

The Spotlight Westborough Fine Arts

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WHY JOIN WFAEA ?

WFAEA represents a unique opportunity to stay involved as your student navigates through the school system and is a perfect way to experience some of the amazing opportunities Westborough Public Schools provide. If you've been feeling disconnected, WFAEA is a great way to engage with other parents and the fine arts department while we navigate through this year together.

www.wfaea.org/membership

Attend a Meeting!

Our next WFAEA meeting will be on Tuesday, Jan 4th at 7 p.m.

Email us at info@wfaea.org to be included in the Zoom invite mailing list.

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S CHAIR

Hello Fine Arts Friends and Families,

I hope that the start of the school year has gone smoothly for families and that you are just as excited as we are to be performing and creating in the Fine Arts again! We are thrilled to be back with our students again, and, for all intents and purposes, we are experiencing a far more typical year.

As we look towards our Fall performances, I want to remind you of Health and Safety Protocols that will be in place for all concerts through December:

- All audience members must be masked to enter our performance spaces.
- All students will be masked for our school concerts.
- When able, wind and brass students will also have bell covers over their instruments for additional safety.
- Most performances will be no longer than an hour.

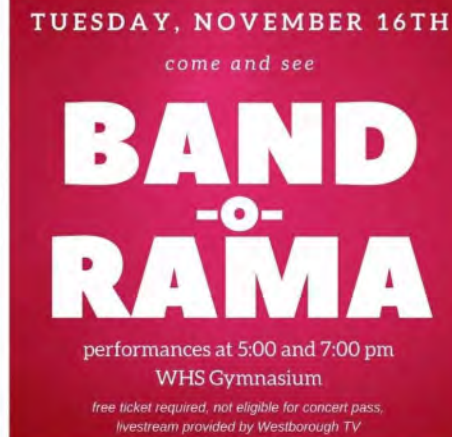
Our WHS Fall Play will be flexible masking for cast members, when appropriate, but audience members must remain masked during the performances.

I am eager to see you at one of our many upcoming performances. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,
Christopher Martin



UPCOMING EVENTS



6 bands from Mill Pond, Gibbons and the High School will perform for parents at the High School.



Click above to sign up to help with donations and to volunteer

Upcoming Events:

Nov 16th, 5pm & 7pm:
Band-O-Rama

Nov 18th, 6pm:
Mill Pond Fall Play:
Seussical Kids

Nov 19th, 6pm:
Mill Pond Fall Play:
Seussical Kids

Nov 19th, 7pm:
WHS Fall Play: Ten by Ten

Nov 20th, 7pm:
WHS Fall Play: Ten by Ten

Dec 1st, 7pm:
WHS Vocal Pops Concert

Dec 2nd, 7pm:
WHS Small Ensemble
Concert

Dec 8th, 7pm:
Gibbons Middle School
Winter Concert #1

Dec 9th, 7pm:
Gibbons Middle School
Winter Concert #2

Dec 14th, 7pm:
WHS Bands concert

Dec 16th, 7pm:
WHS Choir/Orchestra
Concert

**Please join Center Stage for
our fall show:**

TEN BY TEN:
an Evening of Short Plays

Friday, Nov 19th
and
Saturday Nov 20th
at 7:00 PM.

The evening will present an
exciting collection of
contemporary, new work.

Masks will be required.

Tickets can be found at www.whscenterstage.com.



Click above to sign up to help with concessions



***Looking for a way to recognize
your graduating Senior?
Dedicate a seat in the high
school auditorium!***

SEAT OF RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Recognize someone special with a brass plate on the arm of a Westborough High School auditorium seat! A perfect way to honor your graduating senior, thank a favorite teacher or leave your favorite quote behind.

Donate \$40 for a 4" x 1 ½" plate with a message of your choice, up to 3 lines of 18 characters (including spaces).

Your donation will help support arts education and fund our scholarship program.

\$33 of the donation is tax-deductible.

Please note, donation of a plate does not reserve seating at auditorium events.

To order, go to www.WFAEA.org and complete the form on our fundraiser page.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED WITH WFAEA?

