

Welcome to **Great Valley Music** and the  
**Great Valley Music Parents Association (GVMPA)**!

GV music offers many opportunities for your student to further their love of music. Our goal is to give you an overview of the program, how GVMPA supports it, and how your family can be involved.

**Great Valley Music Faculty:**

High School:

**Alex Siwa** - HS Instrumental Music Director ([asiwa@gvsd.org](mailto:asiwa@gvsd.org))

Concert Band, Symphonic Band, String Orchestra, Symphony Orchestra, Jazz Band, Jazz Ensemble, Guitar 1, Guitar 2, Marching Band, and Rock Band (Unique Ensembles)

**Katie Domizio** - HS Choral Music ([kdomizio@gvsd.org](mailto:kdomizio@gvsd.org))

AP Music Theory, Bella Voce, Chamber Singers, Chorale, Concert Choir, Music Theory, and Piano Class

Middle School:

**Maryellen Byrne** - MS Music ([mbyrne@gvsd.org](mailto:mbyrne@gvsd.org))

General Music, Blue and White Chorus, General's Chorus and Select Chorus, Musical Theater

**Mark Cellini** - MS Music ([mcellini@gvsd.org](mailto:mcellini@gvsd.org))

General Music, Chamber Orchestra and Orchestra

**Adam Search** - MS Music ([asearch@gvsd.org](mailto:asearch@gvsd.org))

General Music, Instrumental Music, Concert Bands, Jazz Band

Elementary School:

**Will Shafer:** General Wayne ([wshafer@gvsd.org](mailto:wshafer@gvsd.org))

**Joy Deminski:** Charlestown ([jdeminski@gvsd.org](mailto:jdeminski@gvsd.org))

**Paige Seaton:** KD Markley ([pseaton@gvsd.org](mailto:pseaton@gvsd.org))

**Taylor Gavin:** Charlestown ([tgavin@gvsd.org](mailto:tgavin@gvsd.org))

**Scott Walter:** Sugartown ([swalter@gvsd.org](mailto:swalter@gvsd.org))

*\*More information can be found on GVSD.org: Teacher Websites*

**Great Valley Music Communications:**

**CutTime:** Please request your link from your student's music teacher. This is a primary mode of communication for the extracurricular activities of the music department, particularly for tracking forms, student financial account balances, and uniforms/formalwear. Each student/parent unit receives an account with a common password.

**Remind** Some GV Music Faculty use Remind to communicate information about practices, performances, and events. You will receive instructions from your student's teacher to participate.

**GVMPA!**

GVMPA provides advocacy, service, and financial support to music students and their teachers in all vocal and instrumental programs in the Great Valley School District. We are a private, non-profit corporation (separate from the school district) comprised of parents and guardians of GV music students. We serve 800+ students in 6 schools participating in 20+ ensembles, including marching, jazz and concert bands, choirs, symphony and string orchestra, indoor percussion and color guard.

We hold general member meetings almost every month of the school year. If your child participates in any Great Valley music program, you are a voting member of GVMPA - **Welcome!**

**GVMPA Leadership:**

**Executive Committee**

Danielle Werkeiser: *President* ([contact@gvmpa.org](mailto:contact@gvmpa.org))

Kerry Cavalcanto: *Vice President*

Eileen O'Malley: *Treasurer* ([treasurer@gvmpa.org](mailto:treasurer@gvmpa.org))

Chris Scott: *Financial Secretary*

OPEN: *Secretary*

Vijaya Vissapragada Parakala: *Member At-Large*

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**Committee Chairs** To be announced

**GVMPA Communication:**

**Monthly Meetings** Held the last Tuesday of each month during the school year. All are encouraged to attend the meetings. They're fun and informative. Please visit us ASAP and learn all the ways we're supporting your student in their musical endeavors!

**GVMPA website** ([GVMPA.org](http://GVMPA.org)) This is your go-to for up-to-date info: fundraisers, events, volunteering, on-line donation, merchandise and student payment, news and accomplishments, meeting minutes and more. Follow us on **Instagram** (Great Valley Music Parents), and like and follow us on **Facebook** (Great Valley Music Parents Association) for more information and awesome pictures!

**Student Fundraising Account:**

GVMPA offers students the opportunity to fundraise for their own personal music needs. Through fundraisers, students accumulate funds in their CutTime account that can be used for music department trips, uniform and formal wear rental, the purchase of instruments, music lessons, tuition for a private program or camp, or anything else that furthers their music education.

*\*Information on timing, student benefits, and order forms can be found on GVMPA.org. Information will also be shared through newsletters and emails.*

**Parent Support:**

Parent support is critical to our success and there are many ways to lend a hand:

**Volunteer** - opportunities include working at the Snack Shack during GV Football games, chaperoning events, providing meals, helping transport music equipment for football games and competitions, and serving on committees, among many other opportunities.

**Support Fundraisers** - attend the annual Designer Bag Bingo event, purchase Spirit Wear, 50/50 Raffles and Spring Raffle tickets, secure corporate sponsorships, and more.

**Make a donation** - Your annual individual donation is especially needed and greatly appreciated!

*\*More information and volunteer sign-up can be found on GVMPA.org. Information will also be shared through newsletters and emails.*

**Have a question?** Send it to [contact@gvmpa.org](mailto:contact@gvmpa.org)! Looking forward to getting to know you!