

March 2024

**Letter from Instrumental Music Director:****Ed Cloyd**

Greetings Instrumental Music Families!

We have made it to the final stretch of the school year already! I want to say how nice it has been to work with such great Keynoters and volunteers these last few months! Thank you to anyone who has chaperoned, driven, fundraised for, and supported the musicians here at Monte Vista. We absolutely could not do any of this without your assistance!



Just to recap a little of what has been happening since the last newsletter, the Jazz Bands have competed at two jazz festivals and represented our program extremely well! This included first place in their respective divisions at the Woodcreek Jazz Festival. Way to go jazz! We had several students participate in the Contra Costa County Honor Band comprised of some of the best musicians in our area.

The concert was a delight, and I encouraged more students to audition next year! The Marching Band had a fun awards ceremony and did their part to support the 49ers in the Superbowl with an early morning performance on national television at City Center in San Ramon! (Hopefully next year they'll come away with the victory!)

Still, the year is not over yet and I encourage you to volunteer for any of the remaining events coming up. Our **Gianni's Tips for Change** is an opportunity to eat/support the music program on **March 11!** We have auditions for next year's ensembles right around the corner and several festivals and field trips including Music in the Parks in Santa Cruz! Let us do our absolute best to end the year with excellence and the pride that has been such a hallmark of the Monte Vista HS Instrumental Music Department!

**Letter from Orchestra Director:****Sara Dasovich**

Hello MV Family!  
It's hard to believe we're in the month of March. We are busy preparing for our first Chamber Ensemble in-class performance on March 8th. Students have been working in small group ensembles and have chosen music to prepare for this performance.



I would like to congratulate the Monte Vista Trio, **(Zedric Wong, Yanqi Gao and Vivian Nguyen)** for winning First Prize in the Senior Chamber Music Ensemble Category at the United State Open Music Competition, including the top honor of the Crystal Award! Bravi! We also have **MV orchestra members who have volunteered to perform with Grammy Award Winning, Mads Tolling and the Diablo Symphony Orchestra on Sunday, April 14 at 2:00PM** at the Leshner Center in Walnut Creek. Thank you MVKeynoters for the opportunity to attend the Sonoma State University's String Conducting Workshop, this past January. I got to work with Markand Thakar, former assistant conductor of the NY Philharmonic Orchestra! This was an invaluable experience for me, and our orchestra will continue to benefit from the experience and information I have learned. Other upcoming events include the String Orchestra Festival at SRVHS on April 17th at 7 PM. See you there!

**Special Way to Celebrate Your Senior at the Graduation!**

The Keynoters are selling graduation ribbon leis for \$25! Don't miss out - supplies are limited so be sure to order soon through Future Fund. Please make an order from [HERE](#) now!

Class of  
2024

## Letter from Keynoters President: Erica Cretien



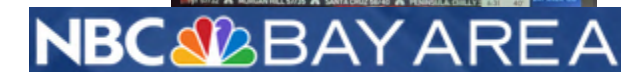
Spring is just around the corner, and with it comes all of the fun instrumental music performances, field trips and concerts! If you have not signed up to chaperone or help with one of these events, please reach out and check [the website](#) regularly for links - from Jazz

Competitions to Orchestra outings, Large Festivals and Music in the Parks - everyone has a chance to perform this spring in fun and exciting ways, you don't want to miss it!

We will kick off this season of festivals by once again hosting the Area Band Festival, an event that brings together all ages of musicians from our local elementary, middle and high school in an evening of community through music. This event is on Thursday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the large gym here at MVHS, and there is still plenty of time to volunteer to help - [sign up here](#). Wind Ensemble and Drumline will be performing and it is such a wonderful way to encourage the younger musicians to continue playing by watching the talent and spirit of the older students.