**WFAEA is looking for
volunteers to help!**

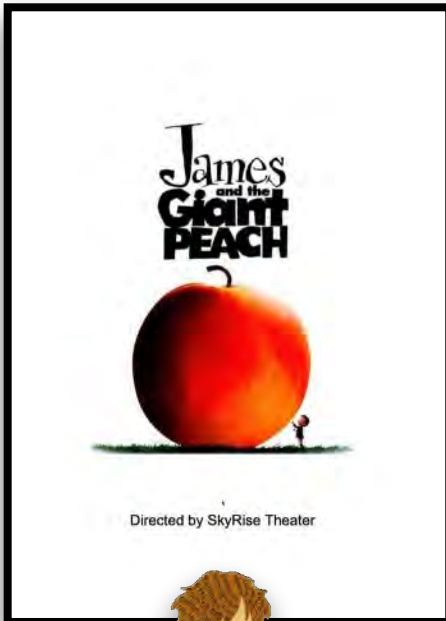
**There are many fun ways to
be a part of the
Westborough Fine Arts
department!**



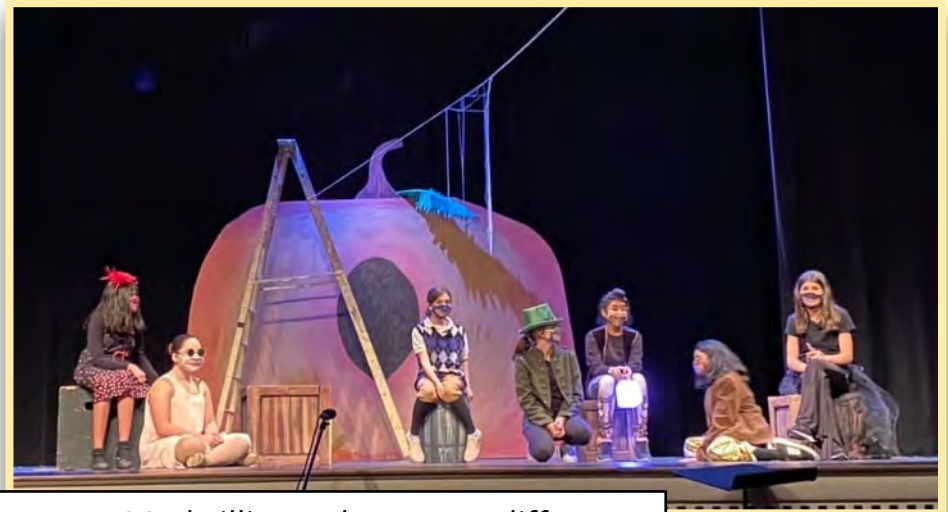
★ **ALL CONCERTS IN THE** ★
2021-2022
SEASON ARE FREE TO ALL
WESTBOROUGH FAMILIES!

THEATER SPOTLIGHT

GIBBONS MIDDLE SCHOOL FALL PLAY

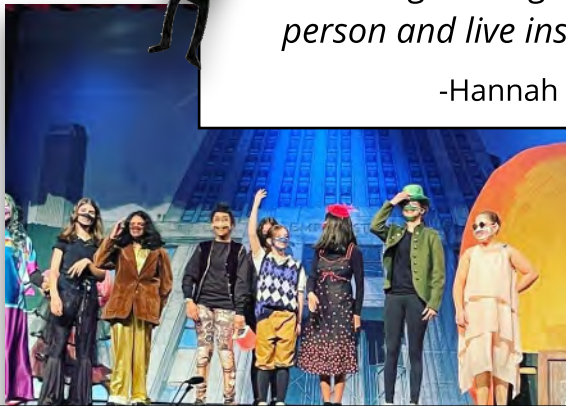


On October 29th and 30th Gibbons Middle School and Sky Rise Theater presented their fall play, *James and the Giant Peach*. Parents enjoyed once again sitting in a live audience watching the kids enjoy performing and playing multiple roles. The turnout and support from the community was wonderful!



"I love being on stage. It's thrilling to become a different person and live inside their world for a little while."

-Hannah Newmark, played James



"It was so fun and great to be back with Skyrise and making new friends with the cast! I really enjoyed playing the role of the Grasshopper and putting on a show for a live audience again!"

-Ellie Vaccarino, played the Grasshopper



LINKS TO FINE ARTS PAGES



FAMILY MUSIC NIGHTS

Free and Open to students and families
of Armstrong, Fales, and Hastings
Elementary Schools

TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 28, OCTOBER 26,
NOVEMBER 23, DECEMBER 14

6PM ON ZOOM





ABOUT MARCHING BAND



After our field underwent construction, triple E prevented us from rehearsing and performing after dark, and then Covid shut everything down, this year was the first normal Marching Band season in three years. We haven't opened our show under the lights in three years, we haven't had a regular practice season in two years, and last year we did the best we could. This year, though, we came back with a bang!

We began band camp in August with just the leadership team. Mr. Doyle taught us the essentials so that we could effectively welcome the new members into the band and make them feel as important as they are. We also learned how to best help them with their marching fundamentals. I think most people would agree that the community is one of the best parts of marching band. When I was a freshman, I was nervous coming into a new school, not knowing many people in the band, but the Marching band made me feel like a part of the community on day one. I think many people have that experience in marching band. Now as leaders, we hope to make sure the new freshmen feel the same way we did.

Later in the week the rest of the band joined us and we continued our marching practice and the band's energy began to feel more alive. The next week we began to learn music. This year our halftime show was music from the musical Tommy by The Who.

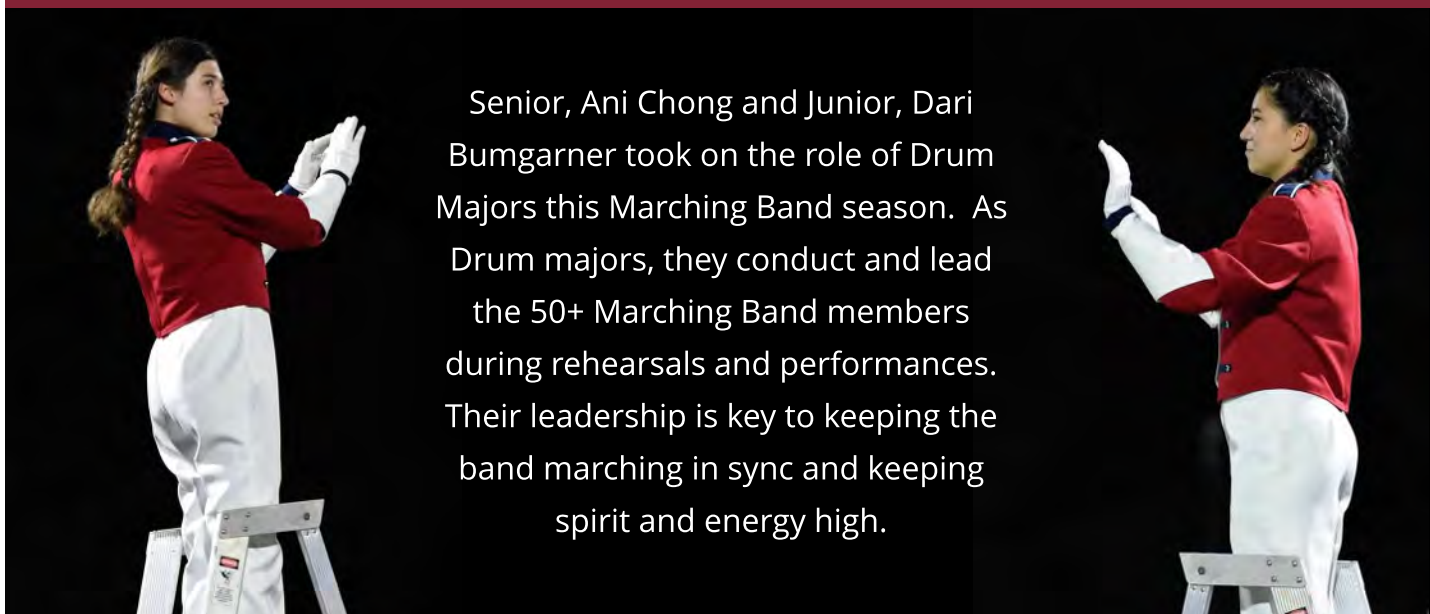
We opened our show at a home game under the lights on a Friday night and though our crowd is always supportive of the Marching band, they seemed even more so that night. It has been so great this season to perform for our crowd and be together as a band again, especially after last year.

Ani Chong, RMB Drum Major

ANI CHONG

MEET THE DRUM MAJORS

DARI BUMGARNER



Senior, Ani Chong and Junior, Dari Bumgarner took on the role of Drum Majors this Marching Band season. As Drum majors, they conduct and lead the 50+ Marching Band members during rehearsals and performances. Their leadership is key to keeping the band marching in sync and keeping spirit and energy high.

The Ranger Marching Band performed music from TOMMY the rock opera!

Click the link to view the 2021-2022 RMB Show!



SENIOR DAY OCTOBER 2021

Congratulations!
Class of 2022
RMB Seniors



Get Ready for Kindness Week in Westborough



November 13-19, 2021

DAILY THEMES

- Saturday:** Kickoff to Kindness Week, Westborough High School (pre-registration is required)
- Sunday:** Selfless Sunday, Show kindness to others through service
- Monday:** Making Monday, Kindness through art and creativity
- Tuesday:** Take Care Tuesday, Self-care is essential to kindness
- Wednesday:** Chalk-the-Walks of Westborough
- Thursday:** Thankful Thursday, Have an "attitude of gratitude"
- Friday:** Pay-it-Forward Friday, Demonstrating kindness in ways that carry on into the future

Stay up-to-date with details for the week:



*detailed plans and schedules at the beginning of November

Have questions or want to get involved? email westboroughconnects@gmail.com

[Westborough Connects](https://www.westboroughconnects.org) will be hosting the fourth annual **Kindness Week** from November 13 - 19, 2021. Check out the website and follow them on social media for more information about the events



KINDNESS WEEK

Kickoff Event Begins

NOVEMBER 13, 2021

WESTBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL

EVENT SCHEDULE

1:00 pm: Kickoff and Speaker Presentation by author: Susan Verde

2:30pm - 4pm: Drop in activities for all ages hosted by several Partners in Kindness

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED, SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER.

Information on virtual viewing option & language interpretation: [westboroughconnects.org](https://www.westboroughconnects.org)

Featuring keynote speech by New York Times best-selling author and mindfulness & yoga instructor

Susan Verde

This event is sponsored by Westborough Connects, Westborough Public Schools and Westborough Public Library

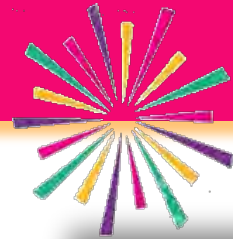
[@WCKindnessWeek](https://www.westboroughconnects.org)

[westboroughconnects.org](https://www.westboroughconnects.org)

Celebrations



Happy Diwali



**WFAEA wishes all
a happy and
prosperous New
Year!**



CDMMEA Senior Festival

This year, we have 68 students in Band, Chorus, Orchestra or Jazz representing Westborough by participating in the CDMMEA Senior Festival auditions on November 13th.

We wish them all much luck!

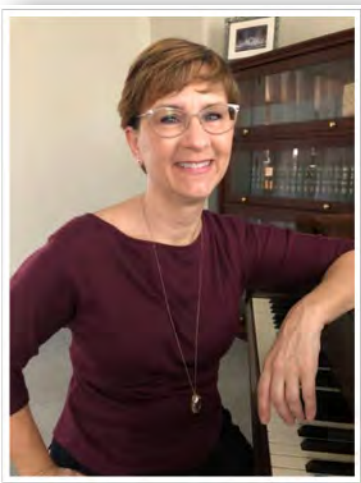
*Good
Luck!*

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

New Faculty:

Sarah Harney - Mill Pond Band

Before working in Westborough, Miss Harney attended UMass Amherst and received a dual degree in Music Education and Clarinet Performance. During student teaching she was able to work with Mr. Doyle at both the Westborough High School and Mill Pond. Teaching the students at Mill Pond made her realize how much she loved teaching fifth and sixth grade band. She taught general music, band and chorus for two years at Wamsutta Middle School in Attleboro. Currently at Mill Pond Miss Harney teaches beginning band and general music, both of which she loves.



**Congratulations to GMS
Band Director, Karen
Forrest, on your retirement!**

***We thank you for your years of
dedication directed towards building
and fostering a community of
excellent and kind musicians in our
schools!***

You will be missed!



FEATURED ENSEMBLES

ARMSTRONG THIRD GRADE STRINGS

Below are some photos from last week's Halloween rehearsals at Armstrong. Thank you Mrs. Clemans Castilla and Mrs. Gerratt for making strings so much fun for our third graders!



WHS CHOIR

On October 21st WHS presented their first full, indoor Choral Concert in 18 months! It was a wonderful evening which included songs performed by the WHS Mixed Chorus, Women's Chorale, Concert Choir, Chamber Choir and all four A Capella groups. Congratulations to Mrs. Greer and all of the performers on a job well done!



TRI-M

MUSIC HONOR SOCIETY

by Sanjana Kumar:

Tri-M is dedicated to serving the musical community so students can better learn, grow, and enjoy their experiences with fine arts. The Westborough High School chapter of Tri-M works toward these goals in a number of ways. Throughout the school community, there are concerts for band, orchestra, chorus, and chamber/small ensembles, as well as plays, musicals, and art shows that members can help out at. Not only are there a multitude of school-run events in which students in the organization can volunteer, but there are many town-wide events as well. One of the priorities of the WHS Tri-M chapter is encouraging participation in fine arts throughout Westborough, and contributing to larger-scale events aids the group in achieving this.

Just this past October, Arts in Common was successfully run, in part due to the assistance of Tri-M. People all over the town joined together to appreciate and contribute to businesses and programs involving the arts. Apart from this, WHS' Tri-M has offered its services to the WHS Choir Concert, the Gibbons play, and the Fales Memory Walk. Coming up on November 6th is the Senior Center Holiday Fair and then the Band-O-Rama concert on the 16th. As we move further into late fall and winter, we approach the concert season for many groups around Westborough. Given the mixture of band, orchestra, and chorus students in Tri-M, the group is balanced enough to be able to help out with all upcoming fine arts events, and looks forward to doing so.



The WHS chapter of Tri-M is overseen by Chris Martin, who helps Tri-M with events and provides guidance when necessary. However, within WHS, the organization is more student-run. This year's Executive Board, composed of Daniel Hogan (President), Juliette Levesque (Vice President), Rounak Dey (Treasurer), Olivia Bruno & Taveena Konakanchi (Secretaries/Concert Managers), and Sanjana Kumar & Omshreya Swain (Webmasters), is responsible for communicating with the other members, ensuring everyone is on track, making sure all events have enough volunteers, running monthly meetings for members, and more. So far, the year has been off to a great start despite the difficult circumstances, and Tri-M is eager to make it the best it can be.

To learn more about Tri-M and requirements for membership, [follow this link](#).

WFAEA thanks our generous 2021-2022 supporters

Standing Ovation (\$300)

Patrick & Jennifer Guadiz

Eric & Michelle French

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Marc and Mary Levesque Family

The Chong family

Eric Fitch & Kathy Swanson

Karen & Scott Henderson

Elizabeth and Kevin Dionne

Anjali and Janardhan Sampath

Bravo (\$100)

Dmitry Tylik

The Leduc - Zepf Family

The Niece Family

The Kinsky Family

The Pittorino Family

Naomi Botkin and Josh Gordon

The Cushman Family

The Chace Family

The Crandall family

Cheer (\$75)

The Martin Family

Applause (\$50)

Anonymous

Terry Wilper

The Desmond Family

The Biancheri Family

The Wu Family

Roberta Di Terlizzi

Salute (\$30)

Anonymous

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