

# Schools

## Boyertown Fine Arts Schedule

**Thursday, September 20:** 7 p.m. Elementary Orchestra Parent Meeting at East.  
**Tuesday, September 25:** 3:30-5 p.m. District Elementary Instrumental Rehearsal; Orchestra at BES; Band at West; 7 p.m. School Board Meeting.  
**Thursday, September 27:** 7 p.m. Elementary Band Parent Meeting at East.  
**Saturday, September 29:** 6:30 p.m. BASH Cavalcade of Bands.  
**Monday, October 1:** Tour Payment is Due.  
**Thursday, October 4:** 7:30 p.m. Music League.  
**Friday, October 5:** First Friday at Noon in the BASH Bruin Gallery.  
**Friday and Saturday, October 5-6:** Junior High West Cultural Arts Trip to Pittsburgh.  
**Monday, October 8:** Staff Development.



**Tuesday, October 9:** 3:30-5 p.m. District Elementary Instrumental Rehearsal; Orchestra at BES; Band at West; 3:30-7:30 p.m. Elementary Orchestra Parent First Lesson at the BES LGI; 7 p.m. School Board.  
**Wednesday, October 10:** 7:30 p.m. East Fall Choral Review.  
**Thursday, October 11:** 3:30-7:30 p.m. Elementary Orchestra Parent First Lesson at BES LGI.  
**Monday, October 15:** 7 p.m. Gilbertville Parade.  
**Tuesday, October 16:** 7 p.m. Bally Parade; Reading Symphony Youth Concert; Senior County Auditions at Governor Mifflin High School.  
**Friday, October 19:** Early Dismissal K-12.  
**Saturday, October 20:** 7 p.m. Boyertown Parade.  
**Monday, October 22:** District Chorus Auditions at Parkland High School.

## Oley Valley Schedule

**Thursday, September 20:** OV Community Fair; OVES Market Day; OVES Sponsorship Committee Meeting at 3:45 p.m.  
**Friday, September 21:** OV Community Fair (Marching Band at 1 p.m.); Secondary Dismissal at 11 a.m. (No Lunch Served); Elementary Dismissal at Noon (No Lunch Served); OVES Preschool Storytime from 10-10:45 a.m.; OVMS Spirit Day.  
**Saturday, September 22:** OV Community Fair; ACT (Assessment Test).  
**Monday, September 24:** OVMS Fundraiser Begins.

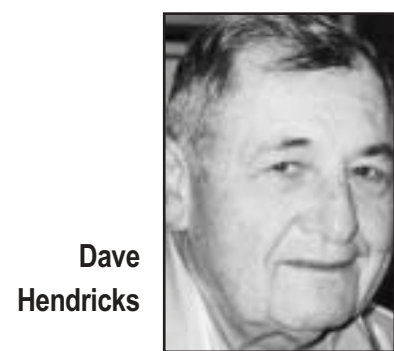
**Tuesday, September 25:** OVES PTO Meeting at 6:30 p.m.; OVHS Parent Discussion Meeting in the Library at 6:45 p.m.  
**Thursday, September 27:** BCTC Presentations to Freshmen at OVHS Auditorium from 8:43-9:25 a.m.; OVMS Parent Discussion Meeting at OVMS Library at 7 p.m.  
**Friday, September 28:** OVES School Store; OVMS Dance from 7-9:30 p.m.; Secondary Interims.  
**Saturday, September 29:** Marching Band Parade.  
**Monday, October 1:** OVES Missoula Children's Theatre from 3:45-8 p.m.; OVES Spirit Sale Begins.

## Just for Wunnerfitz

The Kutztown Area Patriot of July 26, 2001 carried an article on the Hottenstein Mansion located just east of Kutztown on Route 222.

It was written by Jake Warfel. My attention was drawn to this article because of a visit we were privileged to have, back in the 1970s sometime when the home was occupied by Dr. and Mrs. David Hottenstein.

Mr. and Mrs. Hottenstein were both medical doctors who practiced in Bally for a number of years. The Emmanuel Hoffman family of Congo was among their patients. "Manny," as we knew him, had the highest regard for Dr. Hottenstein, and spoke of him frequently when he would call our Wunnerfitz Hour radio program on WBYO. He insisted that my wife and I must meet these folks



Dave Hendricks

and offered to take us up for a visit. We took him up on it, and our visit was most enjoyable. This most gracious couple held us spellbound as they related some of the experiences they had during their years in the Bally area. Many of their patients were people that Manny Hoffman also knew, so they joked back and forth about the characteristics of

some of these individuals.

I specifically recall Mrs. Hottenstein relating about a certain family that had a baby every year.

"You could count on it," she said, "and always in the worst kind of weather!" Babies were commonly delivered in the home back then, and they always had to be prepared to go in any weather.

One winter night, during a severe snowstorm, Dr. Hottenstein was called upon to deliver a baby. He dressed for the occasion and launched out. He had no more than left when the phone rang again. Sure enough, it was the man again, reporting that his wife was about to give birth once more. With her husband already on duty, Dr. Mrs. Hottenstein had no choice but to go and deliver the baby herself.

So, she too launched out into the snowstorm to perform the chores. They really should have written a book!

Every time we drive by the Hottenstein homestead I'm reminded of our delightful visit. According to Warfel's article, the mansion was built by David and Catherine Hottenstein and remained in the family until 1976 when Dr. Hottenstein donated it to the Historic Preservation Trust of Berks County. Dr. Hottenstein died in 1980 and his wife in 1981.

I recall that there was a barn across the highway from the mansion, and behind the barn was the Hottenstein family cemetery, almost hidden from view. Whether Dr. and Mrs. Hottenstein were buried there with their ancestors, I do not know.

## Praise band up to bat in Bally ballpark



Pentecost will perform in Bally on September 22 from 7-9 p.m.

The praise band "Pentecost!" comes to the Bally Memorial Ballfield for an evening of praise and worship from 7 to 9 p.m. on September 22.

Bring lawn chairs for infield seating at the borough's ball park, located one block off Route 100 at Fifth

and Chestnut streets, next to the Bally pool. Refreshments and handicap accessible restrooms available.

Rain location is Bally Mennonite Church, sponsor of the event, located on Route 100 just south of Bally.

For details, contact the church at 610-845-7780.

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