

December 16, 2005

Especially notable this year is the significant improvement of the High School Chorus. From the moment the maroon-clad chamber choir entered the Little Theater, I could tell that these young choristers had achieved a level of competence and confidence that made them proud to stand before the community and share their talents. We in the audience could sense that the entire choir took what they were performing seriously, while at the same time exhibiting the spirit of joy that music gives. For the first time in years I sensed that they were proud to be together. When they made the occasional error, they had developed enough group-spirit that they really cared about it; they didn't want to let their fellow choristers down. I can't help but think that this reflects the convictions of Mrs. Keosaian. It is evident to me that she possesses the key to being an effective music teacher, i.e., that what is required is not simply to love music, but to *teach students to love music*. - (Father of a band student)

December 07, 2007

Good Morning!

Congratulations on your fine holiday performances! I was especially moved by the women's Choir - such lovely voices. And thank you for once again including Katie as flautist - it's an honor to be asked. - (Mother of the flautist)

December 10, 2007

Good Afternoon All:

We just had to send a note telling you how much we enjoyed the Middle School concert last Wednesday evening. The children did a tremendous job. We know this is because they worked hard and because they had teachers who worked hard with them.

We never knew the girls in the Madrigals group had such beautiful voices! We enjoyed the creative choices of songs in the chorus as well. We know how difficult it is to get a group of adolescents to sing something other than what plays on their ipods.

- (Parents of a band student)

June 5, 2006

Dear Ms. Lanier,

Chorus has really been exciting this year, because of the amazing way you taught the select Woman's Chamber Choir. I am really going to miss it next year....It was a pleasure having you as my vocal instructor! - (Graduating senior)

June 12, 2009

.....(To the teacher at the Belmont-Runyon school) you are commended for having Mrs. Linda Lanier-Keosaian and the Park Ridge Middle School Drumming Ensemble as special guests for the concert. Their mere presence and their very excellent performance provided immeasurable educational value and understanding for both Belmont Runyon and Park Ridge students. Mrs. Lanier-Keosaian, through her Drumming Program, is providing a very high level interdisciplinary and integrated approach for her students' understanding of music, culture, social studies, geography, and human development. (An administrator from an area college)