Thank you for all of the tireless work our volunteers have put in this year - from the Marching Band families getting up at 3:00 am to perform for the Today Show's Super Bowl Rally, to Jazz Band families constantly supporting their students at competitions and performances. As we begin to assemble next year's executive board, I want to give all of my heartfelt appreciation to the members of this board - you have made volunteering alongside you all so much fun. Raising my hand to help with the Marching Band all those years ago has led to priceless moments with our kids, witnessing incredible acts of community and making lifelong friends. Don't be shy - if you are interested at all in how YOU can help - feel free to reach out anytime. As I sat in the Al Gentile Theater the other night, listening to the group of incredibly talented musicians perform the entire score for and accompany the cast of Footloose, the spring musical - I just felt very grateful to be able to support a program that encourages such creativity and talent. These students are amazing and make it so easy to step up and volunteer for! I'll see you all in the Spring!

## MVHS Marching Band & Color Guard Joined the 49ers Faithful Rally!



On February 9, 2024, Monte Vista High School's Marching Band and Color Guard was invited to be the only band at a pep rally for the 49ers Faithful at the City Center Lot in San Ramon. The rally was held the Friday before the San Francisco 49ers battled the Kansas City Chiefs at Superbowl LVIII. More than 60 members of the group (+ parents!) showed up for a call time of 4 am at the LOT. Students received high praise for their performance.

*"What a fantastic performance at the rally. I'm thrilled that the nation witnessed the excellence we already know exists in Northern California – the Monte Vista Marching Band and Color Guard truly stand out as the best in class! Thanks again for all your support, and we hope to do it again at the 2025 49ers Faithful Super Bowl rally!"*

- Jay dela Cruz

Director of Community Engagement at NBC Bay Area

Video Clips available on our [YouTube Channel](#)

Do you have any video/pictures from this epic event? PLEASE share with us in our google drive [HERE!](#)



### Tips for Change—Benefitting MV Band Programs

**Monday, March 11 @ Gianni's in San Ramon, 4:30 to 8 PM**

Feed your family and fund MV Band Programs when you dine at Gianni's Italian Bistro in San Ramon. **ALL Tips + 10% of Sales** directly benefit our students!

Reserve now at [giannissanramon.com](http://giannissanramon.com) or call (925) 820-6969

Rather stay home? Take out orders also count so let Gianni's take away your Monday meal planning blues and order in.

P.S. They also offer wine and cocktails to go... :)



# CELEBRATE!

## Folsom Jazz Festival

**Jazz A** 4th out of 13 schools in division 3A  
**Jazz B** 7th out of 15 schools in division 2A

## Woodcreek Jazz Festival

**Jazz A** 1st Place, Advanced Division  
**Jazz B** 1st Place, Intermediate Division

## Congratulations to our talented musicians

**Zedric Wong, 9th grade**, violin (MV Orchestra)

**Vivian Nguyen, 9th grade** piano and

**Yanqi Gao, 11th grade**, cello (MV Orchestra).

received First Prize in the Senior Division of Chamber Music and Top Honor Crystal award at the United State Open Music Competition.



## Big shout out to Contra Costa County Honor Band members

**Leo Liu (Flute), Annalisa Johannesson (Oboe), Taisen Tullus (Trumpet)** well represented MV spirits at Contra Costa County Honor Band Concert on Feb 17th. Congratulations and salute to their hard work ❤️❤️



Jazz Students attended Jazz clinic at Las Lomas HS on Feb 6 taught by

**Award-Winning Bassist and Composer, John Patitucci (MVHS alumnus).**

We appreciate the great opportunity for our students to learn so much from great musicians.



Your donations to Keynoters, a non-profit 501(c)(3) parent-led organization at MVHS, directly funds our ability to support Music enrichment opportunities for our musicians. Thank YOU for your continuing support. Everything we do for our students is possible with your kind donations. Donate to our music program [HERE!](#)

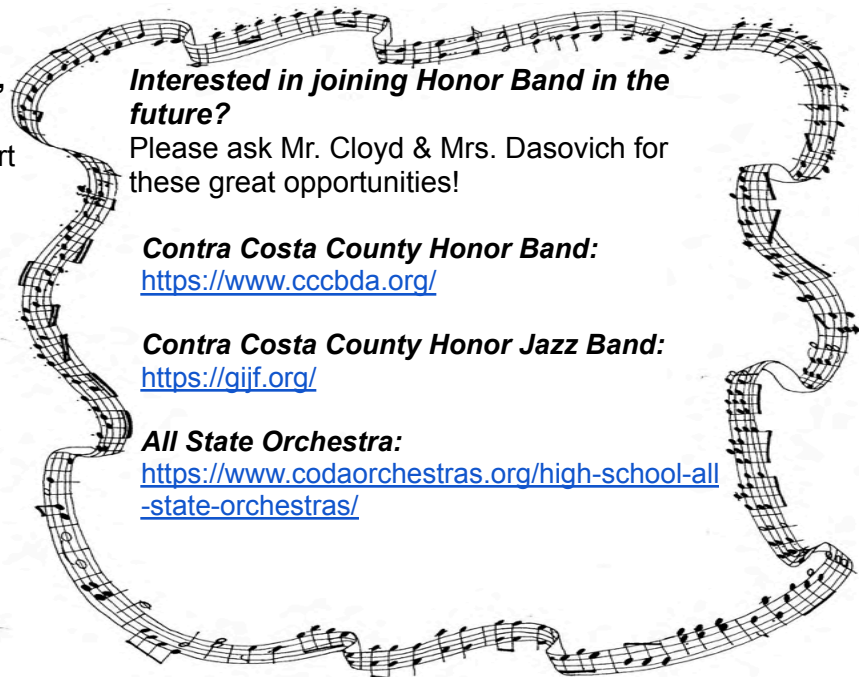
**Interested in joining Honor Band in the future?**

Please ask Mr. Cloyd & Mrs. Dasovich for these great opportunities!

**Contra Costa County Honor Band:**  
<https://www.ccbda.org/>

**Contra Costa County Honor Jazz Band:**  
<https://gijf.org/>

**All State Orchestra:**  
<https://www.codaorchestras.org/high-school-all-state-orchestras/>



# Upcoming EVENTS

- Mar 11** Tips for Change at Gianni's
- Mar 15** Santa Cruz Jazz Festival (JA & JB)
- Mar 28** Area Band Festival at MVHS (WE & Drumline)
- Apr 14** Mads Tolling and the Diablo Symphony Orchestra  
(Volunteer Orchestra Members)
- Apr 17** District String Festival at SRVHS (OR)
- Apr 20** Large Ensemble Festival (SB, E)
- Apr 24** Color Guard Clinic (Every Wed 3:30-4:30)
- Apr 25** SF Symphony Open Rehearsal Field Trip
- Apr 25** Connect With Ed & Sarah General Meeting  
(Location TBD)
- May 11** Music in the Parks (OR, WE)
- May 21** Senior Celebration Banquet
- May 29** Spring Concert (SB, OR, WE)
- May 31** Spring Concert (Jazz A & B)
- Jun 6** Graduation (SB, WE)



### Jazz A & B Parents!

Please sign up to be chaperones for  
**Santa Cruz Jazz Festival (Mar 15, Fri)**  
Please sign up from [HERE](#)

### All Music families!

Please support **Area Band Festival at MVHS**  
(Mar 28 at 7:00 p.m) There is still plenty of time to  
volunteer to help - [Sign Up Here.](#)

We are looking for **Raffle Donations** for our **Spring Concert (May 29 & 31)**. Please contact us at [keynotersfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:keynotersfundraising@gmail.com) if you can contribute!

**Keynoters appreciate our sponsor!**



# Heartfelt THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

**Past Events:** Holiday Tips at Lunardi's and Draeger's, Winter Concerts, Award Night, Lincoln Jazz Festival, Woodcreek Jazz Festival, Jazz Clinic, 49ers Faithful Rally

Stacey Fan, Nani Hansen, Sandy Young, Amy Mayer, Jennifer Rhee, Judy Stevens, Julie Spragins, Mike Parent, Cathy Oshima, Xochitl Saca, Marilyn Kwan, Ammara Basheer, Tricia Anderson, Ryan King, James Harris, Maggie Wong, Kimi Yu, Terence Szewczyk, Ghizal Sorkhab, Alice Lee, Michael Masangkay, Khurana Family, Gandhi Family, Stevens Family, Young Family, Heather Gemmer, Maria Hui, Erica Cretien, Mika Meierding and **MANY Alumni!**



**Thank you our official Videographer:  
Arsenio Batoy**

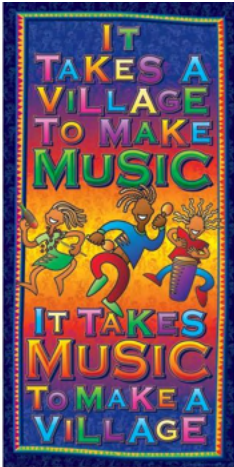
Winter Concert videos  
available on [YouTube](#)



# Join our board!



**Keynoters would love your support to grow our music village stronger!**



In the coming weeks, the Keynoters membership will be voting to approve the 2024-2025 Keynoters board. Positions to be filled and voted on include: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, VP of Fundraising, VP of Communications and Member at Large.

If you are interested in any of these positions or would like to nominate someone for a position, please contact Maria Hui at [maria\\_hui@yahoo.com](mailto:maria_hui@yahoo.com)



**Thinking about Music filled Summer?**  
Here are some popular music camps

[Cazadero Music Camp](#)

[Lafayette Summer Music Jazz Workshop](#)

[La Honda Music Camp](#)

[Stanford Jazz Summer Camp](#)

[Las Positas Summer Camp](#)



And of course, make sure to come and join our **Marching Band/Color Guard Camp 2024 !!!**  
2024 MBCG Camp detail available [HERE](#).

## **Marching Band/Color Guard Parents** **Nominate or Volunteer for the following positions**

1. MB Room Parent (or co-room parents!)
2. Color Guard Manager - *support the Color Guard throughout the season*
3. Uniform Manager - *help Room Parent run Uniform Day and manage uniforms at events.*
4. Food Coordinator (or co- coordinators!) - *help manage meal planning and execution for MB/CG events.*
5. Spirit Wear Coordinator - *order spirit wear and competition shirts/sweatshirts.*
6. Football Game Manager - *order Costco pizzas, manage volunteers, set up/take down bleachers at MVHS Home Football games.*
7. Competition Manager - *help Room Parent manage bus lists, inventory lists, and competition activities .*

Are you curious about details on these volunteer positions? You can submit your nomination, too!! Please contact MB/CG Room Parent Erica Chretien at [marchingband@mvkeynoters.org](mailto:marchingband@mvkeynoters.org)



## **Summer Volunteer opportunity available!**

Be a part of counselor teams at **Camp Allegro**, our student led music camp

<https://sites.google.com/view/campallegrosrv>

This is a great leadership/community volunteer opportunity! You can sign up to be a counselor [HERE!](#)

Camo Allegro also is looking for someone who would like to design this year's Camp Allegro T-shirt! Reach out to Directors if you are interested or if you have any questions!

Camp Directors:

Audrey (Senior), Will (Senior), Annalisa (Senior), Sitara (Senior), Taisen (Junior) and Lily (Junior)

Email: [camp.allegro.srv@gmail.com](mailto:camp.allegro.srv@gmail.com)



# Keynoters' Album



Holiday Tip



Holiday Concert





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Award Night







Jazz Competitions





Jazz Clinic



49ers Faithful Rally

