris Miller submitted designs to be painted the outside of Press Bistro. The paintings will be on display until the first of the new year.

Today, November 25 after school students will be painting windows at Jakes Bar and Grill at The Galleria Mall. Last year students were invited to decorate the facade and with an outstanding response our students were asked to come back this year. For their efforts, students will be treated to dinner at the restaurant.

**Art Students to Participate in Gingerbread Construction Contest**
Members of the RHS Art Club will be participating in the Ebensburg Dickens of a Christmas Gingerbread construction contest on November 30. Entries will be on display at the Ebensburg Historical Society December 4-January 1.
St. Nicholas Feast- Grand Halle on Broad Street
Students from the Richland High School Chorus and Orchestra will provide entertainment at the St. Nicholas Feast at the Grande Hall on Broad Street on December 4 and 5. A small group of students from each group will help celebrate the season at the Grand Halle's annual St. Nicholas Feast. This years theme is a Celtic Christmas. For more information or for tickets for the St. Nicholas Feast call (814) 536-7986.

Fiddler On The Roof
The cast list has been posted! Parents of cast members for Fiddler On The Roof please ask your students for the information packet that will be handed out next Wednesday at the first Read Through! This packet will include picture form, ticket order form, happy ad form, T-shirt order form, sign-up information for the “Remind” system, and information regarding donations for hallway concessions and basket raffles. All forms in the packet except for the picture form are due by January 8, 2016. We would like to encourage parents to sign-up for the “Remind” system so they can receive updates on their phone regarding rehearsal schedules, parent reminders, and other theatre reminders. To receive alerts text @e981e8a8cd to 81010.

Young Persons Theatre- Wizard of Oz
This year the theatre department is proud to offer our students in grades 5-8 an unforgettable experience! We are proud to present the Richland Young Person’s production of The Wizard of Oz. Students in grades 5-8 will audition together to perform in this large-cast full scale production including special effects, live orchestra and all the lights, sounds, and excitement of live theatre! Auditions for The Wizard of Oz will be held Wednesday, December 16 at Richland High School beginning at 5:00pm and ending at 9:00pm. We hope to see you all there!

Cambria County Band
The Cambria County Band Festival will be held December 3 and 4 at Cambria Heights High School. Student who successfully auditioned for this group (grades 7-12) will meet at the high school the mornings of December 3 and 4 and be transported by school bus to the festival. We will depart Richland High school at 7:30am each morning. On Thursday we will return to the high school by 4:15pm. On Friday student will remain at Cambria Heights High School until after the concert. Lunches and Dinner on Friday are provided. The County Band Concert will be held at 7:00pm Friday December 4. Parents are responsible for taking the students home after the concert on Friday. Students will be issued a band uniform to be worn at the concert- please bring tall black socks.

PMEA District 6 Band
Congratulations to the following students for their successful audition for District 6 Band!

Jensen Delawder, Marissa Lydic, Shawn Roth, and Maura Trabold

PMEA District 4/6 Orchestra
Congratulations to the following students for being selected to participate in the District 4/6 Orchestra!

Sarah Bitsko, Jensen Delawder, Melody DeMatteis, Josh Hilands, Nadia Khan, Elle Olvera, Jasmine Olvera, Shawn Roth, Shay Roth, Kaylee Shook, Emily Stewart, and Megan Thomas
Disney 2016 Update
Payment Schedule:
Payment 4 December 18
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 Winter Concert December 14 7:00pm

High School Winter Concert December 15 7:00pm

